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AT DISTRICT COMMANDERS CONFERENCE



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NEWS NEEDED

Commanders, we need news of what's happening in your outpost/section on special events, ideas for fund raisers, achievements, etc. Send your news to:

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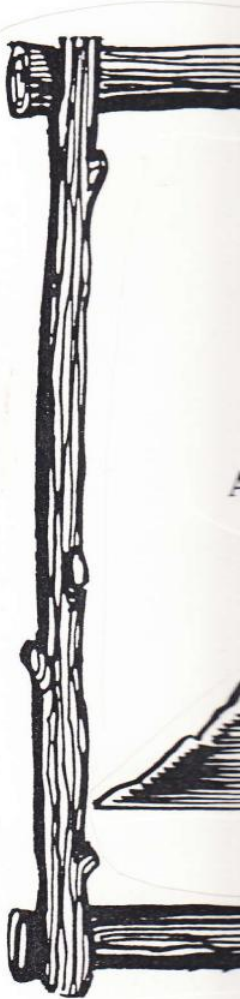
The deadline for the information for the next newsletter is March 1, 1992. Please send us your information as soon as possible.



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Gold Medals of Achievement

There have been 18 young men in our District who have earned their Gold Medal of Achievement. We commend you for this accomplishment. The 18 young men are:

Sam AlenTrinity Church, Cedar Hill
Jeff AndersonCalvary Assembly of God, Waco
Stephen ChakmakjianFirst Assembly of God, Dallas
Ryan CheingthongBethel Assembly of God, Arlington
Michael CondraFirst Assembly of God, Koffman
Scott CummingsBethel Assembly, Austin
Jeremy JohnsonTrinity Church, Cedar Hill
Gailen KlopfensteinFirst Assembly of God, Colleyville
Joe LouthanBethesda Community, Ft. Worth
Lloyd MaskMemorial Assembly of God, Duncanville
Danny PriceEvangel Temple, Waxahachie
Richard RayMemorial Assembly of God, Duncanville
Nathan StricklandHighland Meadows, Red Oak
Brian SummitTrinity Church, Cedar Hill
Joseph TorrezTrinity Church, Cedar Hill
Stephen WarenSouthside Assembly of God, McKinney
Ralph WeatherfordFirst Assembly of God, Benbrook
Brandon WedellTrinity Church, Cedar Hill

Commander Allen Philips of Outpost 439, First Assembly of God at Sulphur Springs reports exciting things happening at their outpost. At a recent campout the opening council fire devotional was about how a fire under control is a very good and useful tool and about how we can be filled with the fire of God's Spirit becoming a flaming fire or a light to the lost. After the devotion one 8 year old boy stood and told how he had recently been touched in church and had given his life to Christ. Then a 12 year old boy stood and with tears in his eyes and a fervency in his voice began telling how wonderful the Lord was to him and what God would do in each boy's life if they would accept him as their personal Savior and Lord. Before the 12 year old began to share the word of God another boy had been unruly and disruptive but as the message was being given by his friend the unruly boy became quiet and listened intently. He bowed his head and listened more. Then he stood and said he wanted to become a Christian. With the other boys and men gathered around him in prayer - under that perfect evening sky - what had been an unruly boy accepted Jesus into his heart and became a member of the family of God.

The experience of this outpost is a reminder to all and each of us of the power of God to move in the lives of these young boys. We should rededicate ourselves to providing the boys with opportunities such as this to accept the Lord as their Savior. During this new year our goal needs to be to reach those boys who do not know the Lord in their lives and to "Harvest" them while young and ripe for the Lord.

COMMANDERS CORNER



COMMANDER OLLIE HENLEY

Dear Pastors, Commanders and Leaders:
It has been a joy and a pleasure working with you these past 20+ years as your District Commander. We have shared your joys and your heartaches. We have also experienced your ups and downs in your outposts. But most of all you have hung in there and we have seen souls born again on your campouts and in your outpost meetings. This is what Rangers is all about! This is what all departments of the church is about....winning souls for the master.

I am stepping down as District Commander. "RETIRING" from this position but not retiring from Royal Rangers. I will still be with you as I will still serve as Camp Administrator for Lakeview Camp, Maypearl, TX. You will need to continue making contact with me to set up a date to use the camp.

I will miss working with you but you will still be in my prayers. I know you will not let me down but continue to grow in Rangers as we pray that you will. Rev. Leonard Ward, Pastor of Bethel Assembly of God Arlington, will be assuming the duties of District Commander. He is not new to the District or Royal Rangers but will be new to this position. Please pray for him, help him and I know that District Rangers will go forward. God bless you, I Love everyone of YOU. Please come to our retirement banquet January 25, 1992 noon at Evangel Temple, Waxahachie.

