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Houston Marine Moms and American Legion Post 586



The Mission of the Houston Marine Moms, is to extend unwavering support to America's deployed service men and women. Through donations, they assemble care packages filled with essential items, bridging to the gap between their needs and availability. Their aim is to uplift morale and enhance readiness until they all come home.

Being that the American Legion Post 586 mission aligns with the mission of the Houston Marine Moms. Post 586 has agreed to allow the Marine Moms to utilize our facility for their quarterly Care Package Prep Rally. Their first Prep Rally of this year was on August 24th.

Thanks to all of the Houston Marine Moms and volunteers for what they are doing for our military.

Post 586 2024 Membership Awards



As we move into the American Legion 2025 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 achieved 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, Post Excellent Award \$250, 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>



American Legion Post 586 is at NRG Stadium

This weekend, we had the incredible opportunity to collaborate with the Houston Texans and the Houston Independent School District Military-Connected Students Program!

The HISD Military-Connected Students Program is dedicated to providing targeted support and essential resources to students whose parents or guardians proudly serve in the military. The program was able to issue game tickets to veteran families that attend HISD schools. In addition, the Houston Texans recognized our on Espiridion Zuniga for his military service. This was the first event of the school year, and we couldn't be more excited to kick off what promises to be a fantastic relationship!

We look forward to continuing our work with this stellar program as we unite in supporting our heroes and their families. Together, we can make a lasting impact!

#Houston #MilitaryConnectedStudents #HoustonTexans #HISD #SupportOurHeroes #StrongerTogether



Post 586 August Meeting

During our August meeting we were able to appoint Ryan Seunsom as the first Historian of American Legion Post 586. The Post Historian duties is to attend post functions and document events with photographs and narrative. In addition during the meeting we were able to recognize two members, Victor Almendarez, and Edward Sanchez that are a part of the Houston Honor Guard, and they completed all 38 funeral honors during the month of July.

Thanks to Ryan, Victor and Edward for stepping up and supporting the American Legion mission. Together let's be the change.



WASHINGTON

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs announced it will award \$806.4 million in grants to help homeless and at-risk Veterans through the Supportive Services for Veteran Families and Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem programs.

- **Supportive Services for Veteran Families:** Through the SSVF program, VA is awarding 239 grants totaling approximately \$797.5 million to community organizations that help rapidly rehouse Veterans and their families, prevent the imminent loss of Veterans' homes, or identify more suitable housing situations.
- **Grant and Per Diem Program:** Through the GPD program, VA will award 14 grants totaling approximately \$8.9 million to community organizations that provide Veterans with transitional housing and case management - including connecting eligible Veterans to VA benefits, community-based services, and permanent housing. These special need grants will fund approximately 105 transitional housing beds to support special populations of homeless Veterans including women, elderly, terminally ill, chronically mentally ill, or those who care for minor dependents.

Ending Veteran homelessness is a top priority of VA. The number of Veterans experiencing homelessness fell by 4.5% between 2020 to 2023 and has dropped 52% overall since 2010. These grants also build upon the significant progress to end Veteran homelessness, including progress towards VA's fiscal year 2024 goal to house 41,000 more homeless Veterans. In 2023, VA placed more than 46,500 homeless Veterans into permanent housing, exceeding the goal set for 2023 by nearly 23%.

"We're making real progress in reducing Veteran homelessness, but there is much more work to do," said **VA Secretary Denis McDonough**. "These grants allow VA, to provide more housing and wraparound services to more homeless and at-risk Veterans than ever before."

These efforts are built upon the evidence-based "Housing First" approach, which prioritizes housing Veterans, followed by providing them the wraparound support to stay housed, including health care, job training, legal and education assistance, and more.

These new grant awards come just a week after the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and VA announced policy changes that will help more Veterans receive housing assistance under the HUD-VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program. The changes include requiring public housing agencies that administer HUD-VASH to set initial income eligibility at 80% of area median income, and excluding Veterans' disability benefits when determining income eligibility - both of which are expected to increase the number of Veterans eligible for housing assistance.

