



Detachment of Texas

Commander's Travel Notes

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There is Legion training and then there is LEGION training. Thanks, Richard Huntley for putting on one of the best training classes that I have had the pleasure of attending in a long time.

This training was for those interested in forming a 501C(3) taught by Richard Huntley and Grant Writing taught by Robert Quintero. Brilliant overview and detailed booklet on both processes to get you started. Most American Legion Posts are 501C(19)

The biggest difference is the specific group the organization serves. While 501(c)(3) organizations might serve some veterans, their main goal usually isn't to serve only veterans. That's where 501(c)(19) organizations come in!

However those interested in obtaining a grant for their post it's best to form a 501C(3) organization. Therefore you can start a Foundation as friends of the post and can generate funds for much-needed projects.

Thanks for allowing me to bring my post adjutant Cheryl Williams with me. Those who did not take advantage of this training missed a good one. I don't know how many attended the training but Rich told me the room was set up for 80 registrants and the size of the group reflected close to that number. The material was professionally disseminated by both Rich and Robert

Once the training was over Rich asked would I bring greetings to the 9th SAL District Convention. Word of note I like to before bringing greetings have the commander whether it be the Squadron, District or Division show me the membership numbers. Those numbers will tell you what is happening. Rich District numbers were outstanding and he could answer every question I had for him with confidence. Kudos to you Richard Huntley. I always leave a conversation with Rich having learned something.

Constantly trying to make us better,

Clifton Guillory

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