



Fred Brock Post #828

Newsletter



December 1, 2014

Post Commander

John Rogers

1st Vice Commander

Chuck Landy

2nd Vice Commander

Walter Hood

Adjutant

Calvin Bateman

Finance Officer

Jerry Farmer

Chaplain

Patricia Wimberly

Judge Advocate

(Vacant)

Historian

Jerome Harris

Service Officer

Willie Watson

Sergeant-At-Arms

Willie Foster

Executive Committee

PL1 – Ike Reid

PL2 – Otto Usher

Post Officers

Fred Brock Post #828 History

The American Legion Fred Brock Post #828 has a long and colorful history, which dates back to 1932 when George D. Newton Post #420 Of San Antonio received its Temporary and Permanent Charter.. Fred Brock was an Army Sergeant killed on December 7, 1941 during the attack on Pearl Harbor.

On April 6, 1942, a Constitution and By-Laws amendment was adopted by the American Legion Department for the organization of Colored Veterans of the World War in Texas. In order to organize a post, it was necessary to have ten (10) charter members with the annual dues set at one (1) dollar. J.E. Armstead, of Houston TX, was the first commander of the Colored Veterans of the World War and served from 1942-1945. During the convention each District had five (5) votes and one vote for the 6th Division and a total of 26 Negro votes.

In 1945, the Negro American Legion Post #420A was sponsored by Post #420. Post 420A came under the 22nd All Negro District which was headquartered in Houston TX. On January 1, 1946, Fred Brock Post #420A was granted a Temporary Charter. From 1946 - 1950, Post #420A did not have a home. These Legionnaires would rotate meeting at different Buddies homes.

On August 23, 1950 Negro Post #420A was presented a full charter and became Fred Brock Post #828. Also in 1950, the 22nd District was broken up and became the 6th Negro Division which was then further broken into the 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th Districts. Fred Brock Post #828 was assigned to the 27th District. From 1950 - 1959 Fred Brock Post #828 met in the Lindbergh Park building on the corner of Commerce and Walters Streets.

Did You Know?

What is the significance of the black cloth covering the Organizations' Charter?

It means that there has been a lost of a valued member, friend, and comrade from the ranks of the Legionnaires or Auxiliary. It is done so for thirty (30) days to re-emphasize our love and devotion to that member that has gone on to his or her just rewards in that house not built with hands.

American Legion Auxiliary



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JoAnn Flint
1st Vice President
Jamesetta Grant
2nd Vice President
Reba Bennett
Recording Secretary
Tammy Carlton
Corresponding Secretary
Lois Oliver
Treasurer
Pamela Money
Historian
Liza Wright
Chaplain
Linda Moore
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Prior to creating a Post/District/County account, an [Authorization Form](#) must be completed and submitted to National Headquarters for processing.

Excerpt from National Commander Acceptance Speech!

One of the greatest documents in our organization is the Preamble to our Constitution that we recite at each of our meetings. I see it as a call to action. "for God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes- to uphold and defend, to maintain, to foster and perpetuate, to preserve, to inculcate, to combat, to make right, to promote, to safe guard and transmit, to consecrate and sanctify." I love these words. The man that wrote them was Hamilton Fish a founding father of this organization. He was a representative from New York from 1920-1945. He introduced the bill to establish the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. In my early years of the American Legion I had occasion to meet Honorary PNC Fish. He related the fact that he has met a man who knew General Lafayette of the American Revolution. I think that demonstrates what a young idea democracy is. Think about it: from Lafayette to someone to PNC Fish to me. Now think about how far democracy and freedom has brought this world in that short amount of time compared to the age of civilization. Certainly the footprint is large and more important today than ever. The American Legion has played a large role in making sure this nation stays that same course. That is the plan for this year "Stay the Course." And no, I do NOT mean that we shouldn't raise the bar and constantly seek to improve...

Address:

*Fred Brock Post #828
The American Legion
3415 Martin Luther King
San Antonio TX 78220
(210) 223-0636*

Our Services:

- **Charity Donations**
- **Community Service**
- **VA Voluntary Service**
- **Aid To Veterans**
- **Youth Programs**
- **Games**
- **Pool**
- **Music**
- **Entertainment Bar**
- **Comradery & Fellowship**

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:

- **Members** - 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.
- **Departments** - provides membership information, reports and electronic membership tools such as data change forms for all posts and squadrons within their department.
- **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.

Upcoming Events

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November 11, 7:00 PM

Fred Brock Post prepare for Veterans Day celebration!!

November 11, 11:00 AM

Vendors donate prizes and spirits for Veterans Day Celebration!!

