



THE BUGLE



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Monthly Newsletter of The Woodlands American Legion Post 305

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

Notice of June 20, 2019 Meeting

The meeting this month will be held in the Event Center at St Simon and Jude Church. Be sure and arrive early, say 6:30 to 7:00 if you would like to partake of the monthly munchies. The Auxiliary, led by presiding officer **Kathy Carroll**, does a great job in preparing dishes to snack on. Meet, greet and munch starts about 6:30. Meeting starts promptly at 7:30.

All nonmember war time veterans and or their mother, female spouse, daughters and granddaughters are invited to visit and consider becoming a member.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Bruce Carter



I completed my tenth month as Commander in April 2019. We had our April 2019 meeting in the Ministry House at Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church. Below is the schedule for the Post meetings.

Post Meetings - Event Center (Domec Hall for Post meetings and room 10 for the Auxiliary), (2019) 5/16, 6/20, 7/18

There are directions to the church on our website, www.alpost305.org

As I have mentioned before, one of the topics I am interested in is news about our MIAs. Below is a link to a website that documents recovery of MIAs: <https://www.dpaa.mil/News-Stories/Recent-News-Stories/>. This is an impressive listing that showcases the diligence of our Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency. Check it out, I think you will be impressed.

Post 305 meeting attendance

It is disappointing that we still have a very low turnout at our monthly meetings. In fact, we did not have a quorum at our regular April Post meeting so we could not approve meeting minutes or the finance report. We thought this may have been due to Easter week activities and since the Auxiliary unit did not meet this may have had an impact as well. We then called for special Executive Committee and Post meetings on the evening of April 22 but again we had no quorum for the Post meeting.

We had the first reading of the nominations for 2019-2020 Post officers as follows:

Commander: Bruce Carter
1st Vice: Victoria Glover
Adjutant: Pickens Jones
Judge Advocate: Peter Koch
Finance Officer: Emery Heuermann
Chaplain: open

Sgt. At arms: Jim Bolin
Service Officer: Toby Carroll
Historian: open
Member at Large: Norman Chapa
Member at Large: Everett Ison

Our intention is to have the second reading and the elections at our May 16 Post meeting. It is vitally important that we have a quorum (12 members) at that meeting such that elected officers can be sworn in at the June meeting. Note that we still have two open positions that we would like to fill. We also need to catch up on approvals for normal Post business. This underscores the need for more active participation from Post members in order to continue the services we provide to our veterans and community. Please endeavor to come to our meetings and see how you can help.

Victoria Glover, our Boys State committee chairman, reports that we still have 40 candidates for this year's Boys State event in Austin despite a few dropouts. This exceeds the 28 boys we sent last year which was the second highest Post representation. Perhaps this year we will have the highest representation.

Events coming up that Post 305 will participate in include in two local area Memorial Day events, one at the Houston National Cemetery and one at The Woodlands Forest Park Cemetery and the annual July 4th Parade. More information about the parade is below.

We will also conduct a symbolic Flag Disposal ceremony at the June 20th meeting, starting at 7:00 pm in the Event Center at Sts Simon and Jude Church.

That is all,

Bruce Carter, Commander

Observations and Musings

by past Commander **James Bolin**

This time of year, is full of requirements for Legion participation. It starts with Armed Forces Day on the 18th of May. During this time, the members of the Armed forces are presented with a number of good places to eat. Following Armed Forces Day is Memorial Day. That is a time to recognize those who have died or been killed in protection of our company. For the Post it is a time to attend the Parade down at the Houston National Cemetery. The next important time of parade is the 4th of July Parade. If we can find a way we will have members of the Post to carry the flags for both of the last two events. As an added attraction we will have our new silver helmets, compliments of Mr. **Winfield Salter*** to spruce up our uniform. If you are younger than us, we could use you to march in the parades.

Jim Bolin

Flag Disposal ceremony

Post 305 will conduct its annual symbolic Flag Disposal program at the June 20th meeting. All participants and audience are requested to be in the Event Center no later than 6:45 pm. The Commander will call the detail to order at 7:00 pm. If you have old flags that are no longer worthy of service, please bring those to the ceremony.

