

8.18.24 Vice Commander Report

As you can tell from the interesting reports that Butch is kindly sharing with us, we currently have three posts above 50% in membership, Congratulations Posts 319, 416, and 521.

As can also be seen most of us are behind where we were last year at this time.

To quote Butch Sparks, "we need to get off the porch and get busy."

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Harvey

22nd District Vice Commander

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**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2025**

Updated as of 08/15/2024

| Sqdn # | Location | CERT/CSR | CBL | Goal | Actual | Percentage |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------|------|--------|------------|
| DIVISION 2 (Joseph Thomas) | | | | | | |
| Dist.2 (Ed Gibson) | | C | need copy | 1749 | 358 | 20.47% |
| | | | 7/13/2014 | 153 | 21 | 13.73% |
| 7 | Port Arthur * | | need copy | 7 | | 0.00% |
| 33 | Beaumont * | C | 9/29/2013 | 12 | | 0.00% |
| 49 | Orange * | | need copy | 18 | | 0.00% |
| 393 | Cleveland * | | need copy | 8 | | 0.00% |
| 493 | Nederland * | C | 3/8/2018 | 23 | | 0.00% |
| 817 | Beaumont * | CR | 9/29/2013 | 85 | 21 | 24.71% |

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| Dist.8 (Richard Voorties) | | | | | | |
| 127 | Tomball * | C | 11/13/2022 | 23 | 13 | 56.52% |
| 499 | Galena Park * | | need copy | 2 | | 0.00% |
| 560 | Houston * | | 9/25/2016 | 62 | 9 | 14.52% |
| 586 | Houston * | C | need copy | 21 | 6 | 28.57% |
| 644 | ChannelView * | | need copy | 14 | 1 | 7.14% |
| 658 | Crosby * (inactive) | | | 1 | | |

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| Dist.6 (Kenneth F. Peters Jr.) | | | | | | |
| 22 | Coriscana * | C | 10/12/2012 | 559 | 25 | 4.47% |
| 50 | Cleburne * | C | 7/18/2003 | 40 | 1 | 2.50% |
| 159 | Bryan * | C | 2/3/1997 | 88 | 8 | 9.09% |
| 361 | Ernis * | C | need copy | 33 | 1 | 3.03% |
| | | | 1/7/2013 | 112 | 2 | 1.79% |
| 388 | Middletian * | C | 5/19/2021 | 22 | 1 | 4.55% |
| 426 | Alvarado * | CR | 12/3/2023 | 52 | 6 | 11.54% |
| 491 | Granbury * | | need copy | 118 | | 0.00% |
| 522 | Whitney * | CR | need copy | 94 | 6 | 6.38% |

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| Dist.11 (Dustin Fowler) | | | | | | |
| 42 | Gatesville * | CR | 4/23/2016 | 361 | 191 | 52.91% |
| | | | 2/11/2013 | 22 | | 0.00% |
| 55 | Belton * (inactive) | C | need copy | 6 | 1 | 16.67% |
| 121 | Waco * | | 7/13/1999 | 19 | | 0.00% |
| 133 | Temple * | CR | need copy | 55 | 57 | 103.64% |
| 223 | Killeen * | CR | 2/5/1992 | 46 | 8 | 17.39% |
| 273 | McGregor * | CR | need copy | 92 | 23 | 25.00% |
| 322 | Clifton * | | need copy | 21 | | 0.00% |
| 573 | Harker Heights * | C | 1/22/2012 | 100 | 102 | 102.00% |

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| Dist.7 (Jerry Renard) | | | | | | |
| 84 | Madisonville * | C | 6/26/2011 | 336 | 36 | 10.71% |
| 85 | Palestine * | CR | 3/12/2024 | 12 | 1 | 8.33% |
| 95 | Huntsville * | C | 1/7/2013 | 74 | 1 | 1.35% |
| 134 | Crockett * | | 1/7/2013 | 27 | | 0.00% |
| 402 | Livingston * | | 11/1/2023 | 47 | | 0.00% |
| 618 | Willis * | CR | 9/13/2022 | 92 | 33 | 35.87% |
| 629 | Coldspring * | C | need copy | 67 | | 0.00% |

