

My first two weeks as Detachment Commander have been eventful and exciting. On day one the Detachment Committees assignments were approved and implemented. I am confident that every committee will do an outstanding job and set a standard for others to emulate.

The American Legion baseball tournament in League City was delayed by rain, but the participating teams eventually took to the diamond to play after the first pitches were thrown by the Legion 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Vice-Commander Danny Muth, Auxiliary President Sharon Phelps, and yours truly. Congratulations to the League City team for winning the tournament and emerging as the Texas state champions! They are currently the national championship team. Let's continue our unwavering support and cheer them onto victory as they continue their journey. Thank you to S. Mike Lacy Post 554 for hosting the banquet. Rich Huntley and Mike Simon did an excellent job of organizing the events that were enjoyed by all who attended.

My second out-of-town trip was to Harker Heights to participate in the Armed Services YMCA Back to School project. 1,000 backpacks filled with school supplies were given to school age children who live in the Harker Heights/Killeen area. The room was filled with vendors who provided games and prizes for the children. There were some carnival rides and US Army vehicles and soldiers outside. Your Detachment was represented by PDC Roy Fowler and 1<sup>st</sup> Division Vice-Commander Lewis Elam. A special shoutout to PDC Brad Pack and Auxiliary PDP Mary Ann Paul for the time, energy, and dedication they put into making sure this project is a success. Bravo Zulu!

We're off to a good start. Let's keep the momentum going. We are a team and what we do, we do for others.

Respectfully,  
George Alva