

Monthly Newsletter



AMERICAN LEGION FRED BROCK POST 828 3415 MARTIN LUTHER KING DR | SAN ANTONIO, TX, 7822.0

SGT FRED BROCK US ARMY

We've always doing something!

AMERICAN LEGION CELEBRATES 105TH BIRTHDAY



On behalf of Fred Brock American Legion Post No. 828, wishing a very Happy 105th Birthday to The American Legion, the largest veteran service organization (VSO) in the world. Give a gift to The American Legion by becoming a part of The American Legion. If you are in San Antonio, Texas, visit our Post located at 3415 Martin Luther King Drive on Monday's, Thursdays, Friday's and Saturday's after 4pm or email me at legion.post.828@gmail.com for membership eligibility. The American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. The organization belongs to the people it serves and the communities in which it thrives. Respectfully, Burrell Parmer, Post 828 Commander. #TheAmericanLegion



SAN ANTONIO – (March 1, 2024) –
Congratulations to Charles Deuron,
Squadron 2nd Vice Commander, Sons of
the American Legion (S.A.L.), who was
presented an appreciation award from
Squadron 828 Commander Thomas Tyler
during Showtime at Post 828. (Photo by
Post Commander Burrell Parmer/828)



Are you a Veteran in crisis or concerned about one? You're not alone-The Veterans Crisis Line is here for you. You don't have to be enrolled in VA benefits or health care to call. **Available 24/7. DIAL 988 THEN PRESS 1, chat live, or tex t 838255**



Congratulations to Fred Brock Auxiliary Unit 828 member and Post 828 Humana Representative Jacqueline Renteria who was honored with the "Yellow Rose of Texas Award" at the Texas Council of Alphas Chapters TCAC 60th Anniversary Convention. Additionally, she received recognition from Humana for her contributions with 'Texas Veterans Boots on the Ground' team by the Veterans Engagement Manager and Legionnaire Andrea Ortiz.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

LEGIONNAIRE MEMBERSHIP

ALA UNIT 828 MEMBERSHIP

GOAL: 397 RENEWALS: 237

NEW: 38 TRANSFERS: 3

PUFL: 39 TOTAL: 317

The Auxiliary reached 100.85% of their membership goal with 119 members.

PERCENTAGE: 79.85%

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Don't forget to renew your membership to Post 828 for 2024. Dues are \$50.00 annually. You do not need to wait for a statement from National HQ. You can renew:

- · online at www.legion.org
- in person at The Post (cash, check, credit/debit card/money order)
- Mail to (Check or money order. Please do not send cash through the mail!):
 American Legion Fred Brock Post No. 828
 PO Box 201946
 San Antonio, TX. 78220
- Members, if you want to keep current on what's happening at 828, please ensure your email
 address is current and able to receive emails. Also, please ensure your phone number is current
 and in the system. You can send your updated information to the Adjutant, she will update the
 National Database and Post Records. Pamela Shepheard, post828.pdo@gmail.com
- Post membership is continually in review, being processed and cards mailed to members. If you
 have paid your 2024 dues and have not received your membership card, let the Adjutant know.
 You can also get your membership card yourself by going to the website https://www.legion.org
- 828 is once again a Closed Post. This means you must be a member in good standing to get in. Your access will be verified by the Bar Staff and/or other Post Executive Board members.
- The election process for 2025 Post Officers is underway.
- SAL Advisor Jerome Harris requested volunteers from The Post to assist at the Zulu's booth during The Taste of New Orleans. Each shift will be two hours long.
- The Post will have a table at "The Taste" to provide information about the American Legion provide visibility for Fred Brock Post 828.

POST FUNDRAISERS

- Veterans Memorial Wall of Honor located in front of Post 828, it is there to honor veterans and their service to the country. Post 828 constructed The Wall to provide a location where the names, rank and period of service of all veterans can be placed permanently. To be placed on the wall the veteran must have served honorably during his or her time on active duty. If the veteran isn't a current or past member of Post 828, one of the following must be submitted with the application:
 - DD Form 214
 - Certificate of Service (National Guard)
 - · Certification of burial at National Veterans Cemetary

Example for name plaque, (limit 25 characters per line including spaces)

Line 1: John A Doe (Name)

Line 2: Msgt, US Air Force (Rank, Branch of Service) Line 3: 1970-1990 (Years of Service)

- License Plate Fundraiser (\$100 per license plate) The plates have a sports theme and the funds
 raised are being used to support Post community activities, membership appreciation activities,
 and Post improvements. The license plates are mounted on a prominent beam on the ceiling of the
 Cantina. \$3500.00 has been raised. Order forms are available in the Cantina. POC is Pam
 Shepheard, Adjutant.
- Memorial Brick Fundraiser (cost varies) The Veteran Honor Wall in front of Post 828 is being
 renovated and part of that will be placing the Memorial Bricks in that special area. Order forms and
 information are available at The Post. Point of Contact is Marcellus Hutchinson, 1st Vice Commander.
 Email: r40photos@gmail.com
- Spirit Basket Raffle The raffle is sponsored by the Auxiliary. There will be two baske ts, and the drawing will be held Memorial Day, 27 May 2024, Monday. Donations of liquor are accepted. The funds collected will be used for Girls State 2025. Tickets cost \$5.00 for one or \$10.00 for three. Tickets are available from Auxiliary members or at The Post Cantina.

