The Formation of Harlingen's American Legion Post 205

In December 1919, a group of former service men met in Harlingen, Texas for the purpose of organizing an American Legion Post. An application was made to the Texas State Department for a charter and the following names were submitted as charter members:

The charter was received on April 15, 1920 after which time the following officers were elected:
Harvey L. Oler, Post Commander and Morris Chaudoin, Adjutant. In 1921 the same officers were re-elected.

At this time the agitation to keep Japanese out of the Valley continued and culminated with the State Legislature passing a bill excluding new Japanese from owning land in the state. Oler, in particular, was one outspoken individual and proponent of the matter. Only a late amendment to the bill "grandfathered" in the right of already-settled Japanese ethnics to retain lands in Texas that they already owned.

In 1922 S. Finley Ewing was elected Commander and Barney Chaudoin, Adjutant. In this period one accomplishment was the bringing of the body of Buddy Olivares back from France and the conduct of a military funeral, assisted by a detail from Fort Brown.

Dr. G. A. McBride was elected Commander in 1923. During the latter part of his administration a Memorial service was conducted at the First Baptist Church for the late President, Woodrow Wilson. L. H. Moore was adjutant at this time.

In 1924 Neil S. Madeley, Sr. was elected Post Commander. One of the Post's activities was the successful presentation of a minstrel show in Harlingen and other towns.