Ninth Annual ALMAC Celebration in Mansfield Texas

ALMAC was established in 2005 by The American Legion Mansfield Texas Post 624. It stands for American Legion Military Appreciation Celebration.



Post 624 Legion Family members have been supporting deployed service members for the past nine years by collecting items for care packages and hosting fund raisers to send tens of thousands of those packages overseas. Post members have volunteered countless hours to ensure comfort food, hygiene items, and even Christmas cards made by local elementary school students would be placed in the hands of service members in combat.

Our special guests for the event were veterans from the Patriot House in Fort Worth and the Isle at Watercrest in Mansfield. These

Veterans were transported by a post provided bus with American Legion Riders escort.

The Color Guard was from Mansfield Legacy High School JROTC program. On the same day Legacy High School was hosting the area drill competition so they had to leave after opening the event. The Post Commander also had to leave early because Post 624 was one of the sponsors and responsible for the trophies.

The 8th annual ALMAC in 2012 shipped between 1,800 and 2,000 stockings to the troops and we are expecting that amount and possibly more will be shipped this year; I will not have a real count until we



complete the stocking stuffing on November the 2nd. The shipment last year was handled by the Navy from FORT WORTH JOINT RESERVE BASE and we are working with them again this year.

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