POST COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

BOY SCOUTS

To continue supporting Scouting, Fred Brock American Legion Post No. 828 became the charter organization of Cub Scouts Pack 353 which consists of 35 youth.

This will be the second cub scouts pack that the Post serves as the chartered organization. The Post became the chartered organization of Lackland Cub Scouts Pack 561 in December 2022.

"Fred Brock Post 828 supports its youth," said Post Commander Burrell Parmer. "Scouting is a very important program which provides youth with valuable skills."

Article By: Fred Brock Post No. 828 Public Affairs

BOYS/GIRLS STATE

- The Post will be sending ten young men to Boys State.
- The Auxiliary is sending five young ladies to Girls State. One young lady is being sponsored by Post Chaplain Pat Wimberly. A collection was taken during the General Membership Meeting where \$331.00 was raised to sponsor a second attendee. Legion Sgt-at-Arms Fernando Rover contributed the additional \$144.00 needed to complete the \$475.00 participation fee needed. Thank you to all that made donations.

POST NO. 828 EVENT CALENDAR



POST NO. 828 AGENDA

- Apr 5 NCO Appreciation Night featuring Justice Band
- Apr 6 District 20th Convention at Post 593 in Converse
- Apr 15 Tax Day
- Apr 16 Post Nominations of Executive Board/General Membership Meeting
- May 3 NCO Appreciation Night
- May 8 District 20 Texas Boys State Orientation at Post 2
- May 18 NGSA Casino Night at the Post
- May 21 Post Elections of Executive Board/General Membership Meeting
- May 27 Memorial Day

POST 828 MONTHLY MEETINGS

- Board of Trustees 1st Tuesday of the month, 6:00 PM (ZOOM)
- Legionnaires
 - Executive Board 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM (ZOOM)
 - o General Membership Meeting 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM (Post Event Center)
- Auxiliary Meeting 2nd Monday of the month, 6:00 PM (Post Event Center)
- SONs 4th Tuesday, 7:00 PM (Post Event Center)

NCO APPRECIATION NIGHT



5 APR 2024, FRIDAY

BLUES MONDAY & EATS!

- 1 Apr 2024, MONDAY (SONs) Soul Food Plate (Turkey Leg, Dressing, Greens & Corn On the Cob) - \$15.00
- 8 Apr 2024, MONDAY (LEGIONNAIRES) BBQ Plate (Ribs, Chicken, Sausage, Beans, Potato Salad) - \$12 per plate
- 15 Apr 2024, MONDAY (Auxiliary) Spaghetti Plate \$12.00
- 22 Apr 2024, MONDAY (BARRY & KARL) Fried Chicken/Shrimp w/fries & Coleslaw
- 29 Apr 2024, MONDAY -



1 APR 2024



15 APR 2024



8 APR 2024



22 APR 2024

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Post Family! -Always giving Praise to our Lord and Savior.

First, I want to thank those new members and others for coming to the New Member Training held at the Post last Tuesday, and for attending the General Membership Meeting.

A few updates from the General Membership Meeting:

Currently, the Post is at 77% of our membership goal for 2024. If you are a Legionnaire receiving this message and have not paid your 2024 Dues of \$50, you will be removed from the distribution list. I do wish to thank those who have renewed this past month to help us in our membership Goal of 397, which we are currently at 309.

As previously stated, members had until Feb. 28, 2024, to becom e current. On March 1, the Post doors will be

closed to the public. Only 2024 Paid members and their Guests will be allowed entry into the Post. The Post will have Community Days (Open to the Public) on Mondays, First Fridays, Veterans Holidays, and Special Events as approved by the Post Executive Committee. Those who rent the venue are exempt. Legionnaires, Auxiliary and S.A.L. will be required to show their 2024 dues card. For those who have not received their dues card will be verified by membership rosters. Those visitors who are part of the Pool and Dart Teams will be signed in by members of the Post 828 Pool and Dart Teams.

On March 1, we hosted our first Showtime at Post 828. We had a packed house. We learned a lot from our first show and lessons-learned and recommendations to make it better were discussed at the committee meeting held after this past Tuesday's General Membership Meeting. We want to thank Trustee Keith Toney for securing Roundtable Living (Legionnaire-owned) as the next sponsor of Showtime at Post 828 scheduled for 1st Friday, June 7, 2024. We distributed \$500 in cash at the first showtime. If you and someone you know want to sign up, they must do so by Monday, May 13, 2024, at the Post. Please see attached Flyer.