From The District Staff

It has been a pleasure working with you as District Commander. We will miss you traveling to Camparamas, Rendezvous, National Royal Ranger Councils, GMA presentations and other District events. We appreciate all the long hard hours you have spent planning and traveling in behalf of District Royal Rangers. Your 20 years of service, dedication, and commitment exemplifies the type of leader you are. The District Staff would like to say thanks for all the help, encouragement, and advice you have given us. We are going to miss you. Good Luck Commander, for a job well done.

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JULY

- 7 North FW Round Table
Wichita Falls Round Table
- 8-11 J.L.T.C., Lakeview
- 17 Bryan Rally
- 18 South FW Banquet
- 24-25 Waco Canoe Trip

AUGUST

- 6-8 RR Gold Corps Trip, Big Bend, TX
- 7 South FW Round Table
- 15 South FW LTC I

SEPTEMBER

- 1 North FW Round Table
- 5 Bryan Round Table
Waco Round Table
- 12 I.C.S. Dallas/FW area
- 18-19 South FW Fall Round Up
- 25-26 South Dallas Winter Camp
- 27 Waco-Bryan SA/BR Day Camp

OCTOBER

- 1 Denton Round Table
- 6 Wichita Falls Round Table
- 9-11 Waco Round Up
- 10 Waco Pinewood Derby
- 16-18 South FW Round Up
- 23 Bryan Rally
- 24 South Dallas SA/BR Day Camp
- 27 North FW Round Table
- 30-1 FCF Family Days, Lakeview

NOVEMBER

- 1 FCF Family Days, Lakeview
- 7 North FW Banquet
- 13-14 District Winter Camp
- 21 Bryan Round Table
Waco Round Table
- 22 Wichita Falls RR Banquet

DECEMBER

- 4 Bryan RR Banquet
- 5 District Staff RR Banquet
- 12 FCF Family Banquet
- 19 South Dallas RR Banquet



Are the boys in your outpost active in **DAILY BIBLE READING**? Now is a good time to institute a "Daily Bible Club" aimed at a reading of the entire bible during 1992. Weekly - Monthly - Annual recognition would help maintain consistency. Plus visual progress charts would be a valuable aid. Commander Allen Philips of Outpost 439, First Assembly of God, Sulphur Springs has instituted "one chapter a day" and "two chapters a day" clubs. See your pastor for possible schedules.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The following dates are subject to change. The quarterly issues of the Signal Fire will highlight the changes from the dates listed below.

JANUARY

7 North FW Round Table
Wichita Falls Round Table
9 Denton Round Table
11 Wichita Falls LTC I
13 South Dallas Round Table
17 Bryan Rally
18 Jr. Leaders Awards Banquet
Cayuga LTC II
25 Dist. Wide Commanders Conference
31 Waco RR Testing

FEBRUARY

1 Waco RR Award Rally
Bryan RR Testing
7-8 South FW Leaders Camp
8 North FW RR Testing
Wichita Falls LTC II
15 South Dallas RR Testing
Wichita Falls RR Testing
21-22 FCF Brush Poppin at Lakeview
28 South FW RR Testing

MARCH

2 South Dallas Round Table
7 Cayuga L/C - 5
Wichita Falls Round Table
Waco Round Table
Bryan Round Table
13-14 FCF Basic Ranger Training & BR/SA
Workshop
27 South FW Round Table
27-28 Waco Round Up
Bryan Round Up
28 District RR of Year Testing
27-29 North FW Backpack

APRIL

2 Denton Round Table
7 Wichita Falls Round Table
North FW Round Table
18 Wichita Falls LTC IV
23-25 National RR Council, Springfield
24-25 North FW Round Up
Waco Round Up
24-26 Wichita Falls Round Up

MAY

1-2 South FW Round Up
8-9 South Dallas Round Up
Denton Round Up
9 Wichita Falls SA/BR Day Camp
16 District Wide RR Banquet
22 Bryan Rally
22-23 Wichita Falls LTC Camp
30 District RR - SA/BR Day Camp
Camp Work Day
District Charter-Calendar Meeting

JUNE

6 Bryan Round Table
Waco Round Table
8 South Dallas Round Table
12-14 District RR POW-WOW
20 Wichita Falls LTC V
23-27 FCF Rendezvous, Eagle Rock
27 South FW SA/BR Day Camp

JULY

7 North FW
Wichita Falls
8-11 J.L.T.C.
17 Bryan RR
18 South FW
24-25 Waco Ca

AUGUST

6-8 RR Gold
7 South FW
15 South FW

SEPTEMBER

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5 Bryan RR
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**COMMANDERS CONFERENCE
&
HONORS LUNCHEON**

DATE: January 25

PLACE: Evangel Temple Assembly of God
I-35 at Gingerbread Lane
Waxahachie, Texas

WHO: All Commanders and their wives

TIME: 10 am to Noon - District Commanders Conference
Noon to 2 pm - Honors Luncheon for Commander
Ollie Henley

COST: \$6.00 payable at the door for the catered luncheon.

