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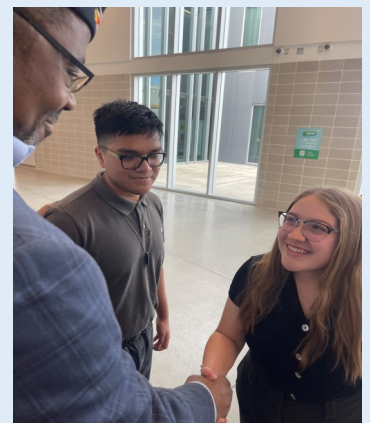
Title: American Legion Post 586 Oratorical Local Competition 2023-2024

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Sam Houston MSTC
Post 586 Member

In December, Post 586 conducted the annual oratorical speech competition at Sam Houston MSTC (High School). The contest consists of young students delivering an 8 to 10 minute speech over the U.S. Constitution. They can use no notes or reference material during the presentation. Competitors must write an essay over the constitution and submit the essay to the officials for review. Contestants are given the rules to the competition by the official, and then each enters onto the stage to deliver the speech. Following the initial speech, a random amendment is selected from a hat by the official. Each contestant has five minutes to formulate a speech to deliver for 3-5 minutes. Three judges score the speeches according to a published rubric and offer feedback before the winner is announced.

This year's contestants both attend Sam Houston MSTC and are staff officers for the Army JROTC programs. Cadet Second Lieutenant Elizabeth Rigney is the battalion executive officer, and she intends on attending Texas A&M to major in aerospace engineering. Cadet Second Lieutenant Angel Bustillo is the battalion personnel management officer, and he has already enlisted in the United States Army Reserve who will ship to basic training this summer to return to finish his senior year in high school. He intends on being nominated and accepted into the United States Military Academy at West Point.

In the end, 2LT Rigney won the oratorical competition earning \$500 in scholarship funds. She advanced to the second round of the American Legion's Oratorical competition where she will compete with other students in the region. Cheer for the young people who continue to accept challenges. Our country is strong as a result.



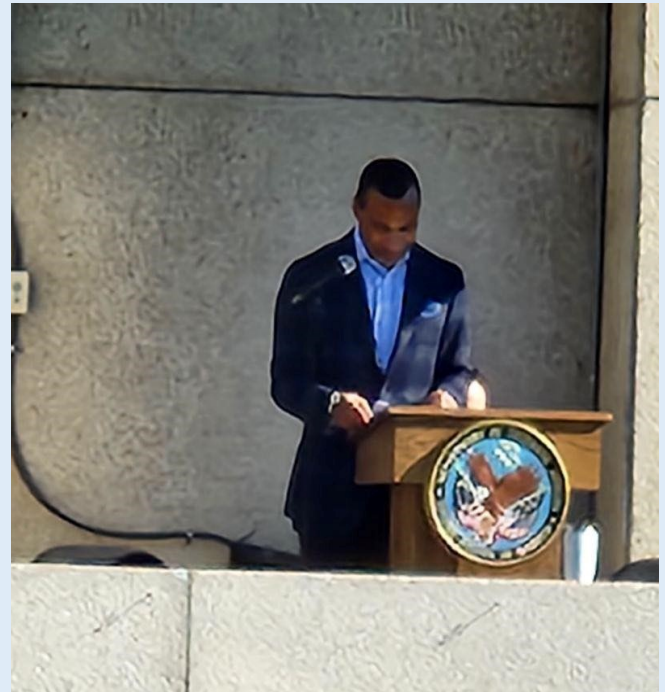
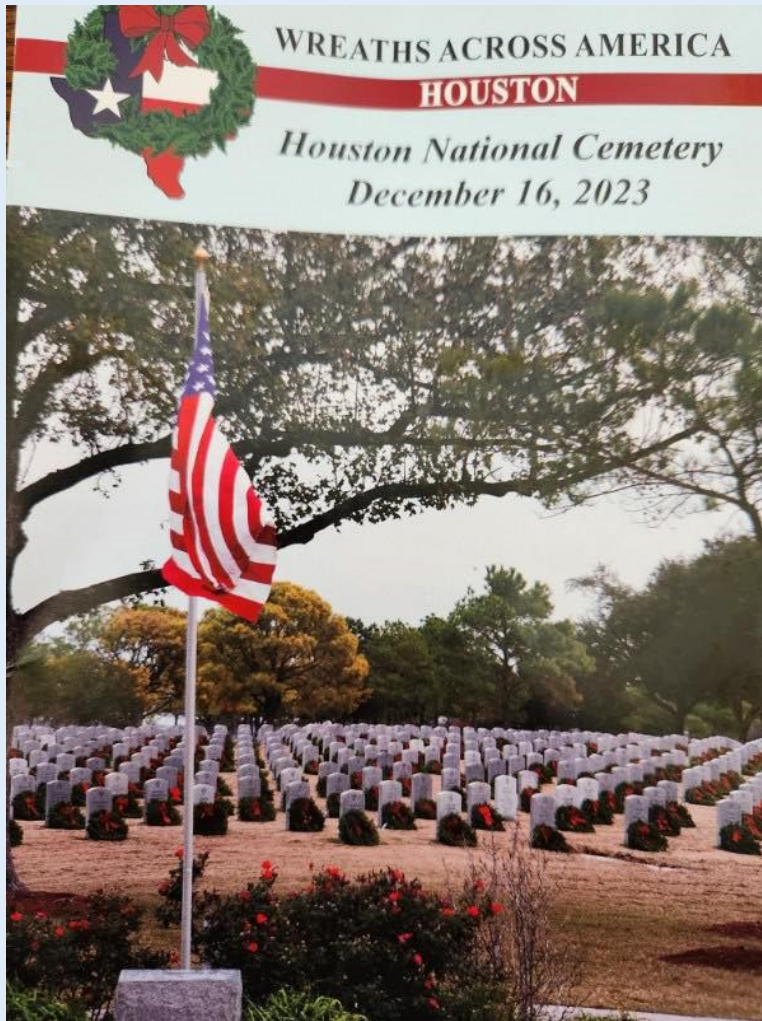
American Legion Post 586 is at Houston National Cemetery.

