



THE MIGHTY 20th DISTRICT

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Thoughts From The Commander Joe Duarte

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I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Holiday and all are well.

During the month of December the 20th District will not have a meeting; but we will have a 20th District CHRISTMAS party, jointly with Alamo Post 2 on 6 December 08 starting at 1800 hours with a social hour, followed by a buffet meal, and music by Tim Perry. Hope to see you all there.

Membership as of 21 Nov was at 70.95 %, a scant 1914 members short of the 20th District's goal. I strongly feel that after the holidays, each Post will redirect their efforts to support The American Legions programs, to include Post membership.

An Item of interest: Department is relocating to its new home between 24 Nov and the 1st week of December. Expect them to be out of service during this period.

I would like to express my gratitude to Commander Walter Geraghty of Post 336 for the outstanding job he is doing with Post 336. This Post was scheduled for closure, but Commander Garaghty took the challenge and revised the post. Post membership was at 12 members and currently stands at 63 members.

Once again, this is a reminder that the 20th District Oratorical Contest is to be held on 17 January 09 at 100 hours at the Windcrest City Hall. For additional information, contact Oratorical Chairmen Tom Sibley at (210) 655-1935.

Let's make plans to attend the Department Mid-Winter Convention on 24-25 January 2009 at Austin, Texas. There will also be committee meetings starting on 21-24 Jan 09. These meetings are open to all Legionnaires.

Next 20th District meeting will be held on 14 Jan 09 at Post 593, Converse, Texas. Starting time is 1930 hours. I hope to see at least a post representative if not each post commander.

From the Vice-Commander

The holidays have arrived. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season and help a veteran whenever you can. Please take time and remember the military members who are away from their families fighting for our freedom. This is a difficult time for them.

The one thing that doesn't take a holiday is the need for membership. It is more difficult during the holidays to get renewals but don't stop trying. Remind members it's a great Christmas gift and the gift that keeps on giving.

Please remember to send in your membership transmittals. Several posts have not sent any since September or October. These need to be sent in as soon as possible.

Again, if I can be of help, let me know. My cell is 210-269-7090 and my email is kparis@stic.net.

For God and Country,
Karen Paris

All-American Bowl

Come see tomorrow's college and NFL stars at the U.S. Army All-American Bowl at the Alamodome in San Antonio on Saturday, January 3, 2009 at 12:00 pm.

From now through January 2: Stop by the Ft. Sam MWR, the Lackland AFB MWR, the Randolph AFB MWR or the Alamodome Box Office, show your photo ID and either your Veterans Organization membership card or your retired military ID to pick up a Free general admission ticket as well as discounted general admission tickets to this year's U.S. Army All-American Bowl.

20th district December Membership

POST MBRS GOAL %

POST	MBRS	GOAL	%
539	171	216	79.2%
10	119	148	80.4%
667	578	729	79.3%
579	607	775	78.3%
568	46	60	76.7%
171	175	229	76.4%
2	735	1015	72.4%
593	586	813	72.1%
375	108	165	65.5%
592	411	596	69.0%
300	343	531	64.6%
800	63	103	61.2%
828	212	338	62.7%
608	58	124	46.8%
443	69	120	57.5%
485	74	168	44.0%
399	52	140	37.1%
TOTALS	4675	6589	71.0%

Newsletter articles

- ◆ Please submit your articles, Post activities, etc. by the **3rd Friday** of each month. Email to : juantsilva@sbcglobal.net
- ◆ Got an activity? Submit the item and I will put it in the Newsletter (space available))



***Remember: It's not what you paid to join,
It's what you paid to be eligible!!***



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 #800 GM 7:30 pm	2	3 #2 GM 7:30 pm #593 GM 7:30 pm	4	5 Steak night at post 593 5:30 pm	6 20th Dist. Xmas Party, #2, 6:00 pm
7 #399 GM-7PM	8 #485 GM 7:00 pm	9 #592 GM 7:30 pm	10	11	12	13 #592 Breakfast 8:30-11:30 #593 Breakfast 8:00-11:00
14 #375 GM 2:00 PM #539 GM 2:00 PM #667-Breakfast 8:00-	15 #667 GM 7:00 pm	16 #828 GM 7:00 pm	17	18 #612 GM Luncheon,	19 #592 SAL Chicken Fried Steak, 5:30pm-	20 #593 Darts 7:30 #593 SAL Sausage Wrap #667 Xmas Party, 8:00pm
21 #443 GM 2:00PM Winter Begins	22 #300 GM 7:00PM	23 20th District Christ- mas Visit, 5:00pm -?	24 Post #568 @ #2, 7:00pm	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28	29 #579 GM 7:00 PM	30	31 Post #2 New Years Eve Dance			

New Years Eve Dance



Wednesday, December 31, 2008



at the

American Legion Alamo Post No. 2

3518 Fredericksburg Rd.

Featuring

The Stardust Orchestra

Music 8:00 pm – 12:00 am Menudo Breakfast 12:15 am

Admission: \$5.00 Donation, Open to the Public

For More Information, Call (210) 732-1891