



# THE BUGLE

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*Think not of the price of your dues. Think of the price you paid to be eligible to pay them.*

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Bruce Carter



I've completed my third month as Commander in September and we had our first meeting in the Ministry House at the new venue, Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church in The Woodlands. We will use either the main event room (Domec Hall) or Ministry House according to the following schedule:

### Post Meetings:

1. Legionnaires will meet in the Event Center (Domec Hall) and the Auxiliary in Room 10.  
(2018) 8/16, 12/20, (2019) 1/17, 3/21, 5/16, 6/20, 7/18
2. **Ministry House (rooms A & B)**  
(2018) 9/20, 10/18, 11/15 -- (2019) 2/21, 4/18.

There are directions to the church on our website, [www.alpost305.org](http://www.alpost305.org)

We are adjusting the timing for the Post and Auxiliary meetings since we have decided to have our dinner meal before the meeting. In future the dinner meal will be served from 6:00 PM until 7:30 with both the Post and Auxiliary regular meetings starting thereafter. Our October Post and Auxiliary meetings will be in the Ministry House on October 18<sup>th</sup> as scheduled. **Our annual picnic will be on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at the church from 3-7 PM.** We will use the grill area between Domec Hall and the basketball court building and Domec Hall for serving.

It is with great sorrow that we mourn the passing of Winfield Owen Salter on September 7, 2018, a good Legionnaire and a good man. Win's most recent role on the Post Executive Committee was Historian. Although he was unable to formally accept that position for the 2018-2019 year due to failing health he carried on anyway so was the Post's de facto Historian. He loved researching interesting

military information and continued to edit the Post newsletter without disruption. His last communication was dated September 1, 2018 when he finalized the September 2018 newsletter.

Although I knew Win over the past few years it was initially only through interaction with him at Post meetings. For 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 I was the Post Sergeant At Arms so I got to know Win better through the Executive Committee meetings and shared correspondence. But starting in late May when I became the Commander-elect for the Post, Win began including me more directly in the activities he was involved in. He sent me courtesy copies of drafts and final releases so I could start getting familiar with my new responsibilities.

In effect, he was taking me under his wing. Starting the end of May I started to get two or three e-mails a week where he would

describe various ideas and activities that he thought the Post could get involved in. I started writing the Commander's Corner for the July newsletter and he would offer guidance and editing. I knew he was ill and undergoing treatment but he never slowed down in his work for the Post. The communication kept on coming.

My time with Win was too short. We will find resources to take over the functions that Win provided but that's not saying that he will be replaced because you don't simply replace Win Salter, you just move on. He will be missed. Rest in peace, my friend.

*Commander Bruce Carter*

### **HIGHLIGHTS of the September 20, 2018 Meeting**

**Commander Bruce Carter** noted that we were Opening in our new location for the first time. Next he called upon **Judge Advocate Peter Koch** who reported that changes to the Constitution and By-laws were made but were unreadable due to large printing over the front of the Constitution and By-laws paper.

**The Commander next called on Victoria Glover, Member at Large** and charged with putting together the program to honor the 28 boys that went to Boy's State and the number of Girls who went to Girls State for a like purpose. That program will be held on November 29<sup>th</sup> from **6:30 PM until 9:00 PM at the Community Center.**

Due to the absence of **the Finance Officer, The Commander** read the Financial Report. He reported Assets as \$8,558.85 cash, Fidelity Mutual Fund, \$34,373.53, for a total of \$42,932.38 cash assets. He also noted that he had changed the Fidelity Fund FASTX to FAMRX for better return. The change was approved by the membership.

**The Commander** conducted the **Draping of the Charter** in memory of our Friend **Win Salter**. Win was the person who did all the work on the Bugle these past couple of years. You can tell if you have any back Bugles, you would see the improvements to the Bugle that Win provided. He will be greatly missed.

