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Post 586 American Legion Baseball Program

Once again Post 586 was able to implement an American Legion Baseball Program this year. The Houston Astros Major League Baseball (MLB) Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI) Youth Academy Director, Darryl Wade, agreed to allow some of their students to participate in this year's American Legion Program.

The RBI is a Major League Baseball youth outreach program designed to encourage academic achievement and teach teamwork. It also provides opportunities to youth in underserved communities to play baseball. The American Legion Baseball Program as well teaches youth the importance of teamwork, sportsmanship, and making teammates out of young athletes regardless of their income or social status. This is why Commander Rumph, and Post Baseball Chairman Espiridion Zuniga pursued the partnership between both organizations.

The Post American Legion Baseball team name is Northline Post 586 Tankers. The Tankers participated in the American Legion Division 2 tournament. The Northline Tankers played against Post 490 Crusaders. The tournament was a 2 out 3 series, and the winner would advance to the State Tournament. The Tankers lost the first game and won the second one. The third game was won by the Crusaders. However, it was a great series, and our team played an outstanding tournament. Job well done Northline Tankers.



Post 586 Recognizes Honor Guard Commander

During our last meeting Commander Rumph provided a Appreciate Award to Robert Harris. Robert has been the Houston Honor Guard Commander for over 12 years. With his dedication and commitment, the Honor Guard has been one of the only Honor Guard Squad performing Veteran Burial Services at the Houston National Cemetery. In addition, Robert Harris maintains a relationship with the majority of Houston Funeral Directors. Once a Houston Veteran passes away, the Funeral Director contacts Robert, and schedules the Military honors. As the Honor Guard Commander, Robert also has to ensure that the members of the Honor Guard Squad are available to perform the Military Honors. Which includes Taps, a 9 Gun Salute, a Flag presentation, a Speech and Prayer. It takes a tremendous effort to coordinate this process. Last year the Houston Honor Guard performed over 800 Military Honors at the Houston National Cemetery, and Robert organized every single one. Robert Harris is a truly a man that is dedicated to the mission of providing Houston Veterans their Military Honors, and Commander Rumph Appreciation Award was well overdue. Robert Harris every Post 586 member thank you and your family for all your dedication and commitment to the Houston Veterans Community. We salute You Mr. Robert Harris.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Airforce Day August 1

Invasion of Kuwait/Operation Desert Shield (1990) August 2

Coast Guard Day August 4

Purple Heart Day August 7

US Department of Defense Birthday August 10

Agent Orange Awareness Day August 10

96th American Legion Word Series August 10

V-J Day (1945) August 14

Navajo code Talkers Day August 14

National Airborne Day August 16

American Legion Legacy Run August 20

Marine Corps Reserve Birthday August

EVENT– DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

Post 586 Delegates Attend the 104th Department Convention



During our May meeting, we voted for Joe Granados, and Commander Rumph to be Post 586 delegates for the 104th Annual Convention of the American Legion, Department of Texas July 14 - July 16, 2023. Post 586 registered and certified delegates at this Convention was authorized to cast a total of 6 votes during the election of the new Department Officers. Commander Rumph, and Legionnaire Granados attended the Convention and was able to participate in the Department election. Thanks to the members of Post 586 for allowing Joe and I to represent you during the Convention. The 2023 - 2024 Department Commander is Gene Toohey. Once his bio is posted, I will share it. Congratulation Department Commander Toohey.

Post 586 Celebrates July 4th

Post 586 was able to celebrate the 247th Independence Day. We had good food and music. Post 827 was also able to come and celebrate with us. The food was catered by Post 827 Commander Barbra Harkins and her husband. We had brisket, ribs, sausage, and all of the barbeque sides. We also raised \$150 with a 50/50 raffle. Thanks to all of Post 586 members, and Post 827 for coming out, it was a good day at Post 586.



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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

James Snyder	3 - August
Corinthian Harris	4 - August
Nathan Harvey	4 - August
James Brown	4 - August
Sam Meeks	5 - August
Bryce Ritzen	7 - August
Andrew Campbell	10 - August
Espiridion Zuniga	10 - August
James Simon	12 - August
Anthony Ulmer	19 - August
Jeffrey Dobrowolski	22 - August
Alberto Garda	26 - August
George Gerald	27 - August
Bobby Lockler	27 - August

POST 586 MONTHLY MEETING DATES

AUGUST:	DATE	7th
SEPTEMBER:	DATE	4th
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**

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.

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

COMMANDERS POST MESSAGE



Hello Post 586

August is known for being one of the hottest months in Texas. However it also identifies with Airforce Day, Operation Desert Shield, Purple Heart Day, Agent Orange Day, V-J Day, and Navajo Code Talkers Day.

Airforce Day was established on August 1, 1947, by President Truman. In recognition of the personnel of the victorious Army Air forces and all of those who have developed and maintained our nations air strength. August 1 was chosen to mark the 40th anniversary of the establishment, in 1907 the Aeronautical Division in the Office of the Chief Signal Officer of the Army

On August 2 1990, Iraq invaded its neighbor Kuwait with four elite Republican Guard heavy divisions and the equivalent of a fifth component of special operations commandos. President George H. W. Bush quickly announced that the United States considered Iraq's aggression unacceptable. On August 7, 1990, the president backed up his words with a military response named Operation Desert Shield, and organized a coalition of 35 nations to defend Saudi Arabia and ultimately liberate Kuwait. There was 96 United States soldiers killed in action during Desert Shield.

Purple Heart Day is observed on August 7 each year and is a time for Americans to remember and honor the brave men and women who were either wounded on the battlefield or paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives. According to the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, more than 1.8 million Purple Heart medals have been presented to service members since the award was created in 1782.

August 10, 1961 is the date thought to be the first day that the herbicide and chemical defoliant Agent Orange was sprayed in Vietnam. The use of Agent Orange was originally authorized by President John F. Kennedy and Air Force planes began flying missions to disburse Agent Orange as part of something know as operation Trail Dust. In 1979, President Jimmy Carter signed off on a Department of Veterans Affairs Study of Agent Orange; legislation known as the Agent Orange Act was signed into law in 1991.

Victory of Over Japan Day, V-J Day, marks the end of the World War II, one of the deadliest and most destructive wars in history. When President Harry Truman announced on August 14, 1945, that Japan had surrendered unconditionally, war-weary citizens around the world erupted in celebration.

August 14 is Navajo Code Talkers Day, which holds a great importance in the history of the U.S. This is because the day recognizes the contribution of Navajo Marines during World War II. Navajo Marine's encoded and transmitted messages using a complex Navajo language-based code during a time when secret communication was essential to win a war. In 1982 President Ronald Regan established the Navajo Code Talkers Day.

As we continue to endure one of the hottest months of the year, we should be thankful for our Military service members and Veterans. To the Army Air Force Veterans, the Desert Shield Veterans, Purple Heart Veterans, Vietnam and Korean Agent Orange Veterans, WWII Veterans and Native American Veterans. They all should be honored by us this month. Say a prayer for them, and educate yourself on all of the sacrifices that they have made.

For God and Country
Dwight Rumph, Commander