November 5, 2:00 PM

Fred Brock Post 828 conduct membership drive

Sons of the American Legion



Commander

Thomas Tyler

1st Vice Commander

Rodney Autry

2nd Vice Commander

Joe Brown

Adjutant

Richard Glover

Treasury

Emerson Smith

Historian

Ed Glover

Chaplain

Leroy Cunningham

Sergeant-At-Arms

James McCoy

Squadron Advisor

Jerome Harris

The Commander's Corner – John Rogers Commander Fred Brock Post #828

Message from the Commander:

After nearly fifty (50) years of a planning, vision, execution and effort, Fred Brock Post #828 is operating well and having a blast! Please check out the the new web site that's becoming our primary vehicle for communication with the members. Check out the calendar of events to see all of the great things happening at our post: in the near future. We continue to provide services such as private bar, dart league, pool league, and video gaming.

Your continued support and volunteering for our needed projects and the post is greatly appreciated during this time of transition. Change is difficult, please understand and realize that we are "all in this together".

The reason that we exist is for our Veteran's, their families and the community. I look forward to serving Fred Brock Post 828, the members and our neighbors and friends. Always remember, the Veteran's need a place to call their own when they come home.

Special thanks and appreciation to S.A.L and Woman's Auxiliary for all of their efforts and support for the post. Going the extra mile can be a lonely journey. You will always be valued members of this post.

Building Expansion Project – Jerry Farmer



We had our Groundbreaking Ceremony on October 13 to launch Phase 3 of our final construction project. Currently we are in the process of the foundation laid and prepared for building. Completion is expected between January and February time frame of next year. The immeasurable impact this facility will have on our mission of serving our military families and the community goes without question. Upon completion of the building, we will be constructing a beautifully designed Wall of Honor to recognize those military warriors who have served their country honorably. We need everyone's support and with God's help and guidance, let's keep pushing forward as our mission continues.

**2014 Fred Brock
Post #828 Veteran's
Day Celebration**

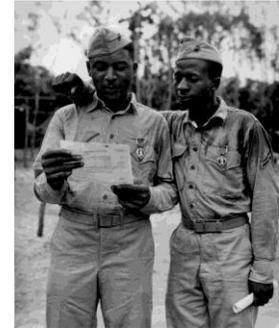
Sponsors:
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Special Honorees:
**World War II
Veterans**

Korean War Veterans

Member Images:

Veteran's Day Celebration



On Tuesday, 11 November 2015, Fred Brock American Legion Post #828 joined the rest of the country in celebrating and honoring the service of our veterans to this country. Our focus this was on World War II and Korean Veterans.

Seventy years ago, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed what many historians consider the greatest social legislation ever passed by the U.S. Congress. As popular as the GI Bill remains today, it took the horrific cost and bloodshed of World War II to remind many Americans just how great a debt is owed to our veterans.

While Roosevelt would later prove himself to be a great wartime commander-in-chief, what he and others came to realize at the time is that veterans were not asking to be part of a "special class." They just wanted a shot at the American dream that they fought so hard to defend.

Most Americans profess to truly love our veterans, especially at gatherings like this on Veterans Day and Memorial Day. And while their feelings are usually sincere, it is important to remember that veterans are defending us 365 days a year. The heroism that has been demonstrated time and again by veterans from the American Revolution to the Global War on Terrorism is sometimes unnoticed by those of us who enjoy the security that their sacrifice has provided.

New FB Post #828
Website:
www.fbpost828.com

Website Admin:
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Email:
Alford@alfotech.net

**Alternate Website
Admin:**
Calvin Bateman
Email:
calvinbateman@aol.com

Fred Brock Post 828 Website



Communication is one of the foundational elements of a good website. Fred Brock Post #828 has developed a website to enhance internal communications within the American Legion Family of the Post. We have come a long way in a short period of time. The new website address is:

www.FBPost828.com

The website utilizes a variety of media (e.g., videos, pictures, links, etc.) to provide our members with access to the latest information about the Post's activities as well as Department of Texas and National Headquarters. The website provides:

- (1) Schedule of Events and an Event Calendar page
- (2) Information about the American Legion
- (3) Sources of printed publications, pamphlets, and brochures about the American Legion
- (4) American Legion Auxiliary Unit #828 information
- (5) Sons of the American Legion Squadron #828 information
- (6) Links to the Department of Texas
- (7) Links to American Legion National Website

Web pages such as reports and membership rosters have been password protected to protect confidentiality of the information. Passwords can be obtained from the website administrator. Help us make our website a significant and effective communication vehicle for site visitors. Please send suggestions, updates, corrections, and other issues to the website administrator.