

# Fred Brock American Legion Post 828

## February 2017 Newsletter

Editor: Al Alford



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### Commander's Briefing



#### A note from Commander Landy:

We are already deep into the New Year. After fresh start to the new year, we are reminded that the 100 percent membership deadline is only a few months away. We need to find ways to increase the awareness of the American Legion and our Post activities through all forms available. Active participation in our programs provides opportunities to raise awareness about veterans issues and to highlight the Post's impact on the surrounding communities. Nationwide Legion Family members are telling their story of why they joined this great organization. What was your reason? Legion Family members, Legion youth program participants, Boys Scouts, high school JROTC units, community leaders, etc. Get Involved!! Take time to educate yourself on all Legion Family Programs and endeavor to always improve the level of the knowledge you gained.



**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 is in the middle of a very successful membership year. 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. With the assistance of the Membership Committee, the 1<sup>st</sup> 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!! I commend the way all of the members of the post have taken on the role of increasing membership of the Post. I especially want to thank Sarah Kemper and the bar staff for capturing those credit card receipts and ensuring they are placed in my hands for processing through the Post Adjutant. **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.**

*Membership is Everybody's*  
**RESPONSIBILITY**



### ♦ Membership Status: (As of 10 March 2017)

- ♦ **2017 Goal:** 300
- ♦ **2017 Members:** 294
- ♦ **National/Department of Texas Goal:** 98%
- ♦ **Number Required to Meet Goal:** 6
- ♦ **New Members:** 51
- ♦ **Place in District:** 3rd out of 17 Posts – previously 10<sup>th</sup> place
- ♦ **Qualified for Post Recruitment Award** - With 51 new members the post now qualifies for National Post Recruitment Award.
- ♦ **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 270 members. As of 10 March our renewals were at 248. We need 22 more of our members to renew. Please help identify members to target for renewals.

### ♦ What Can You Do?

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:



Unit 828 has been very busy working on meeting our goal of 94 members. We met our goal on March 1st with 103.23% members, as of March 15th.

We have recruited two new Youth, two Dual Members and two Senior Members:

#### **Youth:**

Adison Grant  
Kimorah Grant

#### **Dual:**

Dalila A'Giza  
Patricia Wimberly

#### **Seniors:**

Jacqueline Baker  
Cassandra Smal

**CHURCH CALL:** April 23rd, Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, 2157 Burnet Street, 10:45 AM, Pastor Gary Roberts. Lunch TBA

### **DECEASED:**

Jamesetta Flaggs - October, 2016  
Dorothy Hinton - March, 2017

**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:**

- **April 10th:** Election Officials appointed
- **April 15th:** District 20 Spring Convention, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM, Post 539, Hedwig, TX (Subject to change).
- **May 8th:** Election of Officers for 2017-2018

For God and Country.  
Jo Ann Flint, President

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



### **Hello Post 828!**

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 determines the extent of our 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 2017 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

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



Our Chapter of the American Legion Riders (ALR) was 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. Since 2006, Riders nationwide have participated in the Legion Legacy Run, to annually raise money for the Legacy Scholarship Fund, established to provide scholarships to children of U.S. military personnel killed since Sept. 11, 2001. The following guidelines apply to the ALR:

- All members of The American Legion Riders shall be current members of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion
- Each ALR member shall establish and maintain membership by owning, individually or through marriage, a motorcycle licensed and insured as required by state law
- ALR programs may allow for continued membership for those members who have given up motorcycle ownership because of age, illness, injury, or other reasons outside the member's control

William "Bill" Merrill  
Director

**March 15 – 98th Anniversary of The American Legion.** It was on this date in 1919 when the first American Legion caucus was convened in Paris, coordinated by member of the American Expeditionary Force. They were concerned about their lives after discharge, the welfare of their comrades and the general condition of our nation. Such concerns gave rise to a value system, and the organization. This is a time for us to celebrate and spread the word of our noted service to the community, state and nation.

**March 29 – Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day!** In 2011 the U.S. Senate unanimously passed a resolution by Senator Richard Burr (R-NC) to provide these veterans with a chance at a proper welcome home. This date recognizes the final withdrawal date of all-combat and support troops from Vietnam.