NOTE: Each church, outpost, and commander is requested to send or bring an offering to go to Brother and Sister Henley.

A double reason for ALL commanders to attend this year's District Conference! In addition to the Commanders Conference we will be honoring Ollie Henley for the years of dedicated and inspiring leadership he has provided to the North Texas District. Commander Ward will direct the meeting and Brother Bridges will host the luncheon.

Be sure to come prepared to participate and join in the days' agenda. This is your opportunity to both participate in the conference and to honor Ollie. SEE YOU THERE !!!

ABOUT THE NEW DISTRICT COMMANDER

Leonard Ward brings years of Royal Ranger experience to his new position as District Commander. An active Royal Ranger program has always been one of his priorities at churches he has served as Associate or Senior Pastor. Pastoring at Hookes, Odessa and Lufkin provided opportunities for Leonard to make the Royal Ranger program available to boys to reach - teach - and keep them for Christ. Leonard first served as Senior Commander and then as Lufkin Sectional Commander from 1981-91. He also served as Regional Aide-de-Camp from 1981-88. In August 1991, Leonard moved to Arlington to become Pastor at Bethel Assembly of God.

We all wish Leonard good luck as he begins his new position and will pray that the lord enables him to lead the North Texas District to a new level of ministry to boys.

NEWS BRIEFS

Buckaroo/Straight Arrow

LTC Training - Are you a newly appointed commander? Has someone asked you to help for a few weeks and then all of a sudden you are left with several little wiry boys? Then you ask yourself the question.. "What do I do now? What can I do to keep their attention? What kind of training can I go to?" We have available a Leadership Training Course just for you! This course helps to plan and coordinate your meeting. Contact your Sectional Commander or Dwain Klopfenstein (817-281-0081) for more information about this course.



Training Seminar

There will be a training seminar for all Buckaroo and Straight Arrow Leaders at the BRT (Basic Ranger Training) that will be held in Plano at the Potters House Assembly of God Church.

Date March 14, 1992
Time 9:00 - 4:00 pm
Seminar Fee \$5.00 each (includes patch)
We will break one hour for lunch. Bring your own lunch or go to a fast food restaurant in the area.

Buckaroo/Straight Arrow Day Camp

At this time there are no plans to have a District Day Camp. We encourage all the Sections to have one for their own or to combine theirs with another section. We will discuss this more at the commanders conference on January 25, 1992.

Sectional Information from Wichita Falls

Larry Hamilton has stepped aside as the Wichita Falls Sectional Commander. Larry has spent more than six years working as the Sectional Commander. During this time, Larry assembled the Sectional Royal Rangers into a well organized and dependable structure. Under his leadership, Sectional Powwow's attendance grew from a few men and boys to near one hundred men and boys. Realizing that many sections have churches with enough men and boys to have a Powwow of over one hundred men and boys by themselves, Larry worked with twenty to thirty "small" churches, eight to ten of these chartered, to reach this level. He never varied from the path in setting proper attitudes and work ethics. As he leaves as Sectional Commander, we wish him the very best and many, many thanks for all the hard work and time he devoted to the Wichita Falls Sectional Royal Rangers. What a reward must be awaiting him in Heaven! Larry has stated that he will continue to work with Royal Rangers and he is a part of the Royal Rangers Outpost #41, Evangel Temple Assembly of God.

Tom Hankins of Outpost #397, Iowa Park Assembly of God, was elected as the new Sectional Commander by the Wichita Falls Sectional Committee. Tom has been in various Ranger Outposts while growing up as a Pioneer and Trailblazer. The last four years he has spent as a Senior Commander. Tom acknowledges that the shoes Larry wore will be extremely hard to fill. We ask for your prayers in this time of transition that God will help this Sectional Royal Rangers go many levels higher building on the base that Larry Hamilton built for the Glory of God.

Rev. Charles Hensley, Men's Ministries Director

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