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NEWSLETTER

We are looking for an Assistant Adjutant to write the newsletter. Information about it will be provided to you.

Commanders Corner: Well, here we are with the first of the 2024 Newsletters. We are still looking and hoping for more members for the Color Guards. Male and Female. I would like to have members 2 or 3 per meeting come to the front and tell us in a 5-minute info talk, about your military and civilian life. Volunteers will please email me at samjd95@yahoo.com. We are always looking for speakers for JROTC. Contact the Adjutant, larrygranny1@yahoo.com. The students are very respectful. All of the speakers so far have enjoyed themselves. We are also asking you, the members, if you

enjoy the guest speakers at the meeting or should we cancel them?

This month we are going to have a presentation on what is happening on the border and what bills are currently being considered for veterans who live in Texas. If you change your phone number or other information please let the Adjutant know so that your contact information can always be current. Our membership continues to increase. Participation at the meetings is robust. The guest speaker program appears to be well received. I welcome your suggestions to make the meeting even more fruitful.

Adjutants Corner: Let me sum up some information. Our VSOs have been very busy in 2023 and are doing so again in 2024. Last week Tim Moore and Carol Solsbee received information that 4 more of our members have reached 100% ratings. Perhaps they would like to make a donation to the scholarship fund! The two VSOs have exceeded expectations but the 40 or more hours they spend with the membership to either put in a new claim or continue to help our members increase their percentages has been very successful. We have in the past and will continue to honor our commitments to volunteering to assist Sun City residents and other worthy causes. We have a robust Scholarship program

with JROTC which benefits worthy students in JROTC. Last year we had 2 members donate a scholarship in a family member's name. This year we have had one member donate \$1500.00 for a scholarship in a family member's name. We have two others doing the same thing. We'll be giving a total of five this year.

In 2024 we want to have the membership give suggestions on how to have or improve participation in the meetings and other events that we sponsor. We welcome ideas from the membership. We want your ideas on how to improve the quality of our meetings and activities. We will have our traditional Bar B Que in April, Our Hot dog night in September, and our Christmas luncheon in December. What do you, the membership, suggest we do for social time in the other months? Again, in July and October, we'll do our cookout for the Veterans home in Temple. The cost of these activities in Temple is paid for by the profits from the annual poppy donations. We want to increase the social time so that the members and their mates can get to know each other better. The hot dog night is always free. It is paid for by a donation each year. How or what can we do to increase our participation in these events?

We ended 2023 in a very strong financial position. Thank you, Richard Taylor, for being our Finance Officer. You run a tight ship. Don't forget we also have the City Fish

restaurant in April. Last year they donated approximately \$1400.00 to the post. The Kiwanis donate \$1000.00 to assist them in putting up and taking down the chairs at the memorial ceremonies and providing security at the garage sales. We earn a free meeting night for the post putting up and taking down the chairs at the 9/11 ceremony. Last year we made the Christmas Luncheon reservation for our free meeting night. This saved the post \$328.00.

We average 80 members per meeting. This is a record for District 10. There are 38 posts in District 10 and we outdo all of them. Not bad for a post that has no home, no bar, and no restaurant. Last year we had a total of 12,842 volunteer hours. Let's increase those hours next by having more members volunteer!!

The meeting in February will be short on reports. Our guest speaker is going to brief us on what bills are being considered to improve Veteran's lives in the State of Texas. We will also have a briefing on what is really happening on the border. There will also be a question-and-answer period.

We welcome our new members. Robert House, Jeffery Zugell, Deborah Zugell, Robert Mayberry, and Charles Subotich.

Auxiliary News:

Our Auxiliary is growing in numbers. As of this date they have 32 members on their roster. They have three major fundraiser activities planned. We will support them again this year. Interviews are taking place to select two girls for Girls State. More information will be coming soon.

Michelle Vallow President

Darlene Jones Vice President

Linda Mladek Secretary.

Doris Miller Finance Officer

Well folks that's all we have for this issue. Please tell me how to improve it. The attached document pertains to the VA. May I suggest you open it and read it. It talks

about money, very interesting information.



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Larry Mladek