

**Detachment of Texas** 

**Commander's Travel Notes** 

February 16, 2023

To all proud possessors of a priceless heritage:

I just left Bryan, Texas the home of Earl Graham Post 159 The American Legion to attend our illustrious Department Commander Homecoming celebration. It was a gathering of the Commander's family and old friends. Some of whom were instrumental in her rise to success.

The occasion began with a social hour which is always great as a warm-up to what is to come. We then move into the Event Ballroom where we rendered a salute to the flag of our great country, recite the pledge of allegiance, and said an opening prayer. Then we indulged in the wonderful buffet-style meal that was offered.

This event allows your friends and family to either roast or toast you. Most rose to their feet to toast Commander Gerry Hince. These niceties alone speak volumes about her character. Of course, if you have ever been lucky enough to speak with the Commander you know she is one of the nicest, most upbeat, and most positive people you will ever meet. Every time we met for a chat her conversation has always been one of positivity and encouragement.

There were wonderful heartfelt words between John and Gerry Hince that you would expect from the love that has grown over more than 50 years of marriage. Then there was the gift-giving. Commander Gerry Hince wrapped up the evening with words of encouragement to live by for the entire Legion family. Words for me anyway that were thought-provoking.

Thank you Commander I will continue to serve at your pleasure.

Honoring our priceless heritage

**Clifton Guillory** 

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