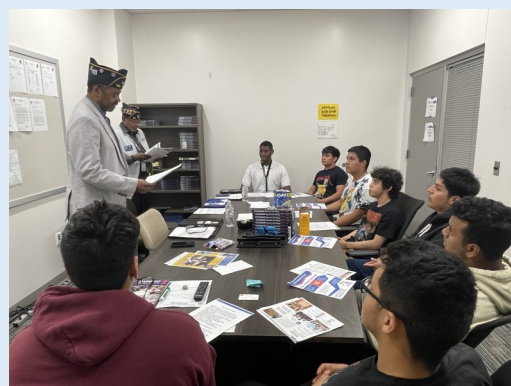




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On March 25 th , Commander Dwight Rumph interviewed eight Sam Houston MSTC students to verify if they were worthy to attend Texas Boys State. In the interview, the young men answered questions about why they want to attend, their leadership experiences in high school, and questions about the U.S. Flag.

Each of the young men are members of the 1 st Battalion JROTC program, the Black Knights. Only juniors in high school are eligible to attend Texas Boys State and it is encouraged they know about how government works up to a certain point. Texas Boys State is a fantastic learning experience, but it also serves as a resume booster. Young men who are interested in applying to a military academy use this program to boost their chances of being accepted.

Demonstrating a return on investment, the 2022 Texas Boys State alum and alum of Sam Houston MSTC, Erik Jimenez, is currently a freshman at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Most of the young men today have committed themselves to either join the United States Army or the United States Marine Corps. One young man stated he now has interest in joining the Corps of Cadets at Texas A& M. All things are possible when a community stands behind the young people.

Sam Houston MSTC Students Interview for Texas Boys State

Author: Micah A. Ray Sr.

Major, Retired

Senior Army Instructor

Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps



April is Children and Youth Month



The American Legion has been actively involved with children's issues since the early 1920's. In many instances, The American Legion has been the driving force on behalf of children on the federal state and local levels. In 1938, April was formally designated as Child Welfare Month (now called Children & Youth Month) and has continued on an annual basis. During this special time, we encourage each of you to should your community that the American Legion Family is dedicated to America's youth. Each year the Committee on Children & Youth focuses on three primary areas of concern. They may include:

Child health

- Immunization programs
- School nutrition programs
- Teen pregnancy prevention programs

Child safety

- Child pornography
- Drug abuse prevention
- Drug trafficking
- Alcohol abuse prevention
- Child/sexual abuse and neglect
- Teen suicide prevention

Family Support

- National Family Week activities
- Day care safety
- Foster care
- Temporary Financial Assistance
- Missing and exploited children

Where do the Post begin? There is a number of activities we can implement. However, one is asking our local enforcement to do a bike safety demonstration, finger printing or talk about internet safety to our kids in the community. Promote our activities by informing our local official and newspapers. Let's stand up for our youth, because they are the future of our country.

American Legion Texas Boys State 2024



American Legion Boys State is a unique summertime education program for rising high school seniors that focuses on participation and personal experience in a model state, complete with governmental bodies and elected public officials. It is designed to mirror the structure and operation of its respective state government, while providing training in practical citizenship, leadership and character development through a nonpartisan perspective. The American Legion believes our U.S. government can survive only with an educated populace. By teaching youth to understand and appreciate our democratic republic, America can remain strong and ensure our freedom for future generations.

The American Legion Department of Texas, will sponsor the 84th session of Texas Boys State on the campus of The University of Texas at Austin from Sunday, June 09 to Friday, June 14, 2024. To be eligible to attend Texas Boys State: Be a male high school student, be a high school junior, and be recommended by his school officials. Any young man who has previously attended Boys State is not eligible to attend a second session.



In the selection process, merit and ability are the two most important factors considered. In addition the students must demonstrate strong academic performance, excellent interpersonal skills, and exhibited a number of leadership skills. The Enrollment fees, or tuition, can be paid the Student School, Student Parents, American Legion Post or other community-minded organizations,

American Legion Post 586 is working with a number of High Schools, such as Sam Houston MSTC, Milby, Lamar, Wheatley, Bellaire, Furr, and Northline in the Houston Independent School District. Also Klein and Klein Collins in the Klein School District. The Post is hoping to give 20 students the opportunity to attend this year's session.



POST OFFICERS 2023-2024

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

James Boyd	3-APR
Charles Hitt	3-APR
Ray Smith	4-APR
Clarence Davis	5-APR
Clinton Noack	13-APR
Willie Foster	15-APR
Jon Miller	19-APR
Brandon Cook	22-APR
Christopher Halphen	27-APR
Barry Page	27-APR

POST 586 MONTHLY MEETING DATES

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

Children and Youth Month	April 1
Be the One Day	April 1
Gold Star Spouses Day	April 5
US entered into World War 1	April 6
National Former POW Day	April 9
Air Force Reserve Birthday	April 14
Army Reserve Birthday	April 23
American Legion Family Day	April 27

COMMANDERS POST MESSAGE



Hello Post 586 Legionnaires

Spring is here, and April is heading our way. This month has a few things for us. Gold Star Spouses Day, National Former POW Day, and Air Force Reserve, and Army Reserve birthday.

The terms Gold Star family, Gold Star Spouses, and Gold Star Wives traditionally refer to the surviving loved ones of military members who lost their lives in the line of duty. Gold Star Spouses Day was created to honor these loved ones. In 2012 a Senate resolution changed the recognition from Gold Star Wives to Gold Star Spouses, to make it more inclusive.

National Former Prisoner of War Recognition day is observed on April 9. This day was introduced to honor American veterans of any wars that returned home after being released from prisons. In 1984, a movement led by former POWs began seeking a day recognizing former Prisoners of War on April 9th each year. President Ronald Reagan proclaimed National Former Prisoners of War Recognition Day, through Presidential Proclamation 5788.

April 14 marks the 76 th Birthday of the United States Air Force Reserve. The Air Force Reserve was created as a separate component on April 14, 1948, when the Army Air Corps Reserve was transferred to the Air force. The Air Force Reserve lineage dates back over 10 years to when reserve airpower was established in the National Defense Act of 1916.

The U.S. Army Reserves 116 Birthday is marked on April 23 to commemorate its contributions to the Cold War, the World Wars, Vietnam, Korea, the Persian Gulf, and many other similar wars and crises around the globe. This more - than-a-century-old federal reserve force has played a very vital role in U.S. military history. There are army reserve units in all 50 U.S. states, 20 different time zones across the world, and five U.S. territories.

So as spring brings April, say a prayer for the Gold Star families, and Former Prisoners of War. And be thankful for both of our Air Force, and Army reserves on what they are doing to protect us.

For God and Country

Dwight Rumph

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