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| Dist.22 (Joseph Thomas) | | | | | | |
| 77 | Houston * | CR | 4/13/2023 | 217 | 56 | 25.81% |
| 164 | Katy * | | 2/15/2024 | 16 | | 0.00% |
| 319 | Houston * | CR | need copy | 25 | | 0.00% |
| 472 | Houston * | CR | 5/20/2023 | 18 | 21 | 116.67% |
| 490 | Houston * | CR | need copy | 31 | 4 | 12.90% |
| 521 | Houston * | C | 1/17/2016 | 63 | 16 | 25.40% |
| 521 | Pasadena * | C | 9/29/2009 | 28 | 10 | 35.71% |
| 654 | Houston * | C | need copy | 36 | 5 | 13.89% |

An asterisk (*) next to the location donotes 2025 SDR has been filed.
If SQ NBR & Name in Bold then NOT CERTIFIED for 2023-2024
C = Certified 2024-2025 & R = 2023-2024 Consolidated Squadron Report "CSR"

Division Percentage of Membership Totals

2nd Division District Standings

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Post 77 Report

Post 77 has been active in the community whether it's the American Legion programs, government, schools or other 501c groups.

Post 77 attended the 22nd District, 2nd Division, and State Department Conventions. Legionnaires Mitchell and Hernandez made all three, to make that Post 77 was represented and to bring back information to their post.

Just recently we had our Post 77 installation of officers to which, previous 22nd District Commander Jim McGuire officiated over the installations. Post 77 has a new Commander in Hector Hernandez, , he is a 13 year member of the American Legion and his membership was earned through his service in the United States Marine Corps.

Commander Hernandez, 1st Vice Commander Lacy-Woods, and Finance Officer Mitchell would like to extend their hand to the 22nd District in assistance throughout the year to make sure that other posts know that Post 77 is here to HELP.

In closing know that Post 77 is relevant and active in the community and the 22nd District.

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COMMANDERS REPORT

Membership

As of August 16, 2024, membership for the Post is 59.65%.

Commanders, legionaries, as most of you know I travel across the U.S. for work. This year I have been to Columbus, Ga, Belton, Sc, Midland, Pa, Paducah, Ky, Anchorage, Ak, Wilmington, Ca, and currently in Bloomfield, Nm. Next stop, hopefully I'll be home for the remainder of the year.

I sadly report that The Post has lost its last WWII member, ~~Donny~~ Leva who has been a member of the Post for the past 20 years.

May 2024 – The Post's participated with Memorial Day Ceremony and flag placement at Grandview Cemetery.

The Post also held its First Annual Dart Tournament.

School Awards were presented to one 8th grade boy and girl at six (6) Junior Highs in Deer Park and La Porte.

June 2024 – The Post sent one boy from Deer Park and La Porte High Schools to Boys State

August 2024 – The Post had the Honor of presenting Colors at Deer Park Volunteer Fire

Department's Pinning of Rookies. Thank you to Joseph and Sherry Thomas for a job well done.

Back in May, Joseph Thomas and I visited the new Deer Park High School Liaison and presented her with the Programs that the Legion offers and which ones the Post would like the school to get involved with. It was indicated to her that scholarships are available to the student and at no cost to the student

JT also visited with the school liaison at La Porte High School with the programs that the Post has to offer.

The Post is currently selling tickets for their annual fundraiser, up to 300 tickets to be sold at \$25 cash or \$27 with credit card. Grand Prize is a Henry Rifle (.44mag), 2nd Prize \$250 Academy

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Sherry
Thomas

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Gift Card, and 3rd prize is a fire Pit. Contact JT if you would like a ticket. I will get a flyer to the Hubmaster for distribution to the district.

Upcoming events of the Post

- October 26, Emergency Responders Banquet

David W Saucillo
Commander
American Legion
Cortez/Norris Post 319

8.18.24 Edward H. White II, Post 521 Report

May 18th Held the Boy's State Orientation

May 25th Memorial Team assisted with a ceremony at Soldier's Rest Cemetery

June 8th Hosted the District training and DEC Meeting

June 9th Boy's State group left the post for Austin

June 15th Several members attended the 2nd Division Convention

June 21st Held Legionnaire and ALA officer's installation and dinner

June 22nd Held a Post clean up party

July 27th Memorial Team held a flag folding at Memory of Life Ceremony

July 4th Hosted a neighborhood Fourth oh July Celebration

Aug 8th Hosted a Purple Heart Ice Cream Social

Aug 14th Radio station 100.3 "The Bull" used the Post for a remote radio broadcast location.

Aug 30th The DAV is having a Benefit Dinner at our Post.

We host two dances a month to help raise funds.

We continue to hold our regular meetings as well as bi-monthly planning sessions with the ALA.

