

V.F.W.M.G.
The Woodlands Post #12024
State Convention June 28, 2008
VFWMG Report

The forming of the VFW Motorcycle Group was a dream of the Late, Past State Cmdr., John Fair as well as his Sr. Vice and Jr. Vice Commanders. I was in-trusted by the three of them to organize and start the VFWMG, and what an honor it has been. The Motorcycle Group is just what we had hoped it would be. It has become an asset to the VFW Post and Auxiliaries to help with programs and especially their membership. We now have a total of 425 members; 267 VFW, 31 VFW Support, 78 Ladies Auxiliary and 49 Men's Auxiliary members that have joined, since we got the Department Council of Administrative permission at the State Convention in June of 2005 to organize. It has become a great recruiting tool and it attracts younger as well as older veterans to have a reason to join in the ranks of the VFW and become active with the Post. Motorcycle Riders have a kind of closeness that can only be matched with that of Veterans. There is an understanding that only someone who rides can really understand, just as the understanding between Veterans can only be understood by a Veteran. When you combine those two understandings, wow what a force to work with.

The Units have reported completing over 384 projects, with well over 9,612 hours and \$ 246,160.18 for all of the activities, including but not limited to Community Service, MAP and Youth Activity Dollars that have been reported on their Post VFW C.S. Report forms. These totals are from just 6 of the 9 Units and just since the January Mid-Winter Report. But all have been reported on the Post C.S. reports and those numbers are astonishing. Please see the attached Report for a more detail reporting of activities. As a group we have grown faster than anyone, even myself, ever thought we would or ever could. So now it is time to take the next step. We are setting up a State Council of Units to help take care of all of the day to day operations it takes to make this organization work. The Council will be made up of Officers of the Units themselves. This is just the next step in growing and can only help us to become even more of an asset to the VFW.

I would like to thank, this years Commander, Al Cantu for allowing me to be his Motorcycle Group Coordinator. However, it is time for someone with new ideas to step and take our group to the next level. Forming the Motorcycle Group was a big dream for me that has become a reality. The incoming Commander, Jerry Murphy has appointed Dennis Montgomery from Unit 3 out of Alvarado to be his Special Programs Chairman. I have total confidence and trust that Dennis will be a great chairman, and as his Co-Chair I look forward to working with him during the next year.

After a short break from the District, I am about to embark on a 3rd term as the District 17 Commander. I have a lot of ideas I wish to accomplish in my District and will need the time to do so. I am looking forward to working with the income Cmdr. Jerry Murphy, as one of his District Commanders and hope to be an asset in helping to make his year a success.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norm Brawner

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VFWMG – Unit 1-12024 President

After Action Reports on Runs and Activities

Unit 1-12024 – The Woodlands

This Unit has completed the following since Mid-Winter in January 2008 –
119 Projects - **40** Volunteers, for **1,024** Hrs., & **21,461** Miles = **\$ 28,891.95** in Comm. Dollars.
93 Patriot Guard Runs to welcome home, send off and escort to funerals - **\$ 5,293.64**
19 Veterans Support and their Family Projects - **\$7,667.63**
2 Operation Automation Projects – To San Antonio BAMC Hospital Rehab - **\$ 10,528.68**
1 Unmet Needs Project - **\$ 5,402.00**
They have signed up **6** New Life Members to the Post 12024 and Auxiliary,
and are in the process of starting a Men’s Auxiliary at the Post as well.

Unit 3-9299 – Alvarado

This Unit has completed the following since Mid-Winter in January 2008 –
3 Projects – **61** Volunteers, for **700** Hrs., & **\$ 16,858.62** in Community Dollars.
1 Post Fundraiser to help post raise funds - **\$ 1,859.75**
1 Unmet Needs Project - **\$ 14,111.09**
1 Buddy Poppy Project - **\$ 887.78**
They have signed up **19** New Members to the Post and Auxiliaries.

Unit 4-4149 – Midland

This Unit has completed the following since Mid-Winter in January 2008 –
230 Projects - Approximately **5750** Hrs., for **\$ 173,350** in Community Dollars.
200 Patriot Guard Runs - **\$ 3,500.00**
7 Americanism Honor Vet Rides **\$15,350.00**
2 Hospitalized Vet Projects - **\$ 8,500.00**
3 Youth Projects - **\$ 97,700.00**
6 MAP – Helping Vets & Family - **\$ 21,400**
4 MAP Packages Projects - **\$ 9,000.00**
2 MAP & Membership Project and Functions - **\$ 1,750.00**
1 MAP – Adopt a Unit - **\$ 1,500.00**
1 Buddy Poppy Projects - **\$ 50.00**
1 Gold Star Mothers - **\$ 300.00**
1 Unmet Needs – State Run - **\$ 800.00**
1 Helping Post Home Projects - **\$ 13,000.00**
1 Nursing Home - **\$ 500.00**
They have signed up **68** New Members to the Post and Auxiliaries.

Unit 5-8787 – Austin

This Unit has completed the following since Mid-Winter in January 2008 –
17 Projects - **93** Volunteers, for **361** Hrs., & **\$ 10,991.77** in Community Dollars.
6 Youth Projects - **\$ 3,339.18**
5 MAP – Family Support Projects - **\$ 5,866.89**
3 PGR Runs - **\$ 256.80**
1 Hospital Funds - **\$ 187.85**
2 Americanism – Honor Vets – **\$ 1,341.05**
They have signed up **6** New Members to the Post and Auxiliary.

Unit 6-1475 – Amarillo

This Unit has completed the following since Mid-Winter in January 2008 –
9 Projects – **55** Volunteers, for **455** hrs., & **\$ 3,822.00** in Community Dollars.
4 Americanism – Honor Vets - **\$ 1,213.25**
2 Americanism – Community Parades - **\$ 507.50**
2 Community Projects - **\$ 1,456.25**
1 MAP – Family Support - **\$ 645.00**
They have signed up **11** New Members to the Post and Auxiliary.

Unit 14-3892 – Harker Heights

This Unit is our newest Unit which formed after Mid-Winter in January 2008 –
They have completed the following since then –
6 Projects – **146** Volunteers, for **1,322** hrs., & **\$ 12,245.84** in Community Dollars.
2 Americanism Projects - **\$ 698.93**
2 MAP Projects - **\$ 1,135.91**
1 MAP / Buddy Poppy Drive Project - **\$ 10,046.00**
1 Youth Project - **\$ 365.00**
They have signed up **30** New Members to the Post and Auxiliary.