July 4th Parade

Post 305 and Auxiliary Unit 305 will again participate in the annual Woodlands July 4th parade. **Emery Heuermann** has volunteered to be responsible for the parade float. His efforts have won several awards over the years for Post 305...and 1st place money three times. Hopefully we will not be rained out this year like last.

Post 305 will try to have an Honor Guard as well, just not a walking guard. In lieu of asking our Color Guard to walk the parade route this year, we are trying to come up with some ideas that involve a motorized vehicle; possibly, a jeep, a duce and a half, a rag top, an open bed truck, a classic truck, etc. Too soon to say

what the final decisions will be, other than we are being extremely safety conscious this year about some of our members not being able to walk safely at the rapid pace of the parade, without water or shade on a usually hot July 4th while carrying flags, rifles and equipment. For contrast, the parade float has a ceiling, onboard fans and water, so heat and physical exertion is not usually a problem for the sitting participants riding on the float. Not so with the color guard. Stay tuned. . .

THE AUXILIARY UNIT 305 PROGRAMS & NEWS



Presidents' Corner
Kathy Carroll
May 2019

The calendar says it is May but already our temperatures are telling us that summer is just around the corner. In the past May always seemed like a signal that things will slow down for the summer but in the ALA we are always busy.

On April 20th our Unit participated in the Woodlands Garage Sale and it was a very productive day. Thank you to everyone who donated items for us to sell. Since we received so many things from **Jackie Ulmer**, we still have many items to sell including some furniture which **Dora Blue** is refinishing for us. We are considering having a local garage sale in June or we may wait until the Fall, but in either case we will need people to help with the sale. As soon as we have a date we will let everyone know.

Once again we have a busy month of May. The American Legion Division 2 Convention will be held at Post 618 in Willis, TX, May 17-19, 2019. All Auxiliary members are welcome to attend. We will be electing a new Auxiliary Division President and electing delegates from our Division to represent our Department at the National Convention. If you are interested in any of these positions, please let me know as soon as possible.

We will also have elections for our Unit this month. The nominating committee is working on this now. If you are interested in any position on the executive board or if you want to chair a committee, please let

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

Kathy Carroll
President ALA Unit 305

Dayna Salter(281-229-1365), **Rosalie Fryer**(936-520-8895), or **Geri Mulvihill** (832-620-6265) know what position you would like. Also, if you are asked to run for a position please consider this very carefully. No position is too demanding and the more people we have doing these jobs, the less work it is for everyone.

The biggest and most important thing we have happening in May is associated with Memorial Day. We will be distributing poppies Memorial Day weekend and the more people we have participating, the less work there is for everyone. **Rosalie Fryer** will have a sign-up sheet at our meeting this month so please check your calendars for your availability to help.

We will also participate in the ceremony at the Houston National Cemetery on Monday, May 27, 2019. Over the years I think we have all heard veterans repeat the phrase "All gave some and some gave all". Memorial Day is the time to remember the servicemen and women who "gave all". It is a very meaningful ceremony, open to the public and it is free. I hope that many of you will be able to attend and bring your family members.

Our next meeting will be at Sts. Simon and Jude Church on Thursday, May 16, 2019. We will have our potluck dinner with the Post starting at 6:30pm and the meeting will follow at 7:30pm. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Story of the Month

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — A beluga whale found with a tight harness that appeared to be Russian made has raised the alarm of Norwegian officials and prompted speculation that the animal may have come from a Russian military facility. Joergen Ree Wiig of the Norwegian Directorate of Fisheries says "Equipment St. Petersburg" is written on the harness strap, which features a mount for an action camera.

He said Monday fishermen in Arctic Norway last week reported the tame white cetacean with a tight harness swimming around. On Friday, fisherman Joar Hesten, aided by Ree Wiig, jumped into the frigid water to remove the harness. Ree Wiig said "people in Norway's military have shown great interest" in the harness. Audun Rikardsen, a professor at the Department of Arctic and Marine Biology at the Arctic University of Norway in Tromsø, northern Norway, believes "it is

most likely that Russian Navy in Murmansk" is involved. Russia has major military facilities in and around Murmansk on the Kola Peninsula, in the far northwest of Russia.

