

**District 20 Joint Session Meeting  
FEB 22, 2020  
VFW Post 2059**

- 1. Opening Ceremony: Joint meeting called to order by District Commander Rolando Webber. Salute to the Colors rendered by Comrade Jose Rodriguez and Prayer given by Comrade Lee Arnold.**
  
- 2. Guests: Keith King- State Commander  
Robert Martinez- State Inspector, Past D20 CC  
John Shipley- Deputy State Inspector, Past D20 CC  
Sylvia Sanchez- Past State Commander, Past D20 CC  
Dan Medrano- Past State Judge Advocate, Past D20 CC  
Cris Vieyra- Past State Membership Chairman, Past D20 CC  
Larry Sanders – Past State Chief of Staff, Past D20 CC  
Carlos Mujica - Past D20 Commander  
Jose Duran- Past D20 Commander  
Lynn Toomer- Candidate for State JVC  
Jeff Clark - Candidate for State JVC**
  
- 3. Opening remarks given by District Commander Rolando Webber and District Auxiliary President Yolanda Chambers.**
  
- 4. Introduction of District 20 Officers and Auxiliary Officers.**
  
- 5. District Commander Rolando Webber thanked VFW Post 2059 Commander Robert Martinez, members and Auxiliary for hosting this meeting.**  
  
**District Auxiliary President Yolanda Chambers expressed her sincere thanks to Post 2059 Commander Robert Martinez and Auxiliary President Joanie Smith for introduction, hospitality, accommodations.**
  
- 6. Texas State Commander Keith King great to be in District 20 and thanked the Auxiliary for all they do for our VFW. He also stated continue the recruiting for membership. This will make our voice strong when we go to Congress to insure and increase our veteran benefits. Each VFW member is considered at least 4 votes when speaking to our political leaders.**
  
- 7. District Commander Rolando Webber mentioned that all should refrain from putting political comments on our Facebook page. There are other arenas for this type of act**

- 8. District Commander Rolando Webber presented Comrade John Cybraski, VFW Post 8401, Bedford, New Hampshire. Comrade Cybraski presented information concerning the Polish Heritage Center being built in Panna Maria, Texas to honor all Polish veterans who served in all wars from the Civil War to present. He requested assistance in help to find veterans meeting the criteria. He thanked the District Commander and Comrade Marvin Roemer Commander VFW Post 8555 for being able to speak at this meeting.**
- 9. Comrade Gilbert Cadena presented information concerning Unit Bingo operations being conducted by Posts. There were some recent changes to the requirements on how the Unit Bingo funds are utilized. The main point is that the funds are used to maintain each Post charitable purposes. Each Post Charter clearly provides these purposes. He also provided information that the VFW name, logo or emblems in printed forms and digital use can be used without permission from National for recruiting, post events pertain to Departments, Posts and Auxiliaries.**
- 10. District Commander Rolando Webber provided information on the District Picnic which is to be held 28 March 2020.**
- 11. District Commander Rolando Webber presented a 50 Year VFW Certificate read the citation from the VFW National Commander to Wilson County Memorial VFW Post 8555, Poth, Texas. Initially Chartered 19 April 1970. Comrade Marvin Roemer, Commander VFW Post 8555 stated there are 9 Charter members still alive that signed the Charter, 3 of them were at the meeting today. Comrades George Coffey, Leo Schneider and Henry Montez, All Past Commanders.**
- 12. Past State Commander Sylvia Sanchez presented greetings from the VFW National Home, Eaton Rapids, MI. The National Home presently has 149 residents, 56 are parents, 93 are children 30% of residents are veteran families. The National Home receives no federal funds to support their mission. The National Home presently has a program to assist our returning combat veterans who are having problems. They must apply and are screened for selection once selected are assigned a home where that are provided case management services, educational, counseling, recreational services and other services. Bingo funds can be used to provide donations to the National Home. Life Membership is \$50.00 which includes your pin. There are also memorial Bricks which cost \$100.00 which are placed in the new museum. Cooties and Auxiliary have taken over one of the houses and will assist in its upkeep. Comrade Sanchez also that Texas Vietnam Memorial Day is on 27 Mar 2020 and that a pinning ceremony will occur that day at the PTSD Foundation and all**

**Vietnam Veterans who attend will received the Texas Vietnam Memorial book which must be signed for.**

- 13. Closing ceremonies salute to the Colors by Comrade Jose Rodriguez and closing prayer by Auxiliary Chaplain Gladys Portalatin.**