**The Chaplain, Bill Houghton** next reported that a sympathy letter has been set to the Family of Win Salter.

### **For the Good of the Legion**

A motion to suspend the meeting and invite the Auxiliary in to help decide on the best location for the October picnic was made by Peter Koch and seconded by Chris McMartin. The motion passed. After discussion with the Auxiliary members, the Post Members decided that the Picnic will be held from **3:00 pm to 7:00 pm** on the Saturday October 20 at the Church.

The **October** Post meeting, at Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church, will be held at the **regular time, October 18 at 7:00 pm**

The meeting closed at 8.17 p.m.

**October 20, 2018 3:00 pm till 7:00 pm  
at St Simons and Jude Church.**





## THE AUXILIARY UNIT 305 PROGRAMS & NEWS

### Presidents Corner Kathy Carroll

Rosalie, Dora and I spent last weekend attending President's school and Department Executive Committee (DEC) meetings in Austin. What a great weekend it turned out to be. We have come home with so much information that it is hard to know where to begin.

All Department chairmen introduced their committees and gave a preview of what they want to accomplish this year. Once again membership is at the top of the list of things to focus on.

Unfortunately nationwide the membership numbers are down. Department has not set any specific goal for our unit but they are asking that we maintain our goal from last year. They are also offering some good incentives to reach goal by certain dates. If we reach 45% of our goal by Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> our unit will be entered in a drawing for \$25. This is a chance to get free money by doing something we all plan to do any way. So please send in your membership renewal as soon as possible.

Last year we had a very successful Poppy campaign and we are hoping to equal or exceed last year's success. We send 1/3 of the Poppy money that we collect to Department for their VA&R fund and the remainder stays in our unit VA&R fund. This money is spent directly on veterans or active service members.

One thing that the VA&R committee brought to our attention is the fact that veterans in any VA hospital must supply their own basics such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, hairbrushes, denture cream, etc. Some of these veterans are living on limited incomes and this can be a burden for them. I am hoping that our unit may be able to help with this cause. There is no time limit for this project so we are working on getting a complete list of the items needed, but if you have any ideas or contacts that can help us obtain these items please let us know about them.

Our unit has always participated in the Children and Youth Program, Education Program and the

Americanism Program. This year we are hoping to expand our participation by including some new schools.

If you have a particular school that you would like to see included in these programs, please contact Joan Sparks (832-764-2586). Joan does an incredible job with these programs and is always looking for new ideas and help.

If you are sitting there thinking that this just is not your thing or I don't have time or I am not able to go help, you can still do something to promote education. It is as simple as collecting the Box tops for Education that are found on many of the products that you buy. Just cut them out and give them to your local school or collect them and call one of the auxiliary members to come and get them from you.

The Unit will be having a table at the Woodlands Garage sale on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Mary Kay Sanchez and Jenny Hamann will be working the event.

If you have any items to donate for the sale, please contact one of them and arrange to get the items to them. Baked goods are also very popular. Jenny Hammann's phone is 281-907-3430.

We will also have a booth at the craft Fair at St. Simon and Jude on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. We need as many craft items as possible and once again baked goods are good sellers. Contact Rosalie Fryer (936-520-8895) if you have items to donate.

This month we will once again have our annual picnic with the Post. However there will be a few changes. The picnic will be on Saturday, October 20, 2018, from 3:00pm to 7:00pm at our

new meeting place, St. Simon and Jude Church. We are hoping that having it on a Saturday afternoon will mean we have more time to socialize and maybe play some games since no one has to worry about going to work the next morning.

The Post will be cooking the hot dogs and hamburgers and the Unit will provide the side dishes and desserts. You are welcome to bring the beverage of your choice to have and/or to share. Please contact Rosalie Fryer and let her know what you would like to bring. We want to make sure we have a variety of dishes and all the fixings for the hot dogs and hamburgers.