At our January Membership Meeting, the membership approved a capital campaign to pay off the Post's mortgage of approximately \$55,000. We are seeking 150 members to donate \$400 which can be paid upfront or in monthly installments of \$100 starting this month and ending in May. The goal is to pay off the mortgage in May in order to have a mortgage shredding ceremony at the Joint Installations Ceremony in June. In order for the program to be executed, 150 pledges from the membership must be secured. I have legionnaires, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion signing up. Additionally, I do believe in giving incentives for your assistance. The following will be provided for your \$400 donation:

• One free event center rental (good for 2 years)

- Free Donors Appreciation Dinner at the Post with Appreciation Plaque
- Nameplate on new large Plaque to be displayed in the Post
- CDR Parmer will run for another year as Post Commander

To date, approximately 10 – 15 members have signed up for the program.

At the March 19th Meeting, I proposed that all rental fees for the event center be deposited into the Building Fund to be applied to the Post Mortgage. This will continue until the mortgage is paid in full. Additionally, any member or organization that pays the full balance prior to the end of May will receive the benefits from the Capital Campaign. This was unanimously approved. Take advantage of this program now! Those who have already paid for a rental in full are not eligible for the program.

At the General Membership Meeting on April 16, we will have nominations of Post Executive Committee Members, those include the following: Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Judge Advocate, Chaplain, Service Officer, Historian, Sergeant-at-Arms, Executive Committee Placement 1, and Executive Committee Placement 2. Elections will be held prior to the General Membership Meeting on May 21 at the Post.

Also, we will be honoring our Vietnam Veterans and families on National Vietnam War Veterans Day/Good Friday (March 29) at the Post with free food and live entertainment from Systa-XO at 7pm. Continued thanks to HUMANA for providing funding for our annual event. Our NCO Appreciation Night will be held on 1st Friday, April 5 with the selling of fish plates and free live entertainment from the JUSTICE Band.

Kudos to the Auxiliary which reached a membership goal of 100.85% and for a very successful fundraising event at our Showtime at Post 828. They will be selling tickets for a spirit basket to be raffled off on Memorial Day.

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

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Lastly, please, please, please watch out for one another when it comes to alcohol overindulgence. We had a few fender benders in the parking lot last week, to include damage to our fence. When the bartenders cut you off, it's for everyone's safety and not just for you.

As your Post Commander, I am always available if you have any questions or concerns.

Semper Fi,



Cmdr. Burrell Parmer Fred Brock American Legion Post 828 <u>majparmer@gmail.com</u> <u>www.fredbrockpost828.org</u> 210-863-1118

POST 828 OFFICERS

EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Burrell Parmer, Commander
- Marcellus Hutchinson, 1st Vice Commander
- Glenn Robinson, 2nd Vice Commander
- Jerry Farmer, Finance Officer
- Pamela Oliver-Shepheard, Adjutant
- · Patricia Wimberly, Chaplain
- Fernando Rover, Sgt-At-Arms
- Douglas Russell Jr, Judge Advocate
- Barry Andrews, Historian
- Edward Jones, Service Officer
- David Harris, Executive Placement 1
- Karl Lanier Sr, Executive Placement 2

AUXILIARY UNIT 828

- Pamela Money, President
- Annie Ross-Hinton, 1st Vice President
- Joyce Williams, 2nd Vice Commander
- Pamela Oliver-Shepheard, Secretary
- Kathy Robinson, Treasurer
- Gloria Harper, Chaplain
- Janice Flowers, Sgt-At-Arms
- Cora Clay, Financial Secretary
- Toi Johnson, Financial Secretary
- Detriesse O'Neil, Historian
- Reba Bennett, Trainer
- Tesha Leggett, Sunshine Coordinator
- Denise Luckey, By-Laws Coordinator
- Cora Clay, Ladies at Large
- Lois Oliver, Ladies at Large
- Darshania Strait, Ladies at Large

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

- Thomas Tyler, Squadron Commander
- Wendell Nance, 1st Vice Commander
- Charles Deroven, 2nd Vice Commander
- Kasey Evans, Adjutant
- Eddie Douglas II, Chaplain
- · Ed Glover, Historian
- James McCoy, Sgt-at-Arms
- · Frank Jones, Treasurer
- Jerome Harris, Squadron Advisor

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Al Alford, Chairman
- John Rogers, Vice Chairman
- Calvin Bateman, Year 2
- Keith Toney, Year 3
- Ricardo Allen, Year 4
- Michael Nathaniel, Year 5

CONTACT INFORMATION

BUSINESS HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY-FRIDAY-SATURDAY 4:00 PM - 12:00 AM

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