It wasn't immediately clear what the mammal was being trained for, or whether it was supposed to be part of any Russian military activity in the region. Rikardsen said he had checked with scholars in Russia and Norway and said they have not reported any program or experiments using beluga whales.

"This is a tame animal that is used to getting food served so that is why it has made contacts with the fishermen," he said. "The question is now whether it can survive by finding food by itself. We have seen cases where other whales that have been in Russian captivity doing fine."

Hesten told Norwegian broadcaster NRK that the whale began to rub itself against his boat

when he first spotted it. Russia does not have a history of using whales for military purposes, but the Soviet Union had a full-fledged training program for dolphins. The Soviet Union used a base in Sevastopol on the Crimean Peninsula during the Cold War to train the mammals for military purposes such as searching for mines or other objects and planting explosives. The facility in Crimea was closed following the collapse of the Soviet Union, though unnamed reports shortly after the Russian annexation of Crimea indicated that it had reopened.

The Russian Defense Ministry published a public tender in 2016 to purchase five dolphins for a training program. The tender did not explain what tasks the dolphins were supposed to perform, but indicated they were supposed to have good teeth. It was taken offline shortly after publication.

Unintentionally Hilarious Military Acronyms

The United States military loves slapping an acronym on anything that moves. Actually, things that don't move are equally likely to be described with a jumble of letters when words would do the trick just fine. Sometimes it's obvious that the acronym-izer should've put more thought into the process, and we get some unintentionally hilarious descriptors.

1. **PMS:** Every **Professor of Military Science** is used to the giggles because every new set of students is equally immature.
2. **MANPADS :** While we're on the subject of bodily functions, anyone who's carrying a **Man-Portable Air-Defense System** better be ready for a few comments about whether they might need a diaper.
3. **MANCOC:** A male chicken is usually called a rooster, but it's also known as a cock. Students at the Army's **Maneuver Advanced NCO Course** must've gotten mighty tired of questions about their MANCOC. Perhaps that's why it's now called the Senior Leader Course.
4. **DICC:** Richard Cheney is known as Dick to his friends. But those guys likely were not nearly as tired as the intelligence officers answering questions about their **Defense Intelligence Collection Cell**

5. **DISCO:** John Travolta is king of the disco in "Saturday Night Fever." (Paramount). Spending an evening processing requests down at the **Defense Industrial Security Clearance Office** isn't nearly as glamorous as the acronym might suggest.
6. **MAGIC CARPET:** Aladdin and Princess Jasmine take a magic carpet ride. (Disney). OK, maybe the acronym for **Maritime Augmented Guidance with Integrated Controls for Carrier Approach and Recovery Precision Enabling Technologies** wasn't unintentional. Someone put a lot of effort into making that one work.
7. **DRBOB:** One Dr. Bob is a noted folk artist. The other co-founded Alcoholics Anonymous. The future of commissaries and exchanges may be in the hands of the **Defense Resale Business Optimization Board**, but how many New Orleans folk art fans think of the famed painter behind the city's "Be Nice or Leave" signs? What about the AA members who know Dr. Bob as Bill W.'s cofounder of Alcoholics Anonymous?
8. **FARP:** Rick and Morty should be your preferred source for fart humor. (Adult Swim). Everyone at the **Forward Area Refueling Point** is tired of your fart jokes.
9. **FAP:** The **Fleet Assistance Program**, aside from assigning Marines to extra duties outside the normal chain of command, raises an entire set of issues that we can't really discuss here.
10. **BLT:** A fine-looking bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich (Wikimedia Commons). Who wouldn't enjoy a delicious **Battalion Landing Team**?
11. **AOC:** This AOC is not the O.G. AOC. For years, the **Army Operating Concept** was just a military plan for the future. Now, the acronym causes convulsions in a large portion of our news-watching population. Handle with care.

