Hey everyone, Hope all of you had a happy Easter.

Have been hearing a lot of gripes about training. The training committee wants to do training at your post or district but cannot if you don’t request it. They are willing and prepared to train on whatever subjects you request. They are not mind readers so get your request in to them today.

(smarty632@hotmail.com)

Don’t forget the department legion collage training at Willis on 15 and 16 June and at Mount Pleasant on 22 and 23 June.

Congratulations to all the posts that have achieved 100% or more of their assigned membership goal. Have you seen that the first district has reached goal for every post in the district which means that the district has achieved 100%. Andy Lowen, district commander, and all the post commanders certainly are to be congratulated for their efforts congratulated.

Texas is having typical spring storms. If your post home received any damages don’t forget there is emergency relief available through national. It must be in an area that has been declared an emergency disaster area.

Remember the membership year does not end until December 31st so we still have time to recruit, transfer, or renew members to reach goal. Don’t quit now. If any post, district or division needs the help of myself or the vice commander, we are available at your request. We would still like to do revitalizations where needed.

For God and country,
Lloyd O. Buckmaster
Department Commander
2018-2019
Chaplain’s Corner

On most printed calendars, two dates are clearly marked for special recognition for those who served - Veteran’s Day and Memorial Day. (I know my Marine brothers and sisters think there is a third being the Marine Birthday but …Hallmark has not recognized it yet!)

11 Nov marks a day where parades are held, awards are given and our nation and communities celebrate all who have served and are serving. Many Texas Posts open their doors for dinners or open houses, cities give special recognitions and espirit-de-corps abounds.

Memorial Day, on the other hand, is a solemn occasion that sets time aside to remember those who have served and are now serving in Post Everlasting.

Posts will often drape their Charters for those lost during the 12 previous months as we honor those who went before us.

As State Chaplain, my hope is that our Texas Family will use our 100th Memorial Day as an occasion to share and to honor our brothers and sisters from the past by sharing their names and their stories with our own Legion community and those around us. If you need help with ceremonies or prayers, please do not hesitate to ask for help. Our home Post 159 here in Bryan alternates with the local VFW to hold the BCS-wide ceremony but our Honor Guard and our members are present at both which is very meaningful.

One of the weak links in some Posts, Districts, Divisions and even State is communication. When it comes to illness, deaths and hard times, we need to keep everyone up to snuff as to what is needed. On the Chaplain side, each level should have a person in that position and they should know there is a state and a national Chaplain organization. This group is wonderful for powerful prayers, faith-filled ideas and experiences! Our Past Chaplain Harvey Klee made it look easy and he continues to offer ideas and inspiration. All we have to do is ask and the Legion can come thru!

Convention will be here before we know it, plan on attending! It is in Irving so it is drivable! Pray for me and I will pray for you!

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
Chaplain Gerry Hince
Department Chaplain 2018-2019
www.texaschaplains.org
Do you have an article or news announcement to share with the rest of the Department of Texas? If so, please follow these guidelines for submissions.

- Submit your text in Word format (.doc, .docx) or as a text file (.txt or .rtf) or as a PDF.

- Name your article! Create the headline and save with a proper file name so we can easily recognize it.

- Tell us who the author is, whether it’s you or if you are just forwarding it to us.

- Please attach any photos and/or artwork for articles separately (NOT embedded in your text file) as high resolution JPGs (300 dpi, or better). Please name these files accordingly so we can track them along with your article.

Let us know in your e-mail of any corresponding captions, name of the photographer, etc.

- Please spell check everything! Especially people’s names, web addresses, etc. We do our best to catch typos, but sometimes they still slip by. You can help us greatly here by simply running your spell check function in your word processing software.

- E-mail everything directly to times@txlegion.org by the 20th of every month for it to appear in the following issue. This way we have plenty of time to work with in case we need to clarify anything with you.

We hope you enjoy this issue, and hope you continue to help us grow The Legion Times!
American Legion Birthday Celebration at Brenham Post 48

Dept. Commander Lloyd Buckmaster cutting Legion Birthday cake - 2019 with Buddy Wright Post 48 Commander Bill Kendall

Amy Trent - Created this masterpiece of a cake for Legion Birthday 2019. She is the niece of Bob Overkott - member.

