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The American Legion, Department of Texas

Jordon Trinta
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July 28, 2026

Dear Jordon:

Congratulations! You have been selected as The American Legion, Department of Texas Most Outstanding Player for the 2026 State Baseball Tournament. You have earned \$1000.00 in scholarship funds. Through the generosity of The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Texas. **Following your graduation from high school, please present this letter to the registrar of the college or university where you enroll and ask them to notify this office of your enrollment and how they desire this scholarship to be paid. Generally, it is paid directly to the registrar and credited to your account. You have twelve (12) months from the date of your graduation to receive your scholarship.**

If you have questions, please contact me.

Michael A. Simon

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CC: Danny Muth, Department Commander
Bill West, Department Adjutant
Gary Sanders, Department Treasurer
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Ed Parnell, Detachment Commander
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George Alva, Detachment Treasurer

Detachment Commander Dorsett's Final Report

2025-2026

On July 22, 2025, we traveled to Brenham, for Legion Baseball, accompanied by our grandson Mason. That evening, I had the honor of addressing the teams during the banquet. The following morning, July 23, I threw one of three ceremonial first pitch's from the pitcher's mound across home plate; it bounced only once. We attended two games that day and later visited the Blue Bell Ice Cream Factory, where we enjoyed excellent ice cream.

On July 24th, we left for Fort Hood, stopping along the way at Lake Somerville to fish before continuing to Harker Heights for a meeting at Post 573 about school supplies for Fort Hood. During our Friday morning break, Linda, Mason, and I fished at Lake Belton. On Saturday morning, we went to Fort Hood to hand out school supplies to military families, then began the long drive home that afternoon.

On Thursday afternoon, July 31st, we traveled to Fort Bliss in El Paso to distribute lunch bags and school supplies. The SAL donated 1,000 lunch bags and 500 backpacks. It was an exciting event as children and their parents came in to choose a backpack and receive a lunch bag.

After a brief break in my schedule, we flew to Tampa Bay on August 21st for the National Convention. I attended

Commander School and received my Commander pin. We enjoyed looking out of our hotel room to the beautiful sights. Water! Lots of water and boats of all sizes dock along the piers. We rode the old fashion trolley and got to see many sites! It was a great convention. We returned home on August 27th exhausted but grateful to have visited the state of Florida.

On September 18, we traveled to Austin for the fall DEC. Friday evening, we attended the Homecoming for Department Commander Rich Huntley, followed by the S A L awards banquet on Saturday evening. My Wife Linda was introduced to the S A L members and guests by formal first lady Robin Alva and crowned First Lady. Our grandson Mason was able to join us. We had a wonderful time.

The following Friday afternoon September 26th we went to Kerrville, Linda had an Auxiliary Leadership training meeting at Unit 208. Mason and I hooked up with Brett Kleepsies from 208 for a little fishing.

In October, Saturday the 11th we did a day trip to Amarillo's Post 54 for a joint American Legion family meeting. There was two couples that came to the meeting that had heard of the Post at a local event and that day the Post signed up a veteran, a S A L member and the Auxiliary also gained 2 new members.

On October 18, I participated in a golf tournament hosted by Midland Squadron 19.

On the 19th my home post 430 in Odessa hosted American Legion Family fall festival. There was games, jumping castles and a lot of cakes, cupcakes and cookies to give away at the cake walk booth. We had a great turn-out, lots of children of all ages.

Our next road trip was on October the 24th we left for Ennis, TX. for the 6th District Convention.

Participate in the S A L meeting on Saturday morning, then enjoyed a delicious meal that evening. The Convention held a bake good raffle and I won several cakes. The best cake was a homemade lion cake! It sure did taste good!!

November 3, we traveled to Waco Texas, and toured VA hospitals in both Waco and Temple. Each facility offers a variety of programs supporting homeless veterans, women veterans, those affected by PTSD, and others in need. The visits were an eye-opening experience, and we left deeply impressed by the dedication shown throughout these veterans' services.

On November 10, we traveled to Mineral Wells for Veterans Day on November 11. Post 75 hosted a memorial celebration

honoring our veterans. Seeing the entire Mineral Wells school district attend and participate made the event a truly remarkable experience.

Thanksgiving was especially meaningful this year because my project focused on raising funds to support our military service members and their families. My goal was to raise \$10,000 to purchase commissary gift cards so they could buy a turkey or other meat or the items needed for a complete Thanksgiving meal.

Fort Bliss in El Paso held its giveaway on Thursday, so we drove there Wednesday evening. It was deeply rewarding to distribute gift cards to junior enlisted personnel on the base. The line of cars waiting to receive a gift card and a bag of items for a wholesome Thanksgiving dinner was unbelievable. David Blair from El Paso SAL Squadron 36 came to assist, and even the cold winds could not deter us from serving our military families.

