

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

JULY 2019

Welcome to the beginning of our new fiscal year and "Thank You" to all the members who have volunteered to help as staff officers for the next twelve months. The following were inducted during the June Luncheon. David Thackston, senior vice commander, Pauline Ballesteros, treasurer, Joanne Barton, adjutant, Laura Beltran, chaplain, Kevin Lassiter, Marshall, Buck Hamilton, webmaster, and Jesus Beltran, Commander

We also recognized two distinguished individuals for their service to the community and our country. BG (Ret) Ed Greer, who is one of our members, was honored for his service to the community as well as for his many years of service to our nation in the U. S. Army, starting as an enlisted man and rising to brigadier general. He was chosen as our 2018 Citizen of the Year.

Sheriff Richard Wiles, County of El Paso, was honored for his selection as our Citizen of the year for 2019. Sheriff Wiles has many years as a law enforcement officer, including having being the Chief of Police for El Paso prior to his present position.

Congratulations to both of these men for all of their contributions and service to our community and nation.

Congratulations also to the staff for your willingness to step forward and continue the work of our organization. I look forward to working with all of you as we prepare to tackle the upcoming activities, beginning with the national convention in Simi California, the Massing of the colors on October 5th, 2019, the Veterans Day Parade and school presentations, and the list goes on.

We will begin preparing for the new fiscal year starting with the planning meeting on July 20, 2019 at 11:30 at Julio's Restaurant, off Joe Battle. All are welcome to come and make suggestions AND PARTICIPATE.

I look forward to a new year and a great start, best wishes to all and lets keep the chapter going.

Jesus Beltran, LTC USAR (RTd)

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