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American Legion Post No.336

6553 Bandera Road, San Antonio, Texas 78238 210-823-1416

Norman Mahan, Adjutant

Spencer Spriesterbach, Commander

Post Meetings held normally on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. However, we are running a "Flex" schedule, location is normally Leon Valley Elementary School Cafeteria (upon confirmation of location usage). All members are encouraged to attend.

Calendar of Events

Executive Committee Meeting, 6 Feb. 2019, 7 to 9 pm at NSID Bldg F, <u>6632 Bandera Rd.</u>, San Antonio, TX 78238 Post 336 General Meeting, 21 Feb. 2019, Leon Valley Elementary School Cafeteria, <u>7111 Huebner Rd.</u>, San Antonio, TX 78229. Auxiliary will meet in the school Library.

Doughnuts for Teachers, 22 Feb. 2019, 6 AM at Leon Valley Elementary School.

Fundraiser at Fuddruckers Restaurant, 27 Feb. 2018. Bandera Road and Loop 1604. 4-9 P.M.

Texas Charitable bingo is <u>2716 Fredericksburg Road</u> on Thursday and Friday nights at 6-10:30 PM, so go and enjoy the bingo games.

Commander's Message:

We are currently behind in our membership drive for 2018-19. Our goal for this year is 995 members, we currently have 672 members or 67.54% of goal as of 2/1/2019. If you have not paid your dues for the year, please do so as soon as possible. Each member should sign up at least one new member to build up our membership, this will increase our ability to perform Legion Programs. Please continue to sign up new members to help our post grow. The next General Meeting will be on 21 Feb. 2019. We expect our Division Commander Teddy Weeks to attend. Eagle Pass Trip, for 25 Nov. 2018, was postponed, the new date is To-Be-Determined.

Join Post 336

If you have anything to post on the Information Page or web site please contact Don Button, at webmaster@texaspost336.org.

Executive Committee Meeting:

Next Executive Meeting will be tentatively on, 6 February 2018, at 7:00 PM, at NISD Building F, Bandera RD. and Grissom. Only active members on the Committee will be able to vote on items presented.

General Meeting:

Normally held at Leon Valley Elementary School Cafeteria, <u>7111 Huebner Rd.</u>, San Antonio, TX 78229. Change notices will be posted.

Special Events:

Post 336, Color Guard, will post the Colors at the SA Missions Game at Wolff Stadium, the date will be published as they are approved. For more information go to www.texaspost336.org/ColorGuardSchedule.html.

Our Post held a night out to Fuddruckers Restaurant on 23 Jan 2019, thank you to all, who attended. During the evening out Commander Spencer Spriesterbach presented the General Manager, Mr. George Crist, with a certificate of appreciation, for the continued support and opportunity, that his establishment provides us. Fuddruckers provides a 20% reimbursement to the Post for all receipts placed in the bucket provided on the order counter, during the event.

For planning purposes please mark your calendars with the following Fuddruckers Restaurant get-togethers: 27 Feb., 27 Mar., 24 Apr. and 22 May 2019.



Mr. George Crist (left) receiving a "certificate of appreciation" from Post 336 Commander, Spencer Spriesterbach (center), with 20th District Commander, Walter Geraghty (right) observing.

Color Guard:

Our State Champion Color Guard is practicing every Tuesday, at 6:30 PM, and Saturday at 9:00 AM. If you are interested in joining the Color Guard, please contact Bill England. POC for all Color Guard info is Bill England, 210-643-3337.

American Legion Riders Post No. 336:

Our Legion Riders program is official, please contact Past Commander Geraghty, at 210-684-4189, for further information on joining the post, Legion Riders.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 336:

The Auxiliary will meet on 21 Feb. 2019 at the Leon Valley Elementary School Library. If your spouse or children wish to join the Auxiliary please contact their Membership/Renewal Person, Margaret Ozuna, alaunit336@texaspost336.org

Get to know the four Pillars of The American Legion:

Pillar I (Veterans):

"The American Legion Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation pillar is comprised of programs, services and advocacy efforts that improve the lives of those who served, along with their families and dependents."

We continue to provide support, for the Military Veterans Day Parade Association, for the San Antonio Veterans Day Parade.

<u>Pillar II (National Security):</u>

"The American Legion's position on national defense, homeland security, border control, and military support are all part of a long-held Legion value that the key to peace and world stability is a strong, well-resourced defense."

Pillar III (Americanism)

"For those looking to make differences in their local communities, The American Legion is a great place to start. From Legion Baseball to Boys State/Boys Nation

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to Legion Riders, there are plenty of opportunities to make your mark."

District 20 Oratorical contest was held on 12 Jan. 2019. Our sponsored student for this year did not win but gave a powerful showing; we encourage her to participate again next year.

The Boys State Orientation will be, 8 May 2019, at Post 2. We'll be taking nominations in March for the post. The bus will depart on 9 Jun. 2019 for Austin from Post 2.

Pillar IV (Children & Youth):

"The American Legion's Children & Youth pillar is guided by three main objectives; strengthen the family unit, support organizations that help children in need, and provide communities with well-rounded programs to provide hope and opportunity for young people facing difficult challenges."

Our annual Doughnuts for Teachers will be held on 22 Feb. 2019, at 6 AM, the last Friday of the rodeo, at Leon Valley Elementary School. Please let Commander Spriesterbach know if you are available to help during the event.

We provided support for the Leon Valley "Blue Santa" program, and Golden Corral's "Camp Corral" program.

Membership Booths:

Please refer to our <u>Post online calendar</u> for all membership booth information.

We need volunteers to man all planned events, even if you can only be there for a couple of hours; your help is very much needed and appreciated. Projected dates and locations: SAMS Club/Golden Corral, 10 & 24 Feb. 2019, 10 & 24 Mar. 2019, 10AM-6PM.

POC for all Membership info is Bill England, 210-643-3337.

New Members:

Welcome to all new members. We are proud to have you in our Post.



Renew now for 2018-2019 and become a new member or a Paid-Up-For-Life member. You will be placed in the early-bird drawing for a one-year reimbursement of your dues. Drawings are conducted during the General Meeting.

Miscellaneous:

Remember to log on to the American Legion Web Site (www.legion.org) or visit our Post Web Site at (www.texaspost336.org) or our new Facebook page (Audie L. Murphy American Legion Post 336) to receive the most current information available.

Our location for Texas Charitable bingo is <u>2716</u>
<u>Fredericksburg Road</u>. The nights we have bingo are
Thursday and Friday, at 6-10:30 PM, so go and enjoy the
bingo games. No volunteering is required.

The American Legion is offering an "Extension Course" on their website, this is for anyone who wishes to take it and learn more about our Legion roots and workings,

and it is "Free" for Legion members and \$9.95 for nonmembers. The pin for completion can be purchased through the American Legion *Flags & Emblems* store.

Visit "The American Legion, Centennial page online.

Special Points of Interest:

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Sick Call:

None at this time.

TAPS:

Funeral services were held on 29 Jan. 2019 for Mamie Carol Valentine at Fort Sam Houston.