



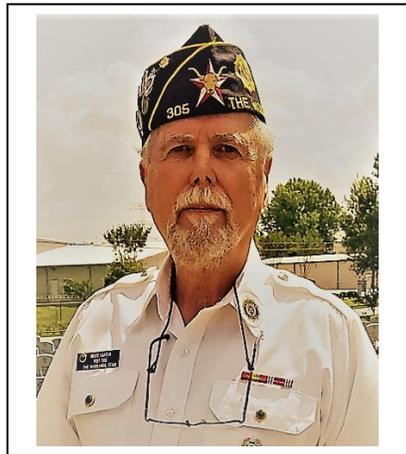
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Bruce Carter, Commander

The first month as **Commander** has been an eventful one. One of the issues the Executive Committee addressed was a change of venue for our Executive Committee, Post and Auxiliary meetings. This has been accomplished and our new meeting place, beginning in August, is Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church, 26777 Glen Loch Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77381.

Glen Loch Drive starts at McCullough JHS on South Panther Creek Drive. The church is just past the stop sign as you drive South on Glen Loch Drive. If you are coming from the West on Woodlands Parkway, turn right onto South Panther Creek Drive and then right again onto Glen Loch Drive at McCullough JHS. If you are coming from the East on Woodlands Parkway, turn left onto South Panther Creek Drive and then left again onto Glen Loch Drive at McCullough JHS. The church is on the right hand side as you drive South on Glen Loch Drive. If you are coming

THINK NOT OF THE PRICE OF YOUR DUES; THINK OF THE PRICE YOU PAID TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PAY THEM

from South of Rayford-Sawdust Road on I-45, an alternative route would be to proceed West on Sawdust Road (remember to turn left to stay on Sawdust Road at the intersection where proceeding straight turns into Grogan's Mill Drive). This will dead end at Glen Loch Drive. Turn right and proceed until you see the church on the left.

This new location offers many advantages. The overall facility is quiet, private and has ample parking availability. There is an outdoor grill area which we can use for our Ocktoberfest picnic. We will use either the main event room (Domec Hall) or Ministry House, according to the following schedule:

Post Meetings:

Event Center (Domec Hall for Post meetings and Room 10 for the Auxiliary) on these dates:

(2018) 8/16, 12/20,
(2019) 1/17, 3/21, 5/16, 6/20, 7/18.

Ministry House (Rooms A & B) on these dates:

(2018) 9/20, 10/18, 11/15
(2019) 2/21, 4/18.

The facilities have a PA system and extensive kitchen facilities which we can use. We will have access to storage for our Post equipment so we won't have the logistical problems of transporting that to our meetings. We are excited about our new home

and looking forward to enjoying our meetings there.

On July 31, I attended a memorial service for our departed Legionnaire, David Lips, at the National Cemetery on Veterans Memorial Drive. I was joined by our Vice Commander, Sergeant At Arms and Service Officer. I conducted a portion of the American Legion funeral service. Our Chaplain was unable to attend, so I recited the prayer from the service on his behalf. I found the experience profound and also uplifting. We joined with David's family in sharing memories of David, a good man and a good Legionnaire.

I took the opportunity to visit the grave of my father, a US Navy WWII veteran, who died last December at 98 years of age. I hadn't grown up with my father; he and my mother were divorced when I was very young. All the same, the two families remained close, and I enjoyed my grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins as I grew up. I came to Houston when I was in my early 30's and have settled here ever since. Coincidentally, my father had remarried and settled here and had a daughter. We rekindled a relationship, and I began to understand things about my father that I never knew.

Dad was an Aviation Radioman/Gunner on a Lockheed PV-1 Ventura, twin-engine, land-based bomber. He saw action in the Atlantic Theater for convoy escort and submarine chasing. After Germany surrendered, his squadron was transferred to the Pacific Theater where he saw significant action until the war ended. He was awarded the Bronze Star, multiple Air Medals and The Distinguished Flying Cross. He could have chosen to be interred in Arlington but had indicated his preference to remain here in Houston. My step-mother provided his military papers and citations which told a story.