**2017 The American Legion Legislative Agenda for the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Is report is available for download at the National American Legion website. This report highlights the top issues the American Legion will fight for in 2017. The following are addressed in the report:

- Fully fund a superior national defense as the global war on terror continues
- Limit outsourcing, unify VA's programs
- Institute gender-specific health care for women
- Reform VA's claims appeals process
- Reclassify cannabis for medical research
- Support those who care for wounded veterans
- Provide mandatory end-of-service exams for reservists
- Repeal unfair offsets that penalize disabled veterans and widows
- Defend veterans education benefits
- Ensure those returning from active duty retain re-employment rights
- Support veteran-owned small businesses
- Continue funding programs to end veterans homelessness
- Create an American Legion Commemorative Coin
- Protect The American Flag



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

### **Announcements:**

#### **♦ Boys State Selections:**

Each year Fred Brock Post 828 and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 828 sponsor high school juniors to attend Boys State and Girls. The Post will sponsor three (3) young men for Boys State for 2017. The following were selected:

- Nominee 1: Colin Jarrett-Izzi (Son of Post 828 Member)
- Nominee 2: Tremaine Polk
- Nominee 3: Yazar Garay
- Nominee 4: Alexander Brown (Son of Post 828 Member)

At American Legion Boys State, participants are exposed to the rights and privileges, the duties and the responsibilities, of a franchised citizen. The training is objective and practical, with city, county, and state governments operated by the students elected to the various offices. 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.

#### **♦ Girls State Selections:**

The Auxiliary will sponsor three (3) young ladies for Girls State for 2017. The following were selected:

- Mya Williams
- Nikki Martin
- Brandy Vargas

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.



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

### ♦ **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.

### ♦ **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](mailto:hjerome15@yahoo.com)).

### ♦ **Post Health & Wellness Program: 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.

### ♦ **Post Excellence Award**

Post 828 was awarded the Post Excellence Award last year. We are on track to receive the award again this year. The award honors posts that show excellence in membership participation, youth activities, community service, and support to veterans and U.S. troops. The following requirements apply:

- **Membership.** Post membership must be at least one member more than the previous year. A post officer must attend district meetings.
- **Youth activities.** The post must sponsor and actively participate in at least one primary youth program: Boys State, Legion Baseball, Oratorical Contest, Boy Scouts of America or Junior Shooting Sports.
- **Community service.** The post must organize a community service project that involves members of the Legion, Auxiliary or S.A.L. A monetary donation may only be one part of a project.
- **Service to troops or veterans.** The post must organize a project supporting troops or veterans (for example, Family Support Network or Operation Comfort Warriors) that involves members of the Legion, Auxiliary or SAL outside the post. A monetary donation may only be one part of a project.

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

### ♦ **Post Excellence Award (Cont.)**

**Certification.** District commanders must certify posts as having fulfilled the four specified criteria, and submit a list of the post's name, number, address and commander's name to department headquarters. If possible, accompany with copies of press releases submitted to local media that raise awareness for the projects and enhance the Legion's public image.

### ♦ **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)

### ♦ **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 asset 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 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.

### ♦ **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.



### ***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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

## **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
- Donovan 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 Shepeard
- Bobby Sledge
- Joe Smith
- Ronald Southall
- Alexander Sullivan
- Yoshida Sullivan
- Sydney Thompson
- Lawrence Tucker
- Siris Washington
- Wesley Westbrook
- 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.



### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEMBER AUDREY FREDERICK DONATE CHAIRS TO POST



Auxiliary member **Audrey Frederick** donated several 12 chairs to post in honor of Post 828 member Colonel Tommy Dillard, USAF (deceased) who recently joined the Post Everlasting. The chairs have been placed under the outdoor pavilion. Each of the beautiful chairs have a dedication plate reading “In Loving Memory of Col. Tommy Dillard”. Audrey is the daughter of an Army Colonel and has been a member of Unit 828 since 2015. We thank Audrey for her remembrances