The Unit will not have a general membership meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup> because of the picnic on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Therefore Rosalie will have a sign-up sheet at the picnic for distributing poppies in November. Check your calendars so you can tell her when you will be able to help.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the picnic. Bring your cards, dominoes or the games of your choice and be prepared to have fun.

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

*(Day, Date, Event, Locale, Time)*

Mon, Oct 15 - Executive Committee Meeting Sts. Simon & Jude Min House @ 6:30 PM.  
Thur, Oct 18 - Membership Meeting, Sts Simon and Jude Min House @ 6:00 PM.  
Sat, Oct 20 - Annual Picnic, Sts Simon and Jude Picnic Area @ 3:00 PM.  
Sun, Nov 11 – Veteran's Day/100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of WW I.  
Mon, Nov 12 - Veteran's Day observed.  
Mon, Nov 12 - Executive Committee Meeting, Sts. Simon & Jude Min House @ 6:30 PM.  
Thu, Nov 15 - Membership Meeting, Sts. Simon & Jude Min House @ 6:00 PM.  
Thu, Nov 22 – THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.  
Fri, Dec 7 - Pearl Harbor.  
Mon, Dec 17 - Executive Committee Meeting, Sts Simon & Jude Min House @6:30 PM.  
Thur, Dec 20 - Membership Meeting, Sts Simon & Jude Event Ctn. @6:00 PM.



Remembering Winfield Salter,  
a Legionnaire Extraordinaire.,

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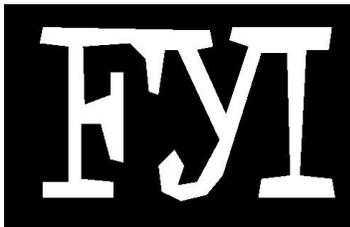
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*Don't forget . . . bring your aluminum cans to the meetings. It raises funds for the Post. Hats off to Harlem Thornhill for volunteering to take the cans to the recycle center and trade them in for cash.*



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**Monthly Meetings**

The Post and Auxiliary meet at Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church in The Woodlands at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month.

The Church is located at 26777 Glen Loch Drive, The Woodlands TX 77380. A meeting location map is posted on the Website.

Meetings start at 7:30pm but are preceded by a pot-luck supper at 6:00pm, provided by the Auxiliary.

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## THE OIL PATCH WARRIORS OF WORLD WAR II

Seventy-five years ago, a band of roughnecks went abroad on a top secret mission into Robin Hood's stomping grounds to punch oil wells to help fuel England's war machines. It's a story that should make any oil man or woman proud.

The year was 1943 and England was mired in World War II. U-boats attacked supply vessels, choking off badly needed supplies to the island nation. But oil was the commodity they needed the most as they warred with Germany.

A book "The Secret of Sherwood Forest: Oil Production in England During World War II", written by Guy Woodward and Grace Steele Woodward, was published in 1973 and tells the obscure story of the American oil men who went to England to bore wells in a top secret mission in March 1943. England had but one oil field, in Sherwood Forest of all places. Its meager output of 300 barrels a day was literally a drop in the bucket of their requirement of 150,000 barrels a day to fuel their war machines.

A top-secret plan was devised: to send some Americans and their expertise to assist in developing the field. Oklahoma based Noble Drilling Company along with Fain-Porter signed a one-year contract to drill 100 wells for England, merely for costs and expenses. Drillers and roughnecks from Texas and Oklahoma, 42 in all, most in their teens and early twenties, volunteered for the mission to go abroad. They embarked for England aboard the HMS Queen Elizabeth. Four



"The Oil Patch Warrior," a seven-foot bronze statue of a roughneck holding a four-foot pipe wrench stands near Nottingham England to honor the American oil men's assistance and sacrifice in the war. A replica was placed in Ardmore Oklahoma in 2001

It is by no means a stretch to state that without the American mission, we might all be speaking German today.

*Special thanks to the American Oil and Gas Historical Society.*



**2019 Membership Dues  
are now due.**