Buddy Wright Post 48 Brenham, TX.
ATTENTION FEMALE VETERANS!!!

Hope some of you sent your story into the web site as I shared last month!

Texas has led the way in many American Legion family activities and the Twenty and Four is one of them.

This group is the honor society of female veterans that was formed in the 1950s and over the years since its founding, it has had 8 females from the Lonestar State at its helm. Dorothy Busby was Director 1973-74; Thelma Pugh from 1990-91; Patsy Palmquest 1993-94; Zelda Graves 1997-98; Janet Martin 1999-2000; Connie Jo Popham 2009-1010; Glenda Simon 2010-2011 and yours truly 2018-2019.

In 2019, membership stands at 43 in Texas and although we will make our goal, recruitment is always in style! Contact 2nd Division Commander Sheila Shulte or me for information on membership and plan on attending our meeting at State.

This all-female group provides fellowship, open ears and open hearts and mentors! In addition, we have scholarships to offer!

Time-wise and money wise, it should be doable for most of us.

Think about it, pray about it and contact me! Director Gerry Hince at hince57@msn.com.

American Legion Baseball 2019

As the baseball season is in full swing to all American Legion Post now is the time for you to get involved.

Some important dates to remember:
• May 15 is the deadline for team registration.
• June 1 all Coaches and Background checks must be completed.
• July 15 Baseball Scholarships must be received at the Department by this date.

At the present time we have 5 Senior Teams registered, and 1 Junior Team registered.

Please look at the baseball web page for your information on how to get involved.

Please let me know if I can be of any help.
Don Toohey Baseball Chairman
ddt2e@rocketmail.com
On Friday April 26th Family, Friends, Dignitaries, University Students, and Legionnaires gathered in front of Tarleton State University’s Nursing Building on a beautiful spring day to witness the Bea Marin Statue Dedication. She was a key player in Tarleton State University’s School of Nursing from 2000 until her death in 2008.

“Colonel Marin had the heart and passion of a true servant-leader,” said Tarleton President F. Dominic Dottavio, “instructing nursing students, serving the Stephenville community and tending wounded soldiers and prisoners of war during one of the most difficult times in our nation’s history. It is only fitting that we honor her service, leadership and tireless commitment to create a more caring world. This tremendous piece of art will have a lasting impact on Tarleton students and the Stephenville community for generations to come.”

Marin enlisted as a registered nurse in the Air Force in 1967 and retired in 1993 as the first Hispanic female to earn the rank of full colonel. During the Vietnam War she served at the 12th Air Force Hospital at Cam Ranh Bay in South Vietnam, Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth, and Yokota, Japan.

She was sent back to Vietnam to bring wounded soldiers home, and in 1973 she made three trips to Hanoi to pick up returning American prisoners of war. Other duty stations would follow in the United Kingdom, Arizona, the Philippines, New Mexico, Ohio, California and a return to Carswell AFB. She served Harris Methodist Erath Hospital as a nurse executive from 1994 until she joined the faculty at Tarleton.

Always active within the community, Marin served on the Stephenville City Council from 1997 to 2003. She was a member of many civic organizations including the VFW and The American Legion.

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Serving as 2000-2001 Turnbow-Higgs American Legion Post 240 Commander, USAF Colonel, retired, Bea Marin led the effort to persuade Stephenville City Council to donate 100 burial plots which led to the creation of The American Legion Veterans Field of Honor at West End Cemetery. This project was made necessary when all the burial plots within The American Legion Veterans Field of Honor at East End Memorial Cemetery had been used and was one of Bea Marin’s many contributions to the Stephenville community.

It was a beautiful and memorable day to pay homage to a very deserving American Legion comrade. Turnbow-Higgs American Legion Post 240 is forever grateful and indebted to Past Post 240 Commander Bea Marin for her dedication, devotion and love FOR GOD AND COUNTRY.
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Celebrating our 100th Anniversary of the American Legion of Texas

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CONTACT YOUR POST ADJUTANT TO GET YOURS!

Renew your membership online
Please continue to support your fellow veterans, troops, their families, youth and our nation.

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Go to www.legion.org/renew
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- Both require

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- Bob pays $1,100

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