

Post #838 History

A World War I veteran, a long-time veteran rights advocate, and a District Official in the American Legion, Mr. Emanuel L. Young distinguished himself through patriotic service on behalf of all military service men and women for God and Country.

Emanuel L. Young was a native of Quarry, Texas, a small township near historic "Washington-on-the-Brazos," birthplace of the Republic of Texas. He was born on September 9, 1895 the fifth child born to Henry J. and Mattie B. Young whose parents had been early settlers in Washington county. Emanuel grew up at Somerville, Texas in nearby Burleson County where his family moved when he was six years old. Emanuel attended Somerville public school and completed the ninth grade which was the limit of the curriculum under the old dual public school system in that rural community. He later took civil service courses at the Franklin Institute to further his education.

During the height of World War I, Mr. Young enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio and was honorably discharged at the end of the war. Around 1925 Mr. Young moved to Fort Worth, Texas and was active in community affairs, civil, charitable and political efforts on Fort Worth's near south side community.

Since his military career in the first world war, Mr. Young dedicated his life to veteran's organizations. He was a life member of the American Legion and help to organize the J.E. Amstead Post 838. He later became District Adjutant and District Commander and organized three other post in the Central Texas District. The posts were No. 918 and 921 in Fort Worth, Texas and No. 954 in Waco, Texas. Mr. Young went beyond the call of duty in his roll as "Advocate" for benefits for the military veteran's, their dependents and survivors. He assisted in health education and welfare benefits throughout his career. The Buddies and Auxiliary of the American Legion J.E. Armstead Post 838 honored Mr. Young by changing Post 838's name to Emanuel L. Young Post 838.

We have continued promoting education, scholarship and service to our veterans and citizens. We are beacon of light and hope to the community in which we serve.