I have an older brother and we were both born during WWII so we are officially "War Babies" and not "Boomers" who were born after WWII. (Dad got some leave time before being sent to the Pacific). Although my father did return to my mother after the war, he didn't remain. He re-enlisted in the Navy and wasn't finally separated until 1950. I believe his war-time experience changed him to where he couldn't fit in well to an abrupt transition to civilian life. We understand this now as PTSD, although there have been multiple names for it in the past e.g. shell shock, combat stress reaction and other terms.

My own experience is from the Vietnam era and there are many veterans from the War on Terror who suffer from PTSD. Veterans don't always have to actually have been in a combat situation to suffer from PTSD. In fact, it is now recognized as an affliction that is not confined to the military but can affect anyone who has experienced something to cause psychological trauma. I relate all this to encourage you to be aware of this terrible

affliction and to help and encourage friends and family, especially veterans, to seek professional help if you, or they, suspect PTSD may be the cause of difficulties in their lives. There is a growing concern about the increasing suicide rate amongst young people and veterans that shows a correlation to PTSD.

Finally, I thought I would relay information about the military tradition of the three-volley salute utilized at military funerals. This was performed at my father's funeral by a local VFW Post, and as I left the National Cemetery after visiting my father's grave, I observed it being performed by American Legion Post 618 Color Guard at another funeral service. I didn't feel it was appropriate to just walk by so I stood at attention and saluted along with the Color Guard as they performed their duty.

The three-volley rifle salute is a ceremonial act performed at military funerals and sometimes also police funerals. The custom originates from the European dynastic wars, where the fighting ceased so the dead and wounded could be removed. Then, three shots were fired into the air to signal that the battle could resume.

It should not be confused with the 21-gun salute (or 19-gun or 17-gun, etc.) which is fired by a battery of artillery pieces. In the United States, it is part of the drill and ceremony of the Honor Guard. It consists of a rifle party firing blank cartridges into the air three times. A rifle party usually has an odd number of members, from three to seven. The firearm used is typically a rifle, but at some police funerals, shotguns are used. The party usually



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Monthly Meetings: The Post and Auxiliary meet at the Sts. Simon & Jude Catholic Church in The Woodlands at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month, except in October*. The Church is located at 26777 Glen Loch Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77381. Membership Meetings are preceded by a pot-luck supper provided by the Auxiliary.

*In October, a combined, short meeting precedes the Annual Picnic at the Church grounds or at Henry's Home Horse and Human Sanctuary in Conroe.

stands outside the building, often near the front entrance. On the command of the NCO-in-charge, the party raises their weapons and fires three times in unison.

Modern United States military parties use M-1, M-14 or M-16 rifles. The use of blank cartridges means these weapons' semi-automatic gas action will not function, requiring manual cycling of the next round between shots. Some parties equip the rifle with a blank-firing adapter, which eliminates this step from the drill after the first shot, though this is seen by some as less traditional. Similarly, the M1 and M14 are generally preferred over the current issue M16 because the appearance of these older rifles is more traditional and the charging handles (bolts) are more easily operated in a dignified, ceremonial manner.

Bruce Carter,
Commander

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (July 19, 2018)

Commander Bruce Carter called the meeting to order and conducted the opening ritual aided by **Chaplain Bill Houghton** and **Sergeant-at-Arms Harlan Thornhill**. Minutes of the June 21st Membership Meeting and the July 16th Executive Committee Meeting were read in silence and were accepted by voice vote.

Finance Officer Emery Heuermann was called on to present the Finance Report as of June 30th. The General Fund was at \$8,380.55; the Investment Fund held \$33,683.33; for a Total Assets of \$ 42,063.88 (liquid). A motion to accept the Finance Report,

subject to audit, was made and passed. **Emery**, continuing, presented the summary Audit Report for the year ending June 30, 2018. A motion to accept the Report was made and it passed. Finally, **Emery** presented the proposed annual budget for the Year 2018-2019. A motion to accept the new budget was made and it also passed.

