



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

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## Post 586 and Post 586 Houston Honor Guard Donate to Camp Hope



Camp Hope Houston PTSD Foundation of America provides interim housing for veterans and their families suffering from combat related Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in a caring and positive environment. The facility opened in 2021 and is located in a quiet and safe setting in Houston, Texas whereby veterans and their immediate family members can find healing, help and hope while benefiting from and intensive peer support and mentoring programs for PTSD. In addition to temporary housing at no cost to the veteran. Camp Hope offers a four to six month PTSD recovery program in which residents: attend group lessons and support sessions with other combat veterans; conduct individual mentoring sessions with certified combat trauma mentors; participate in off-site small group interaction activities (fishing, hiking, local activities and events); and get involved with local churches and businesses and volunteer organizations to assist in their personal healing.

This is why Post 586 and our Honor Guard decided to visit Camp Hope on September 13<sup>th</sup>. During this visit we were able to tour the facilities, and make a \$4000 donation. The donation was made because we truly believe in the mission of helping our fellow veterans, and Camp Hope Houston is leading the charge on this effort.

## Meet Our Newly Elected National Commander



### **Daniel J. Seehafer, National Commander of The American Legion**

Daniel J. Seehafer was elected national commander of The American Legion on Aug. 31, 2023, in Charlotte, N.C., during the 104<sup>th</sup> national convention. Seehafer likes to say, “It’s personal,” when it comes to The American Legion’s mission of serving veterans and their families. He is continuing the theme of “Be the One,” to prevent veteran suicide.

An ordained minister from Wisconsin, he earned his American Legion eligibility through service in the U.S. Navy and Navy Reserve, where he served as a military chaplain. A member of American Legion Post 157 in Horicon, Wis., Seehafer served in a number of American Legion offices at every level, including national chaplain and commander of the Department of Wisconsin.

Born and raised in Merrill, Wis., he lettered in cross-country track while in high school and later received a bachelor’s degree in pastoral ministry from Concordia University and a Master of Divinity at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Seehafer was installed as assistant pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Horicon in 1997 and continues to serve as administrative pastor of the church and its school. His American Legion post was recognized for “100 percent” and “All-Time High” in membership during his terms as commander and adjutant. Other honors include District Commander’s New Post Achievement Award, Silver Brigade, and Post 157 Legionnaire of the Year.

In 2023, Seehafer earned an Outstanding Heroism Award for administering the Heimlich maneuver to a choking victim at an American Legion dinner.

National Commander Seehafer and his wife, Stacey, who is a member of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 157, live in Beaver Dam, Wis. Dan’s son, Jacob, and daughter, Emma, are also members of the Post 157 family. Dan is the son of the late Lester Seehafer and Jea

## Meet Our Newly Elected Department of Texas Commander



Gene Toohey was elected State Commander of The American Legion Department of Texas on July 16, 2023, in Austin, TX at the 104th State Convention. His theme as State Commander is, “Membership is the Cornerstone to the Four Pillars of The American Legion.” Membership is the foundation of the organization. The foundation needs a cornerstone for the support functions to be built upon. The Four Pillars give us guidance and direction on how to serve our Veterans and the communities within the great state of Texas.

A member of Otho Morgan Post #17 of Greenville, Texas, he served in the United States Navy from 1979 until 2001. Fulfilling his childhood dream of traveling the world, he served sixteen years of sea duty aboard three Spruance Class Destroyers, USS Moosbrugger (DD-980) homeported in Charleston, SC, USS Elliot (DD-967) homeported in San Diego, CA, USS O'Bannon (DD-987) homeported in Charleston, SC and one Arleigh Burke Class Destroyer, USS Fitzgerald (DDG-62) homeported out of San Diego, CA. He is also a member of The Sons of The American Legion (SAL) through the eligibility of his father, Don Toohey's United States Air Force service during Korea who is also a Legionnaire and SAL member.

While serving in the U.S. Navy, Gene attained a Bachelor of Science in Business Management and Business Administration and a Masters of Arts in Organization Management and Business Management. After retiring from the U.S. Navy, Gene was employed at Level (3) Communications in Broomfield, CO as a Program Manager of Network Migrations and Operations, Number Management, and Financial Analyst for Mergers and Acquisitions. After retiring from Level (3) Communications in 2010, Gene returned home to Greenville and has served The American Legion at the Post, District, Division and State level in numerous positions.