The local DAV and Post 490 continue using our Post for their meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Harvey

Post 521 Commander

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South Houston Post 490 – Commander’s Report

District 22 Executive Committee

August 18th, 2024

- Boys State – 1 candidate. Also provided funding for 3 others.
 - Post 490 received a Letter of Appreciation from our Boy State Graduate– Niko Heins
- Continued Post Contributions to Siegmund Foundations.
- Post Officers’ Elections were held on May 8th.
- Installation of Officers – June 12th. District Commander presided.
- Attended Honor Flight welcome home event on June 1st
- Provided financial assistance (\$500) to Veteran in need (Housing)
- Attended District 22nd Officer’s Training (six officers)
- Post 490 Delegation attended Division in Huntsville on June 15th
- Post 490 Delegation attended Department Convention in Austin on July 11th to 14th.
- Chaplain Thomas Collins continues to do a great job in serving several veterans and their families.
- Sent Commander’s Welcome Letter to three transfers
- Provide Relief Funds to veteran impacted by Hurricane Beryl
- Donated 75-inch Color TV and Wall Mount to American Legion Post 521

Upcoming Events

- **Veterans Day Celebration November 11 at Post 521 with free food for Post 521 and 490 members**
- **Air Show Viewing at Post 490 parking area**

Community Outreach

- Joined South Houston Chamber of Commerce
- Joined Friendswood Chamber of Commerce
- 129th Friendswood Fourth of July Celebration – Post 490 – Auxiliary Ladies and Legionnaires participated in parade and booth at the park event. (*Read article on Legion Times – August Issue*)

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- Back to School Program – Auxiliary and Legionnaires filled backpacks with school supplies and delivered to local elementary, middle, intermediate and high schools and to *Sarah's House*. (*Read article on Legion Times- upcoming issue*)
- Donated additional \$500 for Back-to-School Program. Had to get additional backpacks.
- Donated 5x8 United States Flag and a 5x8 Texas Flag t Freeman Elementary. Flags damaged during Hurricane Beryl
- Joined Friendswood Senior Citizens Activity Center
 - October 10, 2024, will be serving Hamburgers to all members (Donated by VFW 5619)
 - Veterans Day Celebration on Nov. 7th at the Activity Center

Membership

- April to June – Membership Committee, Wendell Denney, David Witucki and Thomas Collins, did a fantastic job.
 - David Witucki named Department Recruiter of the Year and received Golden Brigade Award
 - American Legion – **National** - notified David Witucki that he came in Third Place.
 - Post had 1,278 members (110.56%) in 2024. Largest in Texas.
 - Post 490 received - National Post Excellence Award
- July to August – Currently 543 members or 42% (2025)
 - 22 new members/5 transfers

Enhance and Improve Communication Methods

- Weekly Post 490 Email Blast - Fantastic job by **Richard Hughes and Wendell Denney** on keeping American Legion members updated and engaged.
- Weekly Membership Newsletter – continues to keep membership engaged.
 - Passing of Medal of Honor Recipient Sasser
 - Section on Newsletter – Post Everlasting
 - Article on Dec. 12th Post Charter with Original Members
 - Article on 1978 Post 490 at American Legion World Series in Washington

Building

- The Board of Trustees continues to maintain post property. Excellent job by Board of Trustees (**Earl McLearn (Chair), Rickie Smith, Terry Contella, Jesse Martinez**)

- 24 inch - Water Pipeline Easement Purchase Agreement. Received payment from City of Houston

Financial Management Practices

- Finance Committee – Chairman **Wendell Denney, Eliu Rojas, and Jesse Martinez**
- Formulated and presented Post 490 Budget for next year. Budget adopted at General Membership Meeting
- Cuts in current expenditures and renewed contracts at lower rates – over \$7K in savings
- IRS 990 Forms submitted
- Financial Audit by outside entity (CPA) in progress

Fundraising

- Developing and Formulating Grants Management System
 - Grant Proposal
 - List of Grantors
 - Submission and Tracking of Grant Application
 - Received IRS Letter of Determination and Group Exemption ID for the American Legion Judge Advocate (National)
- Initiated Building Fundraiser Campaign for Building (*Article on Legion Times*)

Harry Woodstrom

Boys State

The school year is starting. Now is the time to prepare for Boys State. Between now and our next meeting, each Post should accomplish the following tasks:

- 1) Assign, select, coerce or conjure up a Boys State committee chairperson
- 2) Establish a Boys State committee of 3 to 8 Legionnaires.
- 3) Write, download, copy or steal a Post Boys State program.
- 4) Train your Boys State Committee.
- 5) Identify your target High Schools, Public, Private, Religious, military, magnet, home school.
- 6) Identify your school contacts, principals, counselors, assistants previously known as secretaries.
- 7) Create your school education materials.
- 8) Make first contact with each school explaining the program, identify their role in the program including next steps.