The next report was given by **Judge Advocate Pete Koch**. He referenced the Post's Constitution & By-Laws and reported that long-awaited changes were coming as of the close of the Department Convention. **Service Officer Toby Carroll** reported that he was favorably impressed by the Department Convention and is going to request copies of certain videos that are available on "You Tube".

Under "Unfinished Business", **Victoria Glover** (Committeeman) is planning to hold the Boys State Recognition Ceremony to honor the 28 high school juniors who were sponsored by or through the Post in late September. Under "New Business" a motion was made to change the Post/Unit meetings location to Sts. Simon & Jude Catholic Church. The motion passed by a vote of 10 to 4. Continuing, another motion was made by which the Post was allowed to spend no more than \$400.00 for picnic tables and pressure washing services. That motion also passed.

There being no other business to come before the membership, the **Commander** closed the meeting in the prescribed manner.



VETERANS ADVOCATE

NEW RETIREES FACE HIGHER TRICARE FEES

TRICARE enrollment fees and other cost shares were recently changed. As a result, military retirees who entered the military after January 1, 2018, will generally be required to pay more for TRICARE benefits than current military retirees. Military retirees were exempt from most increases in recognition that they have kept their end of the bargain. Now, Congress would like to change the terms of its deal with military retirees by removing that exemption and significantly increasing TRICARE costs for current retirees. All veterans' organizations are being asked to help defeat this proposal which would require military retirees to pay more for their earned health care. Contact your Senators and Representative to demand that they reject any proposal that would result in TRICARE fees being increased for current beneficiaries, and tell them that they must not balance the budget on the backs of military retirees. [Source: VFW | Action Alert | July 5, 2018 ++]

UPS CHANGES TROOP CARE PACKAGE RULES

In January, Dave Silver logged onto the U.S. Postal Service's online portal for calculating postage for Priority Mail packages, as President of the all-

volunteer Operation Yellow Ribbon program www.operationyellowribbononsouthjersey.org in southern New Jersey. Silver had tallied postage for thousands of care packages he had sent to service members in Afghanistan and Iraq over the years. But, something was way off on this one. "I hit enter, and all of sudden I'm looking at \$60 postage instead of \$30 or so," said Silver, who assumed there was a glitch in the USPS's website. There wasn't. He subsequently learned it arose from a quiet change made by the USPS that doubled the shipping costs for many Priority Mail packages sent to overseas military addresses.

That roughly translates to an annual postage hike of \$50,000 for Operation Yellow Ribbon, Silver said. "It has totally thrown a curveball at us," he said of the nonprofit that sent out about 1,900 care packages in 2017. "We know nonprofits that have just shut down and stopped because of it." Silver and others have pinned their hopes on a bill introduced in Congress this month that could provide some relief. For about a half-century, the USPS had used hubs in New York City, San Francisco and Miami to route packages mailed to Army Post Office, Fleet Post Office or Diplomatic Post Office addresses. The cost of mailing to APO, FPO or DPO addresses was uniform, regardless of how many of the USPS's 10 regional zones a package crossed. In 2013, the USPS consolidated the process

ing of packages being sent to APO/FPO/DPO addresses in a single center in Chicago, but the one-zone postage rate was maintained.

In January, the rates for shipping such packages was changed to reflect how many of those zones were crossed. For an organization based in New Jersey, such as Operation Yellow Ribbon, it has meant paying extra to send through several zones to Chicago. "The post office went rogue," said John Couch, one of the co-founders of ShipitAPO

<https://www.shipitapo.com/home.php>, which helps overseas service members receive packages from retailers that won't send to APO addresses. Couch had submitted a formal protest over the USPS's proposed rate change, which he said was "buried" in a notice published in the Federal Register in October 2017. "I'm representing the military people who are my customers," he said. "They're paying me more because I have to pay the post office more. They're the ones suffering. I make the same amount of money because they pay me a handling fee."

In a statement provided to *Stars and Stripes*, the USPS said it receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and must rely solely on postage, products and services for funding. "Changes to improve our operations are being made so we can reduce costs and remain competitive in the marketplace, to be able to continue to serve the public

in the most efficient, cost-effective way possible." The USPS offered no financial analysis for the ratio of senders who would pay less or more. Couch points out that the nation's population hubs are on the East and West coasts, far from Chicago. The USPS statement also noted that its flat-rate boxes "are popular and affordable ways to send packages to the troops." The postage on them ranges from \$7.20 for a small box to \$17.40 for the large one, and they were not affected by the January rate change.