Important Information

Monthly Meetings, Location and Time

The Post and Auxiliary meet at Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church in The Woodlands at 7:30 PM on the third Thursday of each month. Meetings are preceded by a mix, mingle and munch potluck finger food supper at 6:30 pm, provided by the Auxiliary. The Church is located at 26777 Glen Loch Drive, The Woodlands TX 77380. A meeting location map is posted on the Website.

2019 Meeting Dates and Room location:

May 16, Legionnaires – Event Center ~ Auxiliary – Room 10
 June 20, Legionnaires – Event Center ~ Auxiliary – Room 10
 July 18, Legionnaires – Event Center ~ Auxiliary – Room 10
 August 15, Legionnaires – Event Center ~ Auxiliary – Room 10
 September 19, Ministry House (Legionnaires in rooms A ~ Auxiliary in room B)
 October 17, Ministry House (Legionnaires in rooms A ~ Auxiliary in room B)
 November 21, Ministry House (Legionnaires in rooms A ~ Auxiliary in room B)
 December 19, TBD

Directions to the church is on our website, www.alpost305.org



Don't Forget Your Aluminum Cans

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

Membership Dues

\$36.00 per year.

2019 Membership Dues are now due. Pay now so as to not cause confusion when the 2020 membership campaign kicks off July 1st.

A 2019 membership / renewal application follows.



About Us

The Bugle is the monthly newsletter of The Woodlands American Legion Post 305 and Auxiliary Unit 305. Members in good standing are entitled to a copy of The Bugle.

Editor is past Commander Emery Heuermann, Assistant Editor is past Commander **James Bolin**. Articles from members are welcomed.



Post305 Website

The Post 305 website is located at www.alpost305.org. We also have a Facebook page administrated by past Commander **Kimberly Biggerstaff**, <mailto:kimbiggerstaff@icloud.com>.

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6. Ms. Tracy Mathews, Veterans Counselor, representing Texas Veterans Commission, stationed at Conroe Community Based Outpatient Clinic - 690 South Loop 336 West, 3A-153 - Conroe 77304-3319 - Tel #: 936-522-4024 or 936-522-4020 - M-F 8:00- 4:00
7. **Montgomery County Veterans Service Officer: Conroe, Ms. Kay Lee, 936-539-7842**
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2019 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

YES! I desire to become a member of The American Legion. I further certify that I served at least one day of active military duty during the dates marked below and was honorably discharged or I am still serving honorably.

Date: _____
Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State & Zip: _____
Primary Phone Number: _____
Email address: _____

Branch of Service (please check mark your primary branch of service)
 U.S. Army U.S. Navy U.S. Air Force U.S. Marines U.S. Coast Guard

Eligibility Dates for membership in the American Legion

- Aug 2, 1990 – Persian Gulf War (until cessation of hostilities as determined by US Government)
Feb 1, 1990 – Aug 1, 1990 – not eligible
- Dec 20, 1989 – Jan 31, 1990 – Panama
Aug 1, 1984 – Dec 19, 1989 – not eligible
- Aug 24, 1982 – Jul 31, 1984 - Grenada/Lebanon
May 8, 1975 – Aug 23, 1982 – not eligible
- Feb 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975 - Vietnam
Feb 1, 1955 --- Feb 27, 1961 – not eligible
- June 25, 1950 – Jan 31, 1955 – Korea
Jan 1, 1947 --- Jun 24, 1950 - not eligible
- Dec 7, 1941 – Dec 31, 1946 – WWII
Nov 12, 1918 – Dec 6, 1941 – not eligible
- Apr 6, 1917 – Nov 11, 1918 – WWI

Applicants Certification

I certify that I have served at least one day of active military duty during the war time era marked above and was honorably discharged or I am still serving honorably.

Printed Full Name: Mr. Ms. Mrs. _____ Sr. Jr. II. III

Sign Here: _____ Date _____
Veteran must legibly sign and date the certification by hand.

Membership Dues Annual dues are \$36.00.
Paid by: Check Money Order Bank Check Cashier's Check Company Check.

Please make the check payable to American Legion Post 305 and return it and this completed application to American Legion Post 305, P.O. Box 9336, The Woodlands TX 77387