What a beautiful day we had in Houston. The American Legion Post 586 had an opportunity to take part in National Wreaths Across America Day at the Houston National Cemetery! Thank you Wreaths Across America for always hosting such an amazing event to honor our fallen and to ensure no one is forgotten! #Never Forgotten #VeteransHelpingVeterans #WreathsAcrossAmerica #Houston #HoustonVeterans



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American Legion Post 586 is at [Houston National Cemetery](#)



Title: Disable Veteran Receives Donation

Author: Robert Harris

Houston Honor Guard Commander

Post 586 Member

On November 30th, Dwight Rumph, the Houston Honor Guard and Lynn and Cheryl from the National Memorial Ladies, all met at Veterans Funeral Services to present separate donations to Jonathan Brodeur.

Jonathan is a 100% disabled veteran who was injured in the Iraq/Afghanistan wars. He, his wife and four children live in the Conroe area. Recently his air conditioner leaked and did extensive damage to his home. Short of funds to complete the repairs, he reached out to our two groups for support.

It was a privilege for the Houston Honor Guard team and members of the American Legion Post 586, to present Jonathan with a check for \$3,000. This donation along with the National Memorial Ladies contribution was enough to cover 100% of the repair costs.

Jonathan was extremely grateful and humbled by our generosity.

Veterans supporting deserving veterans in need is what we are all about.



POST OFFICERS 2023-2024

Commander
Dwight Rumph

Vice Commander
Justin Perry

Adjutant
Robert Harris

Chaplain
Victor Almendarez

Service Officer
Joe Granados

Sgt-at-arms
Agapito Vega

Executive Committee
Edward Sanchez

Executive Committee
Charles Ybarra

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Adan Trevino	1-Jan
Charles Haywood	7-Jan
Cleveland Willis	8-Jan
Kelvin Colbert	11-Jan
Johnny Davis	12-Jan
Sam Harris	17-Jan
Antonio Ruiz	17-Jan
George Martinez	18-Jan
Matthew Cook	27-Jan

POST 586 MONTHLY MEETING DATES

JANUARY:	DATE	8 th
FEBRUARY:	DATE	5 th
MARCH:	DATE	4 th
APRIL:	DATE	1 st
MAY:	DATE	6 st
JUNE:	DATE	3 rd
JULY:	DATE	1 st
AUGUST:	DATE	5 th
SEPTEMBER:	DATE	2 nd
OCTOBER:	DATE	7 th
NOVEMBER:	DATE	4 th
DECEMBER:	DATE	2 nd

ALL MEETINGS START AT 6 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



AMERICAN LEGION WANTS YOU!

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

WELCOME TO 2024

January 1	News Years Day
January 1	American Legion Legacy Scholarship Application Opens
January 8	Post Meeting (due to the January 1 st Holiday fell on 1 st Monday Post Meeting Night)
January 16	Dr. Martin Luther King Day
January 25	Anniversary of The Battle of the Bulge

Post Toy Drive

Thanks to all who donated to this years toy drive. We donated toys to the HPD Blue Santa and the Marines Toys for Tots. Also thanks to Edward Sanchez for representing us during the Marines Toys for Tots Motorcycle Club run out in Spring, TX.



COMMANDERS POST MESSAGE



Hello, to Members of Post 586

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January represents a number of first items. It is the first month of the year on the Julian and Gregorian calendars. It is the first of seven months to have a length of 31 days. Also the first day of this month is called New Year's Day.

New Year's day is full of celebrations to ring in the New Year with resolutions, and champagne toast. The day also calls for a good luck first meal, which should include black-eyed peas, leafy greens, a slice of cornbread, and a pork entrée. Which are all traditional foods associated with mystical powers to bring good luck.

January also includes a day to recognize an Icon of the Civil Rights Movement. His name is Martin Luther King Jr., and in 1983 President Ronald Reagan signed into law a federal holiday to honor this Icon on the third Monday of January as MLK Day. (The official Birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.).

As we start a new year. Have a good luck first meal, and make some resolutions to yourself to change your life. On your MLK day off, listen to one of his speeches, learn something about his legacy, and find a way to volunteer on this national day of service. Make a buddy check on a few veterans. Rejoice that you are seeing another year, pray for the safety of our military, and pray for those veterans who are less fortunate than you.

I pray that you have a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

For God and Country

Dwight Rumph, Commander

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