But using those boxes does not make economic sense for the kind of bulk shipping done by outfits like Operation Yellow Ribbon. "We send anywhere from \$100 to \$150 worth of treats and hygiene items," Silver said. "I can fit six or seven of those [Priority Mail flat-rate] boxes into one of ours." "We use egg boxes that our supermarket here donates to us. They're huge. They hold 30 dozen eggs, have handles and can hold up to 50 pounds," he added. Tom MacArthur, R-N.J., introduced the Care Packages for Our Heroes Act (H.R.6231), <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/6231/allactions?r=206&overview=closed>, which would require the same postage rate for all packages going to overseas military addresses regardless of how many zones they cross. "Care packages provide much needed basic comforts and a morale boost to our service members," he said in a July 12th news release. "I see

letters all the time from men and women in the Armed Services thanking us for the packages and the continued support.” With little legislation moving forward in Congress these days, Operation Yellow Ribbon likely faces a hard decision. “We can either try to match what we did last year to keep our productivity up and burn through our cash, spending more each month than we bring in and bringing down our savings every month,” Silver said. “Or we cut back, but then we’re hurting the morale of the brave men and women overseas. We’re trying to walk that fine balance.”

[Source: Stars & Stripes | Wyatt Olson | July 25, 2018 ++]

U. S. WEAPON SALES FOR SIX MONTHS OF 2018 NOW EXCEED ALL OF 2017 SALES

As the Trump administration pushes the sale of American weapons as a key part of its plan to grow the economy, America has already eclipsed its overall defense trade total from last year. In an interview with Defense News, Lt. General Charles Hooper, head of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency, said that through the first two quarters of this fiscal year, the U.S. has signed \$46.9 billion in weapons sales to foreign partners and allies — smashing past the \$41.9 billion figure from all of fiscal 2017.

Hooper pointed to the messaging from the administration about arms sales, including the recently implemented Conventional

Arms Transfer policy, as helping drive that situation. “Defense exports are good for our national security, they’re good for our foreign policy. And, they’re good for our economic security. And, as the administration and our leadership has said, economic security is national security,” Hooper said during the Farnborough International Airshow on July 18th. “So I think the overwhelming response to these changes from our partners has been very positive. In fact, now they’d like to know: ‘How this is going to affect me, how can I take more advantage of receiving the best equipment and best capabilities from the United States?’ ” he added.

However, the long-tailed time frame for foreign weapon sales means giving credit for this push is difficult. Some of the cases likely date back to the Obama era and were only closed this year, while others will be more recent. And, because major defense sales, such as large tranches of planes, can single-handedly boost the dollar figures, it’s hard to predict whether a bonanza is coming for U.S. defense firms. Sales totals tend to be volatile year over year, depending on what partner nations seek to buy. In

FY16, sales totaled \$33.6 billion, while FY15 totaled just more than \$47 billion and FY14 totaled \$34.2 billion. There could potentially be problems on the horizon, as well. Throughout the show, industry members were asked if they were concerned about the impact American economic policies, including placing tariffs on traditional allies from Europe, could have on their bottom lin

The common refrain throughout the Air Show was that industry is in a wait-and-see mode, although the commercial sector appears most concerned that expected sales of planes and rotorcraft to China could be impacted. For his part, Hooper said that issue has not come up in his discussions at the Show. “I personally have not encountered it,” he said when asked about those conversations. “I have talked to many of our partners from around the world and of course our partners in this part of the world, and many of them remain convinced that the U.S. solutions to their security problems are the solutions they’re looking for and the best solutions to their problems.”[Source: Defense News; Aaron Mehta; July 19, 2018 ++]

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MORE THAN A NAME ON THE WALL

**I saw from a distance as she walked up to the wall.
In her hand she held some flowers as her tears began to fall.
She took out a pen and paper as to trace her memories.
She looked up to heaven and the words she said were these.**

