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Post 586 Participates in Memorial Day Ceremony



L to R: Michael Maldonado, Victor Estrada, Nathan Harvey, and Joe Granados.

The Houston National Cemetery held their annual Memorial Day ceremony on May 29, 2023. This ceremony allows for us to remember, and not forget our fallen heroes who have sacrificed their lives in service to our country. The event was organized by the National Cemetery Council for Greater Houston (NCCGH). There was representation from a number of veteran groups, along with scout troops, religious groups, and others. All groups had the opportunity to present a flag and/or a wreath during the ceremony. Thanks to Michael Maldonado, Squadron 586 Sons of the American Legion Commander, for leading the committee on this initiative, and all of the committee members. The committee included Joe Granados, Nathan Harvey Jr., Victor Estrada and Juan Ybarra. Job Well done.





POST OFFICERS 2023-2024

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Dwight Rumph Justin Perry Robert Harris Victor Almendarez

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Joe Granados Agapito Vega Edward Sanchez Charles Ybarra

JULY BIRTHDAYS POST 586 MONTHLY MEETING DATES

Jesus Deleon 1-July

Larry Smith 2-July JULY: DATE 3rd Jim Collier 9-July AUGUST: DATE 7th Ethan Mansel 9-July SEPTEMBER: DATE 4th Michael Luetke OCTOBER: DATE 2nd 16-July

Robert Halpen 18-July NOVEMBER: DATE 6st
DECEMBER: DATE 4th

Oscar Martinez 18-July
Ronald Mathews 21-July

Paul Day 22-July
Kenneth Jenkins 23-July

Steven Osborn 26-July ALL MEETINGS START AT 7 PM
Nathaniel Franklin 27-July Northline Post 586 is located on Parker Rd. in North

Rodney McKeehan 28-July 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*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Independence Day July 4th

National Hire a Veteran Day

July 25th

National Korean War Veteran Armistice Day July 27th

National Buffalo Soldiers Day July 28th

Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary July 29th

Post 586 sends Students to Texas Boys State

The Texas Boys State program started on June 11, and ended on June 16, located on the University of Texas Austin campus. The Texas Boys State program is a leadership and citizenship program for high school juniors which focus on exploring the mechanics of American government and politics. All High School Students must be sponsored by an American Legion Post. Post 586 was able to sponsor 8 students, 5 from Klein High School, and 3 from Sam Houston MSTC High School. Commander Rumph was one of the chaperones that rode a charter bus that took the students to and from the program in Austin. Also District 8 sent 43 students to the program. During the last day of the event, all the Parents was very appreciative for allowing their sons to attend this once in a life time event.



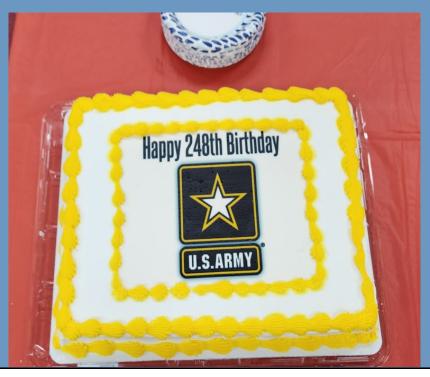


U.S. Army 248th Birthday Celebration at Post 586



Center: Oldest Post 586 Member: WWII Veteran-Richard Ensign, 98 years young

The United States Army was created on June 14, 1775. After 248 years the Army was established, there are over 1 million men and women serving in the United State Army. Throughout numerous wars, missions, and operations the U.S. Army has been immensely successful and is vital organization for protecting U.S. soil. To celebrate the Army 248th birthday, a number of Veterans from Post 586, and Post 827 gather on June 14, 2023 to recognize the largest and oldest branch of the military. Thanks to all who was able to attend, Happy 248th Birthday to the U.S. Army.



COMMANDERS POST MESSAGE



Hello Post 586

As we start July, which is the beginning of the hottest days of summer. July also has Independence Day, Hire a Veteran Day, Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, and Buffalo Soldiers day.

Independence Day, also called Fourth of July or July 4th, in the United State, which is an annual celebration. This annual celebration derived from when the 13 colonies, on July 4, 1776, claimed their independence from Great Britain, and eventually led to the formation of the United States. Also on June 28, 1870 Congress passed a law making Independence Day a Federal Holiday.

National hire a Veteran Day is observed on July 25th. This day was established to make awareness of civilian employment for transitioning service members and Veterans after their military service. In 2017 Congress passed the Honoring Investments in Recruiting and Employing American Military Veterans Act (HIRE Vets Act) to encourage employers to consider and hire Veterans.

After three years of brutal fighting on the Korean Peninsula, on July 27, 1953 the Korean War ended. During this war over 35, 000 US Service members lost their lives. A few years after the Korean War Memorial was finished, U.S. Code Title 36 was amended to recognize Korean War Veterans Armistice Day on July 27 2001. While not a federal holiday, the law asks Americans to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities that honor and give thanks to our Korean War Veterans.

In 1866, Congress passed legislation known as the Army Organization Act, which created six all-black U.S. Cavalry and Infantry units. These troops served on the Western frontier after the Civil War. During an Indian War battle in 1867, Native American Cheyenne Warriors gave these Soldiers the nickname Buffalo Soldiers because of their features and said they fought like fierce and brave buffalo. In 1992 Congress passed a law designating July 28th as Buffalo Soldiers day.

July is the beginning of the dog days of summer, however please encourage a business owner to hire a veteran, reach out to our fellow Korean War Veterans, research the story of the Buffalo Soldiers, and celebrate the 247th Birthday of the United States of America.

For God and Country

Dwight Rumph, Commander

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