

Detachment of Texas

Commander's Travel Notes August 17, 2022

Just when I thought I could not be more proud to be the Detachment Commander of Texas I was proven wrong. After being allowed to attend the The American Legion Department of Texas Division/District Commander's training in Austin last week and by the way I was honored to do so I left from there and went to Uvalde, Texas to meet and greet some of the most appreciative people on earth.

Our own Past Detachment Commander Brad Pack and his team organized, fund raised, shopped and delivered enough back packs with school supplies for the school year, blankets and shoes for almost 600 students. Brad please submit a list of all the Legion Posts, Units, SAL's and Riders that contribute and joined us for this outstanding event held at Post 479. Also thanks goes out to Post 479 Commander Jose Saucedo and his wife Jeanette Post 479 Auxiliary Unit President for their warm, friendly and energetic hospitality.

After talking with some of the families that were victims of what I call the ultimate tragedy I was left heartbroken. This should never happen again.

Post 479 Commander introduced us, the state officers and explained to the parents that we were part of The American Legion family and we were there because our mission is to take care of our veterans, their families and their communities. I addressed all who was there with greetings from the Detachment, followed by the Department President Myra Cooper and then

Past 2<sup>nd</sup>Division Commander spoke on behalf of Department Commander Gerry Hince.

I promised that I would be back and I will. Also Post 479 has 15 eligible individuals ready to start a new squadron.

Honoring our priceless heritage

Clifton Guillory Commander, Detachment of Texas