



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

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## Post 586 Awards College Scholarship



The American legion has a proud tradition of supporting our nation's youth. The Legion was founded on this principle in 1919, when Children & Youth was declared as one of the four pillars of our organization. That is why this year, Post 586 implement a Scholarship program which provides assistance for youth that has the desire to attend college. To participate in the program students are required to submit an essay (250-500 words) describing how they would use their degree to help the community. Also the essay had to include some of the challenges or obstacles that they dealt with and overcame in life and how this will help them succeed in college and beyond.

Our Scholarship Committee Chairman, Daniel Wright, Navy Veteran, along with Commander Rumph, received 11 essays from students in our community. After a week of reviewing the applications, the committee selected Alison Sweeney, to receive Post 586 inaugural \$1000 Essay Scholarship.

Alison Sweeney is the daughter of Patrick and Jill Sweeney. Patrick is a US Army Veteran. His daughter Alison is a member of Klein High School Class of 2023. Alison is a member of the National Honor Society, and per her high school transcript she has a 3.7 GPA. After graduation, Alison will be attending West Texas A&M University, pursuing a degree in Pre-Law.

Next year we are hoping to improve the Post marketing strategy for our scholarship program, which should allow for additional students to apply.

Congratulations Alison Sweeney, Post 586 is proud to assist in your quest of higher education.

## POST OFFICERS 2023-2024

<i>Commander</i> Dwight Rumph	<i>Vice Commander</i> Justin Perry	<i>Adjutant</i> Robert Harris	<i>Chaplain</i> Victor Almendarez
<i>Service Officer</i> Joe Granados	<i>Sgt-at-arms</i> Agapito Vega	<i>Executive Committee</i> Edward Sanchez	<i>Executive Committee</i> Charles Ybarra

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

John Royalty	6/4
Thomas Borski	6/13
Gate Matsouele	6/23
Edward Sanchez	6/25

### POST 586 MONTHLY MEETING DATES

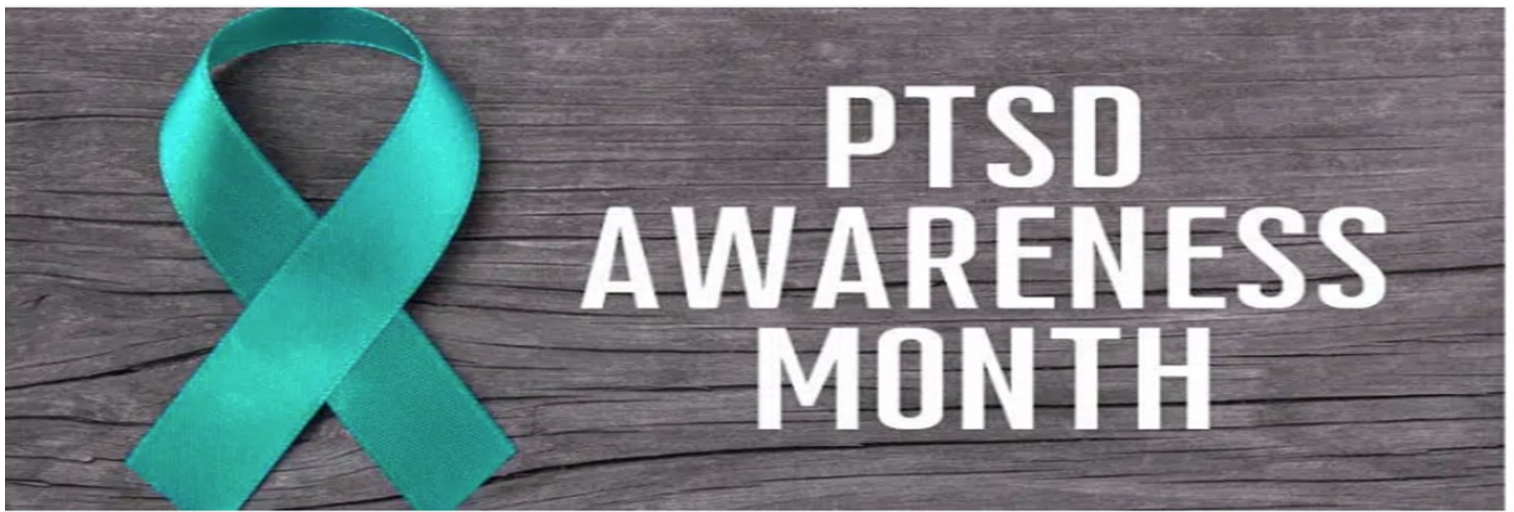
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SEPTEMBER:	DATE	11th
OCTOBER:	DATE	2nd
NOVEMBER:	DATE	6st
DECEMBER:	DATE	4th