**She said, Lord, my boy was special and he meant so much to me
And, oh, I'd love to see him just one more time you see.
All I have are the memories and the moments to recall,
So Lord, could you tell him he's more than a name on the wall?**

**She said he really missed the family being home on Christmas Day
And he died for God and country in a place so far away.
I remember just a little boy playing war since he was three
And, Lord, this time I know he's not coming home to me.**

**She said, Lord, my boy was special and he meant so much to me
And oh I'd love to see him, but I know it just can't be.
So, I thank you for my memories and the moments to recall.
But, Lord, could you tell him he's more than a name on the wall?**

Lord, could you tell him he's more than a name on the wall?

WORLD WAR I WOMEN GO TO FRANCE WITH THE AEF

When war became inevitable for the U. S. in 1917, mobilization included the “enlistment” of over 200 women with special skills. The Army’s Signal Corps issued a request for 100 volunteers was greeted with 7,600 applications. A total of 223 American women eventually were sent to France. This was two years before women in America were allowed to vote. The skills sought were those of telephone operators with language capability in French and English. “Every command to advance or retreat or hold fire was delivered by telephone, and it took an operator to connect that call.” said Elizabeth Cobbs, author of “The Hello Girls: America’s First Women Soldiers”. French officers frequently needed to communicate with American officers, and it was American phone operators who put those calls through and stayed on the line to act as simultaneous translators. That meant the women handled national security secrets, frequently served near the front lines and came under bombardment, and quickly, efficiently and calmly handled numerous calls. Male telephone operators, many of whom were disdainful of the job they considered women’s work, took as long as 60 seconds to connect a call; when the women arrived, the timing was cut to 10 seconds.

These volunteer women took oaths to join the U. S. Army Signal Corps, underwent training by AT&T before boarding ships to Europe, heading to war before most of the American doughboys arrived in France, connected 26 million calls and ultimately proved to be a significant factor

in winning the war. And then they were forgotten.

Two women operators died in France in the Spanish Flu epidemic, including one woman who died on November 11, 1918, the day the war ended. Grace Banker was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, one of only 18 of the 16,000 Signal Corps officers to receive the medal one step higher than the Silver Star. “I think Pershing and the other generals recognized the role the women played in helping to win the war. They gave one of the 223 women one of the highest awards you could get in World War I.” said Cobbs

When the war ended many remained in France or were sent to Germany to continue working phone switchboards through the Treaty of Versailles. The last women returned home in 1920. Many tried to join veterans groups, including The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. When they were asked for their Army discharge papers, they contacted the military for the standard forms. That’s when they were told they were actually

well-paid civilian contractors. “They didn’t get bonuses that every member of the armed forces at home or abroad received. Those were the amount of money equivalent to buying a car. The sad thing is that some experienced disability from their service, including tuberculosis, and were not allowed to get veterans benefits.”

A few petitioned Congress and the military for decades, repeatedly getting rebuffed until the 1970’s. When President Jimmy Carter finally signed legislation in 1977 recognizing what should have been done six decades earlier – that the women were indeed veterans – there were only a few dozen “Hello Girls” still alive. One woman told her family upon hearing the news that the World War I victory medal was nice but that the only thing she wanted was an American flag on her coffin when she died. The remaining Hello Girls were given military funerals.

[Source: Milwaukee Journal Sentinel; Meg Jones; February 12, 2018++]

Unit 305 Meets At Rosalie’s Home



PROGRAMS & NEWS OF THE AUXILIARY UNIT 305

Kathy Carroll, President



It's hard to believe that it is now August and that the kids will be back in school in two weeks; the beginning of a new school year. It is also the beginning of a new year for ALA. You should be receiving your membership renewal notice this month. You will see that Unit dues have increased by the amount that National raised their dues. Just remember that your dues are being used for the good of our veterans, active duty personnel and for the education of tomorrow's leaders.

The Department of Texas Convention was held in San Antonio in July. It is always a learning experience. Our new Department Officers for the year 2018-2019 as elected. They are:

President = Shay Kuehner; Vice President = Brenda Towers; Chaplain = Shirley Denson; Historian = Janice Winters; Sgt-At-Arms = Nancy Kay Thomson; and NEC Woman = Christine Trahan.