### 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

Alexander Brown is the son of Post 828 Legionnaire Lieutenant Colonel William Brown. He is a student at Johnson High School where Alex is an All District Linebacker. As the son of an active duty Army Officer stationed with U.S. Army North's Judge Advocate General office at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, according to Alex, "... As the son of a former Division I football player now military officer (Iraq and Afghanistan War Veteran also Bronze Star Recipient), I have learned the value of sacrifice, hard work, and teamwork..." Alex has developed a strong and significant trust in the values of the Army, family unity, and principles that make our nation great. He is a boy scout in Troop 90 Longhorn Council and graduate of Boys Scout National Youth Leadership Training Program. He is member of the following: 2016-2017 Treasurer for Jack and Jill of America San Antonio Chapter; San Antonio City Wide Junior Chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers; NAACP Youth Council; the list of achievement and involvement in activities go on and on. **Alex just became a member of the American Legion Family joining Squadron 828 Sons of the American Legion.**



### Pinochle Card Players

On many different occasions we have seen our Pinochle players gather and quietly partake in games of Pinochle at the Post. For many former military people Pinochle is embedded in our culture. German immigrants brought the game to America. The game's popularity soared in the United States in the early 1900s. Pinochle is closely similar with the German game skat, although the bidding is more similar to that of bid whist. The game was especially popular with military members from the 40's, 50's and 60's.



The card players include George Sanford, Wilson Legg, Joyce Horton (Auxiliary), Sherry Bailey (Auxiliary), Willie Dibrell, Gloria Louis, John Jones and Willie Foster. We are hoping to have tournaments in the future that will include Pinochle, Spades, and Bid Whist. Stay tuned for more information.

## ***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:*



**POST EVERLASTING**

### **COLONEL TOMMY DILLARD JR., USAF (RET)**

Colonel Tommy Dillard Jr., USAF (Ret.) joined the Post Everlasting on February 2, 2016. Born on October 7, 1952 in Vicksburg, MS and graduated with Bachelor of Science degree in 1974 from Mississippi Valley State University. He entered the Air Force in November 1974 through the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) and entered active duty in December 1974. He earned his Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ in 1980 and completed the Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL in 1994. He served as the Commander, United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School, Colorado Spring, CO from July 1998 - July 2001 as a Commander, United States Air Force Protection Battlelab, Lackland, AFB, TX from July 2001 - October 2004 when he retired.

*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







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



## 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**
- **20<sup>th</sup> District Spring Convention (April 15, 2017 – 8:00 am)**

St Hedwig American Legion Post 539  
14290 FM 1346  
St Hedwig, TX 78152

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

**The next Membership Appreciation Night is scheduled for (TBD) \_\_ March, 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 –  
April .10<sup>th</sup>**

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

#### 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*

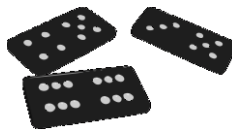
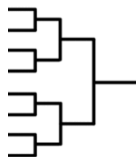
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- ATTIRE – SEMI-FORMAL
- WHEN: SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017 – 7:00 PM
- WHERE: 3415 MARTIN LUTHER KING DRIVE,
- ADMISSION: \$20 PER PERSON
- **Note: All proceeds go to the American legion scholarship fund**
- **For more information: 210.605.1963 or 210.364.0436**

### 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.

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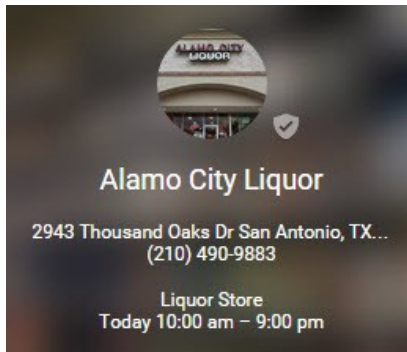
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# Fred Brock American Legion Auxiliary Unit 828

## 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

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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.



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<i>Pat Wimberly</i> <b>Chaplain</b>	<i>Bill Merrill</i> <b>Judge Advocate</b>	<i>Fernando Rover</i> <b>Sgt-at-Arms</b>	<i>Jerome Harris</i> <b>Historian</b>	<i>Ike Reid</i> <b>Placement 1</b>
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