As the new year began, our first trip of 2026 was to Austin for the Mid-Winter Conference. While there, we attended the GNUTTS Ceremony, which was both crazy but fun. The three of us completed the test without making a sound.

February 16 was a trip to Lubbock for the Department Oratorical competition. These students were very impressive. Each one had their own style of presentation.

February 28th, we attended Madam President Leigh-Anne Stewart's Homecoming in Huntsville

In April, we made two trips to San Angelo Post 572. The first was to unveil the S A L squadron new charter, and we were later invited back for the Post's official grand opening.

Also, in April, we made our way down to Willis, for an bbq cookoff. These people know how to cook! It was so much fun to judge but the only draw back was due to medication that I was prescribed, all I could drink was water.

May was a month of traveling through the state. It is the month for the Division Conventions and Memorial Day. We attended all Division Conventions. At each convention, I had the opportunity to meet extraordinary members of the American Legion Family. Seeing so many different parts of Texas was amazing.

Memorial Day, I helped our Post to set out flags on our veterans graves at one of our local cemetery. At the Memorial Day Ceremony, I was honored to lay our S a L Squadron Wreath at the Memorial wall.

June 12th, I attended the closing ceremony of the Texas Boy State. There were over 1000 boys that attended. I, along with the Department Commander and Department Auxiliary President brought greetings and we were fortunate to meet the guest speaker Retired 4 star Army General Vincent Brooks.

Upon returning home, I participated in our Post Legion Family Flag Day Ceremony, where more than 250 flags were properly retired under the supervision of one of our local fire stations.

From the start of this tour, I had heard many past detachment commanders speak highly of their Fourth of July experience in McAllen. I now understand why. The hospitality of the Post, especially S A L Squadron 37, was outstanding. The way McAllen celebrates our nation's birthday was incredible—it felt like stepping back in time and witnessing true patriotism. Everywhere we looked, people were honoring our country and showing their love for our Veterans and active military personnel.

Thank you all for this incredible opportunity to have served as your Commander. I am truly grateful to all who offered great advice and supported me this past year.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Chaplain Detachment of Texas

Jun 30, 2026

CHAPLAIN'S YEAR-END REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

"All praise to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...who comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us." (2 Corinthians 1: 3-4)

This report covers the membership year 2025-2026. The focus is on moral integrity, service, and fostering spiritual growth.

	Jul-Dec 2025	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
PASTORAL CARE AND VISITATION	79 Hr.	40	14	22	36	28	38	257
Including Key Items:							(Minus Cards)	
A. Visitation	30	13	2	10	15	10	16	
B. Support for Bereaved Families	2	1	2		2	3	6	
C. SAL Chaplain Prayers (Numerous)								
D. Calls, Emails	47	26	10	12	19	15	16	
E. Cards	16	1	6		2	4	5	
RITUALS AND CEREMONIES	113 Hr.	14	15	15	21	32	21	219
Including Key Items:								
A. Funerals, Celebrations of Life	8		1		1	6	5	
B. Squadron Everlasting Resolutions	6	1	1		2	3	3	
C. Invocation, Benediction/Meetings	27	12	12	12	10	10	12	
D. Holidays and Patriotic Events	22	1	1	3		5	1	
E. Conventions								
1. 14 th District					8			
2. 3 rd Division						8		
3. Department/Detachment	50							

	Jul-Dec 2025	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
MORAL AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH: 59 Hr. Including key items:	12	8	10	9	2		2	102

A. Monthly "Chaplain's Corner" 19 at Detachment web pages	6	2	4	4	2	2	
B. Monthly "Men's Breakfast" 4 Freedom Fellowship Church	2	2	2	1	0	0	
C. Monthly Chaplain Training 19 Alamo Corps, IFOC	2	4	4	4	0	0	
D. Dev Pres, Chaplains Tng 14 (District 14 and 3 rd Division)	2	0	0	0	0	0	

COMMUNITY OUTREACH 95 Hr.	5	10	26	19	13	14	182
Including these key items:							

A. SAL "Quilt of Honor" ceremony 1 hour							
B. Duty at "Traveling Vietnam Wall" 2 hours							
C. "Wreaths Across America" 4 hours							
D. "Prayer Team" Requests, (local) 40 hours (New Braunfels)		6	15	18	6	10	
E. Veterans Outreach Center 6 hours			6				
(1) "Coffee and Camaraderie" 4 hours	1	1	1		2		
(2) Veteran's Information Fair 2 hour			1		1		
F. Weekly "Coffee with the Seniors" 25 hours	4	3	3	1	4	4	
G. Children and Youth							
(1) Halloween "Trunk or Treat" 3 hours							
(2) "Community Christmas" Party 4 hours							
(3) American Legion Oratory) 4 hours							

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Expenditures: (None claimed)

CONCLUSION

The Chaplain maintains dedication to fulfilling the duties and responsibilities of service to Community, State, and Nation.

