



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

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## American Legion National Preparedness Month



National Preparedness Month is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time.

The American Legion's **National Emergency Fund Preparation Guide** helps posts prepare for a natural disaster and apply for a National Emergency Fund grant.

Grants from the National Emergency Fund are available — up to \$3,000 to Legionnaires and SAL members displaced due to damages to their primary residence from declared natural disasters, and up to \$10,000 for Legion posts that have been damaged by a natural disaster and whose programs and activities within the community have been impacted.

The Legion is also joined with the Department of Homeland Security in promotion of disaster preparedness and response. Both organization what Americans to take simple steps to prepare. Being ready for a catastrophe before it happens may help you protect yourself, your family and your home.

Having an emergency preparedness kit on hand may help you keep your family safe during a disaster. Store supplies in a large waterproof container near a door or in your garage so you can grab it and find shelter quickly. Read.gov recommends you have at least three days worth of food, water, and medications on hand. Your disaster kit should include: Drinking water (one gallon per person a day), Nonperishable food, Manual Can opener, Flashlight, Radio, and Sanitation Supplies.

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The American Legion publications, Disaster Preparedness and Response for American Legion Posts, and National Emergency Fund Preparation Guide contains complete details in planning, organizing, and executing a disaster preparedness and response program.

American Legion posts across the country are encouraged to plan and conduct activities and events in September to highlight the importance of emergency preparedness and promote individual involvement. If you are interested in helping Post 586 with a preparedness event, please contact the Post Commander.



WHAT TO DO **BEFORE, DURING** AND  
**AFTER** A NATURAL DISASTER STRIKES



# National Suicide Prevention Month



September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, when mental health advocates, prevention organizations, survivors, allies, and community members come together to raise awareness about the stigmas associated with suicide, provide mental health resources and share the message that suicide is preventable.

That is the mission behind The American Legion's Be the One initiative: to destigmatize asking for mental health support, provide peer-to-peer support and resources, and educate everyone on how they can Be the One.

Today, the No. 1 issue facing those who served is veteran suicide, according to the National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report. Each day, no fewer than 17 veterans die by suicide. That's more than 6,000 each year. The rate of suicide for veterans is more than 50% higher than that of non-veteran adults. As the Global War on Terrorism continues, there will be more veterans facing mental-health issues such as post-traumatic stress disorder.

Veterans, service members and their loves ones can connect in confidence with VA responders 24 hours a day, seven days a week by contacting the VA's Crisis Line in the following three ways: Call toll-free at (800) 273-8255 and then press 1, Text the number 838255, and Chat online at [www.veteranscrisisline.net/chat](http://www.veteranscrisisline.net/chat) To show your support to a veteran or service member who may be at risk, help spread the message about suicide prevention awareness on social media by using VA's hashtag #BeThere.



## Post 586 2023 Membership Awards



As we move into the American Legion 2024 Fiscal year. I would like to reflect on the outstanding job that Post 586 members have done with supporting the Legion membership program. At the end of every fiscal year the American Legion recognizes Post that has achieve membership goals and growth, by retaining and recruiting members. Therefore during the Department Convention in July, Post 586 received six Post Membership Awards, and two cash awards. The list of awards are: Post 100% Membership Award, Post Achieving 120% Membership Award/Cash Award \$100, National Post Honor Ribbon, American Legion Retention Award, Post Recruiting Cash Award \$100, National Certificate of Meritorious Service-All Time High Award, and Department All-Time High Award.

Thanks to all of the members of Post 586 for your continued support of this great organization by renewing your membership. When you renew your membership, it provides the American Legion leverage and lobbying power to fight and protect your rights as a Veteran. It also shows that you truly believed in supporting the well-being of our Veterans and their family.

Let's keep supporting the mission by renewing your membership today. Use **website or QR Code** listed below.

