

Veterans of Foreign Wars Motorcycle Group

Report to C of A

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Since the formation of the VFW Motorcycle Group in June of 2005, we have grown at a rate that no one could have expected. The VFW Motorcycle Group has grown into exactly what it was intended to be. It has become an asset to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliaries. The VFW Motorcycle Group has helped with numerous charitable programs that are not only important to the VFW and its Auxiliaries, but to the communities that our Units support. The VFW Motorcycle Group is continually coming up with new and interesting ways to help their chosen charities and to attract local Veterans and their families to join the VFW. We have found that when a veteran joins their local VFW specifically to join the VFWMG, they are generally more active in their post and its activities. The VFWMG has been very successful in recruiting new members. The VFWMG brings members together in a kind of kinship that can only be matched with that of Veterans who served. There is an understanding that only comes from someone who has been there.

In the six months since our last report, the number of Units in the State of Texas has grown to 15 with the addition of Unit 11 at Post 6386 in Ingleside, Unit 12 at Post 5398 in Pittsburg, Unit 13 at Post 6797 in Post, Texas, Unit 15 at Post 2137 in Azle and Unit 16 at Post 12058 in Kyle, TX. In addition to that, there is Unit 17 coming in at Duncanville, Unit 19 in Granbury and Unit 20 in New Braunfels will be on board shortly.

Our membership is growing every day. At the present time, we have a membership of 650 total consisting of 423 VFW Rider members, 37 VFW Non riding support members, 121 Ladies Aux. Members and 71 Mens Aux. Members.

Out of this, 10 Units reported in their After Action Reports having completed over 106 projects with at least 2424 Volunteers spending at least 28,316 volunteer hours, have ridden over 133,152 miles, spending \$57,596.00 and have raised at least \$79,657.00 for their activities including Community Service, MAP, Youth Activity and many other projects to help their local communities. (The projects are too numerous to go over individually, so you may refer to the handout for the reports of individual Units.) These activities are all reported thru their Post community Service report forms and VFWMG After Action Reports. These numbers come from 10 of our 16 current Units, some of which are relatively new and have not had the opportunity to hold an event that they could report on by the writing of this report. Additionally, I am sure that there are many

other projects that our Units hosted or participated in that they haven't sent in a report on as yet.

At our State Convention last June, the VFWMG formed a State Council of Units to help take care of the day to day operations of our organization and I am happy to report that this step in our growth was the correct one to make. They are stepping right up to the challenge. I have every confidence that the Veterans of Foreign Wars Motorcycle Group is going to continue to grow and will continue to be an asset to the VFW in the Department of Texas.

After Action Report Totals for 2008:

UNIT	#OF REPORT	# OF VOLUNTEERS	# OF HOURS	# OF MILES	\$ SPENT	\$ RAISED
1 The Woodlands	0	0	0	0.0	\$0.00	\$0.00
2 Abilene	0	0	0	0.0	\$0.00	\$0.00
3 Alvarado	15	167	2696	21984.0	\$10,167.58	\$1,124.00
4 Midland	83	1402	11875	65063.0	\$26,512.92	\$34,385.00
5 Austin	19	142	1578	11402.0	\$5,006.00	\$6,595.00
6 Amarillo	11	148	695	1250.0	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
7 Freeport	7	35	395	1742.0	\$4,195.75	\$2,345.00
8 San Antonio	0	0	0	0.0	\$0.00	\$0.00
9 El Paso	0	0	0	0.0	\$0.00	\$0.00
10 Hewitt	15	68	58	1435.0	\$150.00	\$30,473.18
11 Ingleside	2	125	6838	1009.0	\$1,716.00	\$2,460.00
12 Pittsburg	1	13	8	160.0	\$100.00	\$300.00
13 Post	0	0	0	0.0	\$0.00	\$0.00
14 Harker Heights	11	203	2889	22377.0	\$2,368.30	\$750.00
15 Azle	8	74	1076	4290.0	\$5,380.00	\$659.00
16 Kyle	2	47	208	2440.0	\$0.00	\$566.00
17 Duncanville	0	0	0	0.0	\$0.00	\$0.00
18 Mexia	0	0	0	0.0	\$0.00	\$0.00
19 Grandbury	0	0	0	0.0	\$0.00	\$0.00
20 New Braunfels						
	174	2424	28316	133152.0	\$57,596.55	\$79,657.18