Oratorical Program

The 2025 Oratorical rules and Assigned Topics have not yet been released and probably will not be released until after the Nation Convention.

Web Master

The District Web site is www.LegionDist22.com. Updates have been made where identified as being needed. If you see something that needs changed, don't tell the webmaster and let's see how long it will take him to discover it.

Respectfully submitted



Harry Woodstrom

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South Houston Post 490

District 22 Executive Committee

August 18th, 2024

Community Service Report

- Sponsored one Boys State candidate. Also provided funding for 3 others.
- Continued Post Contributions on behalf of Legionnaires to Siegmund Foundation.
- Attended Honor Flight welcome home event at Hobby airport on June 1st
- Provided financial assistance (\$500) to Veteran in need (Housing)
- Chaplain Thomas Collins continues to do a great job in serving numerous veterans and their families in times of need.
- Provide Relief Funds to veteran impacted by Hurricane Beryl
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- Donated 5x8 United States Flag and a 5x8 Texas Flag to Freeman Elementary. Flags damaged during Hurricane Beryl
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 - Veterans Day Celebration on Nov. 7th at the Activity Center

Upcoming Events

- **The annual Viewing of Wings over Houston for the local community at Post 490 parking area**
- **Veterans Day Celebration November 11 at Post 521 with free food for Post 521 and 490 members.**

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Jonathan D. Rozier
American Legion Post 164
Katy, TX.
Community Service Report
March 10, 2024

Continuing or ongoing Community Outreach Activities:

We host a PTSD Support Group that meets every Monday. **104 hrs/yr**

Civil Air Patrol Group hosted every Thursday. **96 hrs/yr.**

VA Stakeholders hosted once a month. **24 hrs/yr**

We co-host a monthly "Breakfast with a veteran". **58hrs/yr.**

We conduct a weekly Junior Shooting Spots Program 16 weekends a year.

48 hrs/yr.

Provide Support for Scout Troop 567. **24hrs/yr**

Weekly collection of flags needing retirement from 4 flag boxes. **96 hrs/yr.**

Monthly Breakdown:

April

Honor Guard for Funeral 3 times. **3hrs x 6 people x3= 54 hrs**

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Honor Flight Support. $5\text{hrs} \times 10\text{ people} = 50\text{ hrs}$

Provided Honor Guard for the Grand Opening of a restaurant. $3\text{ hrs} \times 6\text{ people} = 18\text{hrs.}$

May:

We conducted a Hot Dog Give Away in conjunction with Bass Pro Shops. $4\text{ hrs} \times 12\text{ people} = 48\text{hrs.}$

Honor Guard conducted Veterans Day flag events at 4 locations. $10\text{ people} \times 8\text{ hrs} = 80\text{ hrs.}$

Hosted Scouts in a mass flag folding event. 1200 flag folded. $4\text{ people} \times 4\text{ hrs} = 48\text{hrs}$

June:

3 funerals. $6\text{ people} \times 4\text{ hrs} \times 3 = 72\text{ hrs}$

Community Flag Retirement Ceremony. $8\text{ people} \times 3\text{ hrs} = 24\text{ hrs}$

July:

4th of July Flag Ceremony $\times 2. 10\text{ people} \times 6\text{ hrs} = 60\text{ hrs.}$

3 Funerals. $6\text{ people} \times 12\text{ hrs} = 72\text{ hrs}$

Supported a Scout Eagle Project $2\text{ people} \times 4\text{ hrs} = 8\text{ hrs.}$

3 Funerals $6\text{ people} \times 3\text{ hrs} \times 3 = 54\text{ hrs}$

August:

Supported Scout Eagle Project x 2. **2 people x 4 hrs x 2 = 16 hrs.**

Provided the Honor Guard for opening ceremony for a WWII veteran 100th

Birthday. **8 people x 5 hrs = 40 hrs.**

September:

Provided opening day Flag raising at 4 schools in Katy Independent School

District. **6 people x 2 hrs x 4 = 48hrs.**

School Flag Patrol training. KISD. **4 people x 3 hrs = 12 hrs.**

1 Funeral **6 people x 4 hrs x 3 = 72 hrs.**

Participated in a PTSD speaker event with Legion Information. **2 people x 3**

hrs = 6 hrs.

