

Newsletter

May 2022



Commander's Message of the Month

Greetings brothers and sisters,

You have heard me say many times before that my job Commander is NOT to lead you, but to INSPIRE you to follow me toward undertaking our primary mission... the Four Pillars of the American Legion. Well, this past year has been nothing short than a whirlwind of successful inspiring missions. With that being said, I want to thank every one of you who have unselfishly stepped-up to follow me throughout this last year.

As you know, the month of May comes with Post elections and a change in command. We will be electing a new round of Officers and Executive Committee members at our next monthly membership meeting on Wednesday, May 4th, 1830hr. Only current members in good standing will be allowed entry into the meeting and allowed to vote. **Members MUST present their current 2022 membership card to vote...no exceptions!**

PUFL's must present their "paper" 2022 membership card as the "plastic" card is not authorized to vote.



If you are not current and wish to renew, you will be allowed to do so before the meeting start.

Every member is highly encouraged to attend and vote.

My term as Commander will come to an end upon the installation of the new Commander in June. The date for the installation ceremony and the "Meet & Greet" party will be announced later. The entire Alamo Post 2 Family will be invited to attend and come out to meet and greet the new leadership.

In closing, let me reiterate that the success of this Post lays within its's unmitigated core mission... the American Legion Four Pillars (Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, Strong National Security, Americanism, Children & Youth). This mission sits squarely on your shoulders, as active Legionnaires, to successfully carry it out to florican. Only you can make a difference. Only you can make Alamo Post 2 stand high and shine brilliantly as the most patriotic flagship Post in Military City USA.

I wish you all that these efforts will keep you inspired to actively participate and get involved in your Post. If you have not had the opportunity to attend our meetings, activities, or ceremonies, please come back to see what we have for you.

Thank you all for your support!

For God, Country, and OPERATION COME-BACK –
"We're Still Here for You"

For God and Country,
Carlos Mendez, USA/USAF Retired
Post Commander

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1st Vice's Messages of the Month

Questions for the membership:

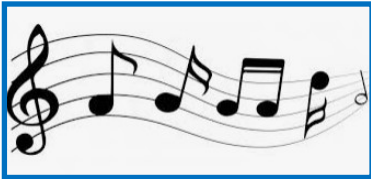
In your opinion what is necessary to bring the membership to the post?

What events would you like to see happening?

We are going to reach our membership goal of 100% for the first time. It would be nice to see everyone together at the post. Let us all ban together for the good of the Legion and help our Veterans in need.

Post Alamo Post 2 Concert Band

Would you like to play in the Alamo Post 2 Concert Band?



Friday Fundraiser Frydays....

The Fish Fry Friday has been a big success! We're expanding the menu to **Chicken Fried Steak** as well. The proceeds directly support our Post.

If you are interested in volunteering to support, please arrive at the Post at 2:30p on Friday.



Howard Gravely

1st Vice Commander

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2nd Vice's Message of the Month

Boys State Program



The Boys State Program has been around over 75 years and is one of the better programs out of the 238 programs that the American Legion has. This program has been a door opener for those who have completed it. On the last day of program there will be 20 collages there to meet with the delegate and his parent. Many collages have a Boys State box on their applications.

Post 2 is working with three local schools and we have seven delegates to attend Boys State.

Thank you for your generous support of this excellent program!

Beck Steiner

2nd Vice Commander

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Adjutant's Correspondence

Keep your addresses up to date

Mailing address:

As you may or may not know, one of the benefits to your membership is the Legion magazine which comes every month. If you do not receive your monthly magazine you may have entered the “undeliverable zone.” A member becomes undeliverable



when mail from the Legion is returned at least twice from the post office. There are three possible reasons for this: (1) the member moves and does not process the mail forwarding documentation; (2) a glitch that occurs at the American Legion HQ where the system “reads” the address is wrong when it is actually correct; (3) the member is deceased.

How can you correct your address?

If you recently moved and have not received the Legion magazine, you can call or send a note to us and we will look into it. We have a report for undeliverable but most of the time, an undeliverable has no phone number or email in their member profile.

Email address:

In early March, I sent an email out to the entire Post concerning the Alamo Post 2 Family membership drive and roundup and then I sent another email detailing March events such as The American Legion birthday and Medal of Honor Day.

There were a number of returned or undeliverable emails for both. If you did not receive either of these emails, please contact me at with your correct email so that we can keep you apprised on what we are doing at your Post.



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Events



- ◆ **Post Ever Lasting:** Memorial event on April 2nd for Legionnaire, John "Bar Fly"
- ◆ **20th District Spring Convention:** Post 2 was honored to host the district meeting on Saturday and Sunday, April 23rd and 24th.

Top photo: Texas State Commander, Bret Watson attending Spring Convention

Bottom photo: Congrats to Legionnaire Danny Muth who was elected to serve as the next 20th District Commander



- ◆ **Election of Post 2 Officers:** Elections will be held at the General Membership meeting on Wednesday, May 4th.
- ◆ **Memorial Day Recognition Event:** On Saturday, May 28th the American Legion has been honored with the opportunity to read the names of those Veterans who were interned within the past year at Fort Sam Houston VA National Cemetery. Due to ongoing construction, the reading of the names will be held at Shelter #5 beginning at 0800. Post members who would like to participate in this event are encouraged to do so. There are between 2,500 - 3,000 names to read. You may read one name or a page of names.

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Useful Info and Links

Complete American Legion Basic Training

I would like to encourage all members, new and long-time, to complete the American Legion's Basic Training Course which is the best and most convenient way to gain basic knowledge of who we are and what we do.

Many legionnaires want to become stronger leaders and only need the opportunity making continuous training and education programs necessary at every level post, district, county and department. We would like you to especially pay attention to what's included in each of the four pillars.

Learn about the Legion's history and programs by completing the Basic Training course. The newly redesigned course includes videos, digital photos, clickable links, a historical timeline and more. It should take less than two hours to complete.

Print your completion certificate and bring it to the General Membership Meeting where you will be recognized and receive your choice of pin for your cap.

Go to www.legion.org/training today!



Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has a new and easy to use app

Veterans can manage their VA healthcare and benefits on the mobile device.

Use the app to manage common tasks like

- 1) checking your claim status
- 2) communicating with your VA health care team via a secure and private message
- 3) access your VA benefit letters

The free app called, **VA: Health and Benefits** is available for both iPhone and Android at the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store



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***Thank you for reading this
month's newsletter!***

***Looking forward to seeing you
again next month!***



The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness.
















American Legion Alamo Post 2

Social Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Band practice 	4 Meeting General Membership 1st Wed at 6:30p Election of Post Officers 	5	6 Fundraiser Friday  CHICKEN FRIED STEAK DAY	7
8	9	10 Band practice 	11	12	13 Fundraiser Friday  CHICKEN FRIED STEAK DAY	14
15	16	17 Band practice 	18	19	20 Fundraiser Friday  CHICKEN FRIED STEAK DAY	21
22	23	24 Band practice 	25 Meeting Executive Committee 4th Wed at 6:30p 	26	27 Fundraiser Friday  CHICKEN FRIED STEAK DAY	28 Roll Call Reading of Names Fort Sam VA National Cemetery 0800 at Shelter 5 
29	30 	31 Band practice 				

Contact Corner

Fish Fry	Call in orders for pick-up	508.254.7303	
Band Practice	1st Vice Howard Gravley	508.254.7303	
Hall Rental	Lola Hinojosa	210.685.3130	Rental Fees: \$1,800 Hall; \$800 Canteen