

Commander's report
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My first official duty after being elected to this office was to go to League City and participate in the American Legion baseball tournament as an ambassador from The Sons of The American Legion. The night before the tournament started, I went to The American Legion Post 554 in League City and met up with the Department Commander and the Department President. We were escorted to our designated seats and introduced to everyone present, both players and members. I was called upon to start the speeches and I wadded up my prepared speech and instead gave a speech meant to bring a sense of fair play and sportsmanship to the players and a sense of community and Americanism to all. The next morning we went to the baseball field and I went out to the pitchers mound and threw what turned out to be a nasty curveball. It definitely had the distance to make it past homebase, but I wasn't about to try another pitch in fear of actually hurting someone. The first game lasted 4 hours and ended by 1 point. I was impressed by the level of sportsmanship and fair play these teams showed.

My next trip was to Killeen/Harker Heights to help Squadron 573 at the Armed Forces YMCA with passing out back to school backpacks and lunch boxes. After we finished passing out the backpacks we were given a tour of the facility and shown, among other things, their food pantry as well as where the turkey meals were passed out. I must admit that I was impressed with what they do and how appreciative they truly are with everything that we do to help out.

Then, I went to the National Convention in Louisville, Ky. I bought the most dreadful cowboy hat I could find at DFW airport. It was painted red white and blue with 1 white star on the front that screamed TEXAS! After checking into the hotel, I received a call to pick up all of the Sons registration packets so that I could take care of that starting the next morning and Adjutant West would have one less headache to worry about. Arriving at the convention center the next morning I found out that the Commander's training that has been conducted at the National convention has been moved to the spring. This gave me more time to network with other States, enjoy the sights of Louisville, and just have a better convention experience. A side note about Louisville, Ky. For those unfamiliar, it is the Bourbon capital of the U.S. there are tasting bars all over the main area around the convention center.

I was asked to represent us at a presentation of Quilts of Valor this past Friday. it is a national group of quilters who present quilts to Veterans and Active duty personnel who suffer from PTSD. I had a minor role in this, but these Veterans perked up big time when I gave them, and their kids, my Commander's pin. Every one of them put that pin on and were talking to each other about how there was someone from the State level who had actually shown up for this presentation. There were only 6 recipients of these quilts, I did not have to speak, and we fed them afterwards.