One of the highlights of the convention was the dedication of a monument to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the American Legion. The Legion graciously chartered buses to take everyone to downtown San Antonio to witness the unveiling of the monument. It was a testament to the importance of the work of the Legion and the Auxiliary and the commitment of that city to its veterans.

The most important news we have this month is that our Post and Auxiliary are moving to a new home. Starting this month, we will be meeting at St. Simon and Jude Church in The Woodlands. We will still meet on the third Thursday of the month, and the social/dinner period will be at 6:30 PM. Although the South County Community Center has been very good to us for many years, this move has some definite advantages. The biggest advantage is that we will have access to a full kitchen with water and an ice maker. The meeting room for the Legion is very large with an audio system, and the Auxiliary will also have a larger meeting room. There is a very large parking lot, and we won't have to deal with the summer concert traffic. We think that this will be a positive change for us.

Geri Muvihill told us that her son's Ranger Unit is being deployed to Afghanistan again. We decided to collect items for the Unit in August and September and then ship these packages to them before they are scheduled to return in January. We will also include pocket flags. A list of the items they are requesting was included in the July minutes. Some of the items are personal care items -- boot socks and small games. You can bring your donations to the Unit meeting or if you are unable to attend but still want to donate something, please contact any of the officers or fellow members, and we will arrange to pick them up.

Garage sale/craft fair time is coming. Our Unit will be participating in at least one of each of these in the Fall. So start collecting or making things that we can sell at these events. Also baked goods are very popular.

Please remember to tell us about any activities you participate in or events that you attend that pertain to our veterans or military. Our

Historian needs to know about this for our Scrapbook and History Book. Pictures are especially good.

Finally, I would like to share with you part of an email that I recently received. It is titled "Pin Drop" and it shows how some of our former patriots handled negative comments about our great country. When in England at a fairly large conference, Colin Powell was asked by the Archbishop of Canterbury if our plans for Iraq were just an example of "empire building" by George Bush. He answered by saying, "Over the years, the United States has sent many of its fine young men and women into great peril to fight for freedom beyond our borders. The only amount of land we have ever asked for in return is enough to bury those that did not return." You could have heard a pin drop.

We are fortunate to live in the greatest country on earth where, thanks to our veterans, we are assured of our freedoms, including the freedom to express our opinion about our government without fear of retribution. There is no way we will ever be able to thank them enough for their sacrifices and that is why we continue in our mission to advocate for our veterans and support our active duty military and their families.

God bless our veterans, our men and women in uniform and God Bless the United States of America.

**Kathy Carroll,
President ALA Unit 305**



CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCALE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Tues	Aug 7	Vietnam War Began (1964)		
Mon	Aug 13	Executive Committee Meeting	Saints Simon & Jude Church	@ 7:00 PM
Tues	Aug 14	Japan Surrendered. WWII Ended (1945)		
Thur	Aug 16	Membership Meetings	Saints Simon & Jude Church	@ 7:00 PM
Sun	Sept 2	V-J Day; Japan Formally Surrenders (1945)		
Mon	Sept 3	Labor Day		
Tues	Sept 11	Patriot Day	Attack on America	
Mon	Sept 17	U. S. Constitution Adopted (1787)		
Mon	Sept 17	Executive Committee Meeting	Saints Simon & Jude Church	@ 7:00 PM
Thur	Sept 20	Membership Meetings	Saints Simon & Jude Church	@ 7:00 PM
Fri.	Sept. 21	POW/MIA Recognition Day		
Mon.	Oct. 8	Columbus Day (Observed)		
Mon.	Oct. 15	Executive Committee Meeting	Saints Simon & Jude Church	@ 7:00 PM
Thur.	Oct. 18	Membership Meetings	Saints Simon & Jude Church	@ 7:00 PM
Sat.	Oct. 27	Navy Day		
Wed.	Oct. 31	Halloween		
Tues.	Nov. 6	Mid-Term Election Day		

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