<https://www.legion.org/renew>



## 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

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Micah Ray	7 Sept
Dwight Rumph	13 Sept
David Denny	13 Sept
Raymond Hernandez	14 Sept
Okoro Chiagozie	15 Sept
Willie Dirden	15 Sept
Avery Babineaux	18 Sept
Edward Colunca	21 Sept
Antonio Torres	22 Sept
Christopher Henson	23 Sept
Daniel Weaver	28 Sept
James Harrison	30 Sept

### POST 586 MONTHLY MEETING DATES

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

***PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL MEETINGS NOW START AT 5 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.

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 1 st American Legion National Disaster Preparedness Month  
September 1 st National Suicide Prevention Month  
September 1 st National Service Dog Month  
September 1 st American Legion Junior Shooting Club Registration Opens  
September 2 nd V-J Day (Victory over Japan)  
September 4th Labor Day  
September 11 th Patriot Day  
September 15 th POW/MIA Recognition Day  
September 15 th - Oct 15 th Hispanic heritage Month  
September 16 th American Legion Day  
September 17 th -23rd Constitution Week  
September 18th Air Force Birthday  
September 24 th Gold Star Mother's Day

### Post 586 2-Gun Raffle Winners



Post 586 had their First Annual 2-Gun Raffle fundraiser last month, and it was a success. We raised \$2700. The proceeds will be used to help with our efforts and upkeep of the Post repairs. I would like to personally thank Legionnaire Justin Perry for volunteering to be the chairman of this event, Job well done Justin. Also thanks to everyone who participate in making this event a success. Here are the list of the winners:

Jimmy Ivory – Ticket #98 Glock 19X Gen 5  
David De Jesus – Ticket #202 12 Gauge Pump Shotgun  
Susan Sheesia - Ticket #11 \$300 Gift Card  
Dan Ward – Ticket # 18 \$150 Walmart Gift Card

## COMMANDERS POST MESSAGE



Hello Post 586

We are hoping that September will put the end to the major heat dome that has been parked over our state for the last few weeks. However we can be sure that September is going to bring V-J Day, Patriot Day, POW/MIA Day, Hispanic Heritage Month, American Legion Day, Air Force Birthday, and Gold Star Mother's Day.

September 2, 1945 on the teak decks of the USS Missouri in the Tokyo Bay, representatives of the Emperor of Japan signed the Instrument of Surrender. The document was also signed by Gen. Douglas MacArthur and approved by President Truman. This day was identified as VJ DAY or Victory Over Japan Day, and the end of WWII.

September 11th has been designated as Patriot Day. This day is for us to commemorate the lives of those who died in the 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Virginia and those who perished when the hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 crashed in Pennsylvania. Please participate in moment of silence beginning at 7:46AM CST.

September 15th is National POW/MIA Recognition Day, held each year on the third Friday of September. This commemoration is set aside to honor the commitment and sacrifices made by the nation's prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action, as well as their families.

What is Hispanic Heritage Month? Every year, America celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, honoring the contributions and sacrifices Hispanic and Latino Americans have made to the nation, it's culture, and industry. What started off as a humble seven day observation in the late 1960s turned into a month-long celebration of a rich diversity of cultures.

On September 16, 1919 the American Legion received a federal charter from Congress for its continued aid to wounded warriors and military families, legacy of community volunteerism and significant role in establishing important national legislation. In 2009 Congress passed a resolution designating September 16 as being "American Legion Day".

The official Air Force Birthday is recognized as September 18, 1947 the day of the passage of the National Security Act of 1947. That legislation created what would later be known as the United States Department of Defense. This established the United States Air Force as a separate branch of military service. Before the creation of the Air Force, the military's flying operation were handled by the U.S. Army on land and the Navy by sea.

Gold Star Mother's Day is observed on the last Sunday in September which will be Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023. Gold Star Mother's Day is intended to recognize and honor those mothers who have lost a son or daughter in the service of the U.S. Armed Forces.

As we hope that one of the hottest Texas summers are coming to a end. We are thankful for our Military service members and Veterans. From the V-J Day Veterans, the 9/11 Veterans, Our POW/MIA Veterans, and the Gold Star Mother Veterans. They all should be remembered this month. Let's say a prayer for them, and never forget.

For God and Country

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