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Post 586 Donate to the VA Homeless Program

One of the missions for the American Legion is to reach out to homeless veterans, and provide support for their well-being. That is why Commander Rumph last month attend the Grand Opening of the first one stop Homeless Veterans Resource Community Center for the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center. The Community Resource Center will be a one stop service in collaboration with local community and government partners to serve both homeless veterans, veterans at risk for homelessness and their families. The Homeless Veterans Community resource center will provide meals, laundry service, showers, medical exams, housing choice voucher support, and mental health assistants.

The Homeless Veterans Community Center is truly a one stop facility that will help our Homeless Veterans. This is why Commander Rumph and the members of Post 586 gave a \$1000 donation, during the Grand Opening, to the Michael E DeBakey VA Hospital Homeless program to assist the mission of this new Homeless Veterans facility. Commander Rumph presented the donation check to the Director of the VA Medical Center, Mr. Francisco Vazquez, and Homeless Veteran Program Manager Robert Birdow. Thanks to the Post membership for supporting our fellow homeless veterans that are in need.





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INVESTMENTS IN VETERANS CARE

HVCP ENTRY POINTS

- 1. Community Resource and Referral Center (CRRC)
- 2. HOPE OUTREACH TEAM
- 3. National Call Center for Homeless Veterans
- 4. H-PACT Clinic

Location at MEDVAC Primary Care

COMMUNITY RESOURCE AND REFERRAL CENTER (CRRC)
1700 WEBSTER ST
HOUSTON, TX 77003
TEL: 713-764-7003

HOURS OF OPERATION
Business Hours:
Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Walk-In Services:
Monday - Friday 8:00 - 3:30 pm

EMILY WINFIELD, LCSW-S MBA
CRRC PROGRAM MANAGER

**US DEPT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS
HOUSTON VA**


SERVING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED

CRRC
COMMUNITY RESOURCE AND REFERRAL CENTER

HOMELESS VETERANS COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM (HVCP)

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE 24/7


National Call Center for Homeless Veterans
877-424-3838



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration

GRAND OPENING!
A valuable new facility dedicated to assisting homeless or at-risk Veterans

YOU ARE INVITED TO A SPECIAL OPEN HOUSE TO CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF OUR NEWEST RESOURCE FOR VETERANS!



Community Resource & Referral Center

Location: Friday, Feb. 23, 2024
• Ribbon Cutting at 10:00 A.M.
• Tour of the new facility
• Meet the VA staff working on the Homeless Veterans program

Address: 1700 Webster St., Houston, TX 77003
Phone: 713-764-7003

For more information, please contact Emily Winfield at emily.winfield@va.gov

Rifle Donation

In December of 2023, Sergeant First Class (Retired) Barry Page, who is an instructor for the Army JROTC program at Sam Houston MSTC told Commander Rumph that their rifles were no longer in good condition. SFC Page is the coach for the marksmanship team who won first place in the Houston ISD JROTC annual set of matches. Since that time, the rifles have become inoperable due to age leaving the program with only one true functioning rifle.

Each year, the Black Knights rifle teams competes in the national American Legion marksmanship match. Commander Rumph and Post 586 decided to dig in deep and support the Black Knights by purchasing and donating two new rifles to their program. These rifles are the newer model rifles that are more modern and easier to hold and operate.

SFC Page and the entire program are appreciative of the kindness and care coming from Post 586, and they cherish the relationship with the American Legion. The Black Knights train marksmanship every Tuesday and Wednesday both before, and after school.

MICAH A. RAY SR
Major, Retired
Senior Army Instructor
Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps

The picture of the cadet holding the rifles is Cadet Private Jose Lazo. He is on the marksmanship team and competes for Post 586.



Sam Houston ROTC Service Project

On February 18th, the American Legion Post 586 had a Service Project with the amazing team from the **Sam Houston Math, Science, and Technology Center ROTC**! The team came out and put their experience and efforts together led by their amazing Battalion Commander! Thank you for your support and we look forward to teaming up again in the future!



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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Joseph McNeese	2-Mar
Leonard Winfield	3-Mar
Nobleton Jones	3-Mar
Jonathan Brodeur	3-Mar
Ariel Barrera	6-Mar
Randy Lozano	21-Mar
Victor Almendarez	22-Mar
Bert Shackelford	25-Mar
Valentin Ramos	26-Mar
Roy Shepherd	31-Mar

POST 586 MONTHLY MEETING DATES

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 American 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**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 3 Navy Reserve Birthday

Mar 10 Daylight Saving Time Starts

Mar 15 American Legion Birthday

Mar 19 Start of Operation Iraqi Freedom

Mar 20 Spring Equinox (Start of Spring)

Mar 25 Congressional Medal of Honor Day

Mar 29 National Vietnam War Veterans Day

Mar 30 Post 586 Vietnam Veterans Day Coffee and Cars



**American Legion Post 586
PRESENTS**



Vietnam Veterans Day Coffee and Cars

***March 30th
2024 9am-12pm***

**VIET
NAM
WAR** | 1945-1975 |



708 E. Parker Rd., Houston, TX 77076

***all cars and styles welcome, come enjoy free
breakfast and honor our Vietnam Veterans***

****FUN*FOOD*MUSIC****



Come join us for the Vietnam Veterans Day Coffee and Cars Event. The event will have free breakfast and hope to cruise over to the Vietnam Memorial right after.

Veterans Disability Claims Representative will be on site!! Come learn how to obtain Healthcare Assistance from the VA.



COMMANDERS POST MESSAGE



Hello Post 586 Members

March is the month that starts the spring season. However the month also has the American Legion Birthday, Daylight Saving Time, Spring Equinox, and Vietnam War Veterans Day.

Have you heard the phrase spring forward? The phrase is used to remind us that during the spring Daylight Savings Time (DST) day, we are to move our clocks one hour forward. Why you may say? Because during DST, it is the practice of setting the clocks one hour ahead of standard time to make use of more sunlight in the spring, summer, and fall evenings. DST is used to save energy and make better use of daylight.

On March 15, 1919 the first American Legion meeting was organized by members of the American Expeditionary Forces in Paris, France. There was about 1,000 officers and enlisted men that attended this meeting. The meeting, known as the Paris Caucus, adopted a temporary constitution and the name: "The American Legion". This year The American Legion will celebrate 104 years, and still going strong.

March 19th is called the Spring Equinox, which happens every year usually around March 19th. This is the day that marks the beginning of spring. The word Equinox derives from the Latin *aequus* (equal) and *nox* (night) so the definition of it is Equal Night, which is because on the day of the Spring Equinox, day and night last for approximately the same length of time (about 12 hours)

March 29th is designated as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. This is a time to pay special tribute to the 9 million Americans who served during the Vietnam War era, to the 58,000 names memorialized on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., and to those who never received the recognition they deserved when they returned to America from war.

March has a number of things to look forward to. The American Legion 105th birthday, to spring forward our time for longer sunlight, and saluting Vietnam War Veterans. Thanks for all you are doing in supporting Post 586, and we hope and pray that March will bring us a great spring season.

For God and Country

Dwight Rumph, Commander

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