#### ***ALL MEETINGS START AT 7 PM***

Northline Post 586 is located on Parker Rd. in North Houston/Northline area, approx. 0.75 mi. East. of I-45N (Gallery Furniture) and approx. 2.15 mi. West. of Hardy Toll Rd, on south side of street look for ***Big Green Tank***

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 1	PTSD Awareness Month
June 6	D-Day (1944)
June 12	Women Veterans Day
June 14	US Flag Day
June 14	US Army Birthday
June 18	Father's Day
June 19	Juneteenth
June 23	Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday
June 25	Korean War Started (1950)



 Written by [Veteran.com Team](#)

June is National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month, and is intended to raise public awareness about issues related to PTSD, reduce the stigma associated with PTSD, and help ensure that those suffering from the invisible wounds of war receive proper treatment.

**History of PTSD Awareness Month:** In 2010, Senator Kent Conrad pushed to get official recognition of PTSD via a “day of awareness” in tribute to North Dakota National Guard member who took his life following two tours in Iraq (S. Res. 541). Staff Sergeant Joe Biel died in 2007 after suffering from PTSD; Biel committed suicide after his return from duty to his home state. SSgt Biel’s birthday, June 27, was selected as the official PTSD Awareness Day, which is now observed every year. In 2014, the Senate designated the full month of June for “National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month” (S. Res. 481).

**Get Treatment for PTSD:** Those who experience symptoms of PTSD or PTSD like issues should seek help immediately. Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities, private care providers, counselors, and therapists can all be helpful in establishing an initial care regimen or refer those suffering from PTSD to qualified care provider. The Department of Veterans Affairs has more information on help for PTSD on its official site including help finding a therapist. Those experiencing suicidal feelings of self-destructive urges should get help immediately.

The Suicide Crisis Hotline (1800-273-8255) has a specific resource for veterans and the Department of Veterans Affairs offers a Veteran’ Crisis Hotline confidential chat resource.

#### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL ON LINE

##### **Renew your membership online**

*Please continue to support your fellow veterans, troops, their families, youth and our nation.*



Your annual dues help support programs in your community and across the nation. American Legion programs and services include: Troop Support, Child Welfare Foundation, Heroes to Hometowns, American Legion Baseball, Department Service Officers, Family Support Network, Flag Advocacy & Etiquette, Junior ROTC & ROTC, Operation Comfort Warriors, Scholarships, Veterans Job Fairs, and many others.

Thank you for ensuring that The American Legion remains the most powerful voice in America on behalf of veterans, servicemembers, their families, and communities across the nation.

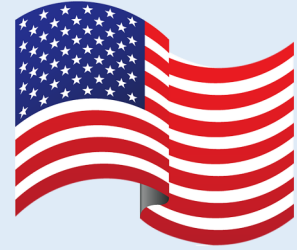
Go to [www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew)



##### **AMERICAN LEGION WANTS YOU**

**Your membership is very important to us for ensuring that American Legion programs continue to serve all veterans**

## COMMANDERS POST MESSAGE



Hello Post 586

June is when the summer month's start, and we know that there is a lot of hot days ahead. However June also has Women Veterans Day, Flag Day, US Army Birthday, and Juneteenth.

On June 12, 1948, President Harry Truman signed into law the Women Armed Services Integration Act, which allowed women to serve as regular members of the military. Before the act was enacted, women could only serve as nurses during wartime.

Flag Day, also called National Flag Day, in the United States, a day to honor our nation flag, is observed on June 14. The holiday commemorates the date in 1777 when the United States approved the design of its first nation flag. In 1916 President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed June 14 as the official date for Flag Day, and in 1949 Congress approved the national observance, and President Harry Truman signed it into law.

Army, a large organized force armed and trained for war, especially on land. June 14, 1775 the U.S. Army was founded, when the Continental congress authorized enlistment of expert riflemen to serve the United Colonies for one year. In 1776 when Congress declared independence, the Continental Army and the militia in the service of congress became known collectively as the Army of the United States, instead of the Army of the United Colonies.

Juneteenth is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. Deriving its name from combining June and nineteenth, it is celebrated on the anniversary of the order issued by Major General Gordon Granger on June 19, 1865. In 1996, the first federal legislation to recognize Juneteenth Independence Day was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives. On June 17, 2021 President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law.

So as we start our long journey of Texas hot days. Please go an celebrate a Female Veteran, give respect to our US Flag, say Happy 248<sup>th</sup> Birthday to the US Army, and pray that our country has unity to overcome division.

For God and Country

Army Strong

Dwight Rumph, Commander