For more information about VA's comprehensive efforts to end Veteran homelessness, visit VA.gov/homeless. To learn more about the Grant and Per Diem program or view the full list of grantees, visit the Grant and Per Diem website. To learn more about the Supportive Services for Veteran Families program or view the full list of grantees, visit the Supportive Services for Veteran Families website.

WASHINGTON

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs launch of [VSAFE.gov](https://www.vsafe.gov) and 1-833-38V-SAFE (1-833-388-7233) - a new government-wide website and call center designed to protect Veterans, service members, and their families from fraud and scams.

These new resources will help inform Veterans and their families of common fraud schemes, give them tools to protect themselves, and provide an outlet for reporting and further assistance. VSAFE (Veterans, Servicemembers, and Families Fraud Evasion) interagency Policy Council effort, the call center and website combine resources from the Department of Defense, Department of Education, Department of State, Federal Trade Commission, Federal Communications Commission, Internal Revenue Service, Social Security Administration, and the Office of Management & Budget to ensure that there is no “wrong door” approach for Veterans and service members to access reporting tools and resources to combat fraud.

“The Internal Revenue Service is proud to partner with other agencies to help veterans and their families impacted by fraud or identity theft. Making it easier for those who have served and sacrificed is the right thing to do. We look forward to the ongoing collaboration and partnership.

Key new resources include:

- **Launching a centralized website for support and reporting:** VSAFE.gov is a fraud prevention, response, and reporting information hub. Information from across federal agencies can be accessed in one place, making it easy for Veterans, service members, and their families to find out more about different kinds of fraud, to get assistance, and to report.
- **Opening a centralized call line for Veteran and service member complaints:** VSAFE is standing up a single shared call line, 833-38V-SAFE, to aid in the “no wrong door” approach. Veterans, service members, and their families and survivors can call one single number to get help with fraud, scam, and predatory practice related concerns. Depending on the kind of issue facing the caller, callers will be routed to the correct federal agency to address their specific concerns.
- **Creating common call center training materials to ensure Veterans and service members are routed to the relevant agency no matter which federal agency they initially call:** Even if individuals do not utilize the centralized call line, all VSAFE agency fraud call centers have been trained to connect callers to the best agency to handle their report and provide help. These coordinated responses are guided by joint reference materials utilized by agency representatives. This approach minimizes confusion, and gets Veterans, service members, and their family members routed to the best support as effectively and efficiently as possible.

This is just one component of the government-wide effort to protect Veterans from fraud. VA is also launching a strategic communications campaign to spread awareness of the rising threat of claims predators and conduct outreach to Veterans, and their family members, caregivers, and survivors in order to equip them with information and guidance to protect their earned benefits. Additionally, VA is sending cease and desist letters to predatory actors, conducting public outreach to educate Veterans about the risks, launching this new one-stop-shop resource page for Veterans, creating a [Veteran fraud protection resource kit](#), and much more.

“The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs’ establishment of this essential website and hotline is a proactive measure to help protect veterans, service members, their families, and consumers alike from vicious scams. These centralized resources will help consumers better safeguard their assets, obtain accurate information, and report fraud. “In collaboration with SSA, the Office of the Inspector General is excited support this initiative and collaborate across government, as we have successfully done with our Slam the Scam Day initiative over the last five years. We know firsthand that partnerships exponentially increase public awareness and significantly help to combat scams and fraud.”

All Veterans, service members, and their families are encouraged to visit [VSAFE.gov](https://www.vsafe.gov) to learn more and what to do if experiencing fraud.

Things people actually said in court, word for word.