Information booth at Katy Safety Fest **6 people x 4 hrs = 24 hrs.**

Supported Scout Troop 567 at their meeting. **2 people x 3 hrs = 6 hrs.**

October:

2 Funerals. **6 people x 3 hrs x 2 = 36 hrs.**

Honor Guard conducted opening ceremony for the Katy Rice Festival. **12**

people x 2 hrs = 24 hrs.

Katy Rice Festival Legion Booth. 2 days. **8 people x 16 hrs = 128 hrs.**

Honor Guard Flag Ceremony **10 people x 3 hrs = 30 hrs.**

Wreaths across American Fundraising booth 3 location, 3 times. 6 people x

6 hrs x 3 = 108 hrs

Community Trunk or Treat table. 2 people x 6 hrs = 12 hrs.

Honor Guard provided opening for Katy Triathlon Event. 6 people x 4 hrs =

24 hrs.

Honor Guard conducted a new flag raising at Post 164. 4 people x 1 hrs = 4

hrs.

November:

3 Funerals 6 people x 3 hrs x 3 = 54 hrs.

Poppy handout at Texas Roadhouse for Veterans Day. 2 people x 4 hrs = 8

hrs.

Participated in a Veterans Day event at Rudy's BBQ. 4 people x 3 hrs = 12

hrs.

Honor Guard participated in a veteran's day event at Faith West Academy.

10 people x 3 hrs = 30 hrs.

Veterans Day Flag events at 5 locations. 10 people x 3 hrs x 5 = 150 hrs.

Wreaths across America table at 3 locations. 6 people x 6 hrs x 3 = 108 hrs.

December:

4 Funerals 6 people x 3 hrs x 4 = 72 hrs.

Wreaths Across America Event at 2 cemeteries **18 people x 3 hrs x 2 = 108 hrs.**

1st Responders Recognition Dinner **30 people x 6 hrs = 180 hrs.**

Honor Guard conducted opening ceremony at 1st Responders Dinner. **9 people x 6 hrs = 54 hrs.**

January 2024:

Honor Guard Flag event. **10 people x 4 hrs = 40 hrs.**

School flag patrol training for Lamar Consolidated School District. **6 people x 3 hrs = 18 hrs.**

Wreaths across America wreath pickup. **12 people x 4 hrs = 48 hrs.**

February:

4 Chaplains event to include Honor Guard presenting Colors. **16 people x 3 hrs = 48 hrs.**

Scout Troop support at Committee meeting. **1 person x 2 hrs = 2hrs.**

Participated in a Scout awards ceremony. **2 people x 2 hrs = 4 hrs.**

Had a post trailer in the Katy Rodeo Parade. **14 people x 5 hrs = 70 hrs.**

1 funeral. **6 people x 3hrs = 18 hrs.**

March: (to date)

1 Funeral. **6 people x 3 hrs =18 hrs.**

Had information Table at Katy Elks Market Night. 4 people x 4 hrs = 16 hrs.

Respectfully submitted.

Sandy Krum

1st Vice Commander

Report on National Security: Alonzo McQueen

At any one time, 22,000 National Guard or Reserves troops are deployed to respond to the Nations rising operational demands. Wars in Europe and Southwest Asia, and rising tensions in Korea and the Pacific require the frequent deployment of the Guard and Reserves. Further, a recruiting crisis has increased the frequency of Guard and Reserve deployments. The frequency of deployments results in a recruiting crisis in the Guard and Reserve.

Other military non-profits, such as the Military Officers Association, are lobbying congress for improved benefits for the Guard and Reserve. Chief among them is special pay for skills like flight pay, hazard pay, Tricare to include dental, and ensure time served counts towards the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Of course employers must buy into the Guard and Reserve concept. Offer tax incentives to hire and retain Guard and Reserve members.

American Legion 22nd Division

POW -MIA Report

National POW-MIA Recognition Day

It was established for the 3rd Friday in September to be recognize annually. It features members from each branch of the service and it includes participation from high ranking officials.

In addition to the National Ceremony, it is observed across country at military installations, ships at seas, state capitols, schools and veteran's facilities.

The ceremony's purpose is to honor those who were held captive and returned as well as those who remain missing.

Recovery mission in Laos is still going to recover the unaccounted service members of the Vietnam Era.

USS OKLAHOMA Sailor laid to rest.

US Seamen 2nd Class Challis R. James was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. Challis James was one of many servicemen that lost his life at the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He was accounted for January 29th, 2016. He returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

The NCCGH and the National Cemetery are looking for more volunteers for their help on special ceremonies such as Memorial and Vietnam Memorial ceremonies

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