Serving God and Country,


BRAD HENDERSON
Chaplain

Detachment of Texas

Sons of The American Legion



Outlook

Commander's Report - District 14

From Kenneth Henderson <bradh2293@gmail.com>**Date** Mon 4/27/2026 11:05 AM**To** Kevin Winkelmann <knwink@msn.com>**Cc** khdorsett <kh.dorsett@yahoo.com>

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DIST CDR YEAR END RPT.docx;

Good Morning,

District 14 had our Spring Convention this past Friday and Saturday, April 24-25.

I am forwarding the Commander's End-of-Year Report for District 14.

The accomplishments of the District are too many to list, but I have highlighted some of the more significant ones.

I have learned much and have enjoyed my command term and am comfortable handing the District over to capable hands.

You may have already received the certification for the new slate of officers. District Adjutant Eddy Seegers is fast and efficient!

The new officer slate for District 14 is:

COMMANDER: Bobby DeLeon, Squadron 364

VICE COMMANDER: Ruben Alaniz, Squadron 99

(Acting) ADJUTANT: Brad Henderson, Squadron 245

FINANCE OFFICER: Kevin Baker, Squadron 245

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Bubba Krause, Squadron 179

CHAPLAIN: Richard Flores, Squadron 364

HISTORIAN: Robert Crawford, Squadron 245.

Meanwhile, I plan to continue to serve the Sons of The American Legion as your Detachment Chaplain.

Serving God and Country,

Brad Henderson

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Commander, District 14 Detachment of Texas

Apr 24, 2026

COMMANDER'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

"...but whosoever would be great among you must be your servant..." (Matthew 20: 26)
This report covers the membership year 2025-2026. The focus is on service to the community, state, and nation. The Commander developed and presented training to individual squadrons, and to the 14th District.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: **BEST IN STATE, 4 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS!** (Jan-Apr '26)

A. Top Performing Squadrons (Percent of Goal):

1. Squadron 369, Westhoff – 510%	July 2024: 98%
2. Squadron 364 Corpus Christi – 233%	68%
3. Squadron 363, Rockport – 117%	112%
4. 99, Kingsville – 106%	100%

B. D14 Goal: 212 members

C. D14 Achieved: 257 members – **121%** July 2024: 99%

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES:

A. Consolidated Post Reports

1. AMERICANISM

- First Responders Breakfast (September 11)
- Charity Golf Tournament

2. CHILDREN AND YOUTH

- Cancer Patient Fundraiser
- Flag Presentation
- Scholarship Committee (assisting The American Legion)
- Seguin HS Art Department paints outdoor and indoor murals at the Post.

3. VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION

- "Coffee & Camaraderie" at the Veterans Outreach Center
- Quilts of Honor
- "Be The One" Walk (supporting suicide prevention)
- Sentry Duty, Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall

B. VETERANS EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION: Veterans Information Fair

C. TRAINING AND COMMUNICATION:

- a. District Training (Officer Training)
- b. Chaplain Training
- c. Squadron Visitation and Evaluation:
 - 1. Visitation has been limited; an area for improvement.
 - 2. Membership and initiatives reflect an increased interest in SAL
 - 3. Overall communication has been poor and needs improvement.

D. UPCOMING EVENTS:

- a. 3rd Division Convention – May 16th, Post 2, San Antonio
- b. "Flying Flags for Heroes" – May 23rd, Squadron 245, Seguin
- c. Memorial Day – May 25th
(Including presentation honoring vets to seniors, and ceremony at cemetery)
- d. Independence Day – July 4th (250th Anniversary of the United States)
- e. Department of Texas Convention – Jul 7-12th, Austin
- f. American Legion National Convention – Aug 27-Sep 3, Louisville, KY

CHALLENGES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. Challenge:

- 1. Identify a standard form of communication across D14 (Facebook, email, etc.)
- 2. Maintain good relations between SAL and the Legion Family.
- 3. Identify and address training needs.

B. Action Plan:

- 1. Improve communication horizontally across the District.
- 2. Improve communication vertically, squadron to District.
- 3. Improve communication between commanders of SAL and Legion.
- 4. Identify readily available training resources, and develop training as needed.

CONCLUSION

The Commander maintains dedication to fulfilling the duties and responsibilities of service to Community, State, and Nation, with a continued emphasis on positive thinking and problem solving.

Respectfully Submitted,

BRAD HENDERSON
Commander
District 14, Texas
Sons of The American Legion



Outlook

1st District Spring Convention 2027

From Bobby Baker <legion1dis@aol.com>**Date** Sat 8/8/2026 1:30 PM**To** billw@txlegion.org <billw@txlegion.org>; KNWINK@msn.com <KNWINK@msn.com>

The 1st District set it's Spring 2027 Convention for March 6, 2027, to be held at Post 210 Mount Pleasant.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY - *VETERANS STRENGTHENING AMERICA*

Bobby Baker

1st District

Adjutant