1. Q: What is your date of birth? A: July fifteenth.
Q: What year? A: Every year.
2. Q: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all? A: Yes.
Q: And in what ways does it affect your memory? A: I forget.
Q: You forget. Can you give us an example of something that you've forgotten?
3. Q: How old is your son, the one living with you. A: Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember which.
Q: How long has he lived with you? A: Forty-five years.
4. Q: What was the first thing your husband said to you when he woke that morning?
A: He said, "Where am I, Cathy?" Q: And why did that upset you? A: My name is Susan.
5. Q: And where was the location of the accident? A: Approximately milepost 499.
Q: And where is milepost 499? A: Probably between milepost 498 and 500.
6. Q: Did you blow your horn or anything? A: After the accident?
Q: Before the accident. A: Sure, I played for ten years. I even went to school for it.
7. Q: Trooper, when you stopped the defendant, were your red and blue lights flashing? A: Yes.
Q: Did the defendant say anything when she got out of her car? A: Yes, sir.
Q: What did she say? A: What disco am I at?
8. Q: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?
9. Q: The youngest son, the twenty-year old, how old is he?
10. Q: Were you present when your picture was taken?
11. Q: Was it you or your younger brother who was killed in the war?
12. Q: How far apart were the vehicles at the time of the collision?
13. Q: You were there until the time you left, is that true?
14. Q: How many times have you committed suicide?
15. Q: So the date of conception (of the baby) was August 8th? A: Yes.
Q: And what were you doing at that time?
16. Q: She had three children, right? A: Yes.
Q: How many were boys? A: None.
Q: Were there any girls?
17. Q: You say the stairs went down to the basement? A: Yes.
Q: And these stairs, did they go up also?
18. Q: Mr. Slatery, you went on a rather elaborate honeymoon, didn't you? A: I went to Europe, Sir.
Q: And you took your new wife?
19. Q: How was your first marriage terminated? A: By death.
Q: And by whose death was it terminated?
20. Q: Can you describe the individual? A: He was about medium height and had a beard.
Q: Was this a male, or a female?
21. Q: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?
A: No, this is how I dress when I go to work.
22. Q: Doctor, how many autopsies have you performed on dead people?
A: All my autopsies are performed on dead people.
23. Q: Do you recall the time that you examined the body? A: The autopsy started around 8:30 p.m.
Q: And Mr. Dennington was dead at the time?
A: No, he was sitting on the table wondering why I was doing an autopsy.
24. Q: Sir, what is your IQ? A: Well, I can see pretty well, I think.

POST 586 OFFICERS 2024-2025

<i>Service Officer</i> Joe Granados	<i>Commander</i> Dwight Rumph	<i>Sergeant-at-arms</i> Eddie Sanchez	<i>Vice Commander</i> Justin Perry	<i>Chaplain</i> James Boyd	<i>Adjutant</i> Robert Harris	<i>Finance Officer</i> Espiridion Zuniga
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SEPTEMBER 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	9 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 ROT & 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

American Legion National Disaster Preparedness Month	Sept 1st
National Suicide Prevention Month	Sept 1st
National Service Dog Month	Sept 1st
American Legion Junior Shooting Club Registration Opens	Sept 2nd
V-J Day (Victory over Japan)	Sept 2nd
Labor Day	Sept 2nd

Patriot Day	Sept 11th
POW/MIA Recognition Day	Sept 15th
Hispanic heritage Month	Sept 15th - Oct 15th
American Legion Day	Sept 16th
Constitution Week	Sept 17th -23rd
Air Force Birthday	Sept 18th
Gold Star Mother's Day	Sept 24th

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 95 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, American celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, honoring the contributions and sacrifices Hispanic and Latino Americans have made to the nation, its culture, and industry. What started off as a humble seven day observation in the late 1960's 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 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 flying operation were handled by the U.S. Army on the land and the Navy by sea.

Gold Star Mother's Day is observed on the last Sunday of September which will be Sunday, Sept. 24, 2024. Gold Star Mother's Day is intended to recognize and honor those mothers who has lost a son or daughter in the service of the U.S. Armed Forces.

As we hope that one of the hottest Texas summers comes to an 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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