A father of two daughters and grandfather of four; Elisa Elkins married to David and daughter Daphne of Colorado, Sarah Collins married to Pat and daughters Ridley, Jaina and son Peter of Ohio. Gene is married to the love of his life and best friend Marie Brock-Toohey who is a talented and well respected history teacher and an American Legion Auxiliary member.



## Post 586 Trunk or Treat



Trunk or Treat is a tailgating safe, less-spooky alternative to traditional trick or treating. Therefore this year Post 586 has decided to have a Trunk or Treat event. This will allow us to implement the fourth Pillar of the American Legion, which is Children and Youth.

Since 1919, The American Legion has been a staunch supporter of children and youth. The National commission of Children & Youth continues that commitment today, as it seeks to improve the wellbeing of all children. The Legion strongly supports traditional family values assistance for at-risk children and activities that promote their healthy and wholesome development. That is one of the reasons Post 586 is hosting our inaugural Trunk or Treat.

The Trunk or Treat event will be at 708 E. Parker Rd, on October 26, from 6PM to 8PM. We are inviting all service members, veterans, and community families. The event will consist of music, fun and trick or treating. If you are interested in supporting a truck please text- trunk - to 832-728-4733 or scan the QR Code.



# FOOTBALL SUNDAYS



E V E R Y   S U N D A Y

FOOD - DRINKS  
DOORS OPEN 11:00AM-8:00PM

**NFL SUNDAY FOOTBALL WATCH PARTY**

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## COMMANDERS POST MESSAGE



Hello Post 586

The fall equinox has since passed, which signals the shift between summer and fall. The equinox marks the point when daytime and nighttime are roughly equal in length. Afterwards, the sun will rise later and set earlier throughout the months following. The hours of sunlight will diminish, and signs of fall will begin. Not only does October bring the changes of the seasons, but it also has the anniversaries of Operation Enduring Freedom and the Grenada invasion and the US Navy Birthday.

In response to the September 2001 terrorist attacks on New York's World Trade Center and the Pentagon, President George W. Bush launched the Global War on Terror (GWOT). On October 7, 2001 Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) began, when the United States launched military operations in Afghanistan, including air strikes against Kabul, and Kandahar.

The United States Navy originated over 240 years ago as the Continental Navy. The then Continental Congress authorized 2 armed vessels to search for ships supplying the British army with weapons and ammunition during the American Revolutionary War (1775-1783). When the war ended, the Continental Navy was dismantled, but pirate threats to American merchant shipping led President George Washington to establish the Naval Act of 1794, creating a permanent standing US Navy. The official birthday of the United States Navy is October 13, 1775.

President Ronald Reagan, citing the great threat posed to American nationals on the Caribbean nation of Grenada by that nation's Marxist regime, orders U.S. forces to invade and secure their safety. There were approximately 1,000 Americans in Grenada at the time, many of them students at the island's medical school. The invasion code-named Operation Urgent Fury, started on October 25, 1983, with the United States military, and a coalition of six Caribbean nations.

As we start enjoying the best season of the year. We are thankful for our Military service members and Veterans. From the Operation Enduring Freedom Veterans, the Operation Urgent Fury Veterans, and our Navy Veterans. They all should be remembered this month.

For God and Country  
Dwight Rumph, Commander

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## 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

Silvia Colbert	6th Oct
George Zipp	10th Oct
Daniel Wright	12th Oct
Paul Henson	19th Oct
Marcos Torres	21st Oct
Eddie Bradley	25th Oct
Paul Lewis	28th Oct

### POST 586 MONTHLY MEETING DATES

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

### **ALL MEETINGS 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

Start of Operation Enduring Freedom (2001)	October 7
Post 586 NFL Watch Party	October 8
Columbus Day	October 9
Navy Birthday	October 13
Post 586 NFL Watch Party	October 15
Post 586 NFL Watch Party	October 22
Grenada Invasion (1983)	October 25
Post Trick or Treat	October 26
Navy Day	October 27
Post 586 NFL Watch Party	October 29