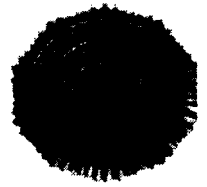


AMERICAN LEGION POST 305 BUGLE



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COMMANDER'S CORNER

I'd like to introduce myself as your new Post Commander for the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 for The Woodlands American Legion Post #305. I am a recent addition to Post 305 and to The Woodlands, having arrived here in September 2004. I have approximately 35 years as a Legionnaire, and I have held Post and District offices, including Commander, in two other states. I am 77 years of age. Most of my family has lived in East Texas for many years.

Having held the office of Commander previously, I know I'm going to need a lot of help from all members, especially the incoming and outgoing Post officers.

This Post is one of the best Posts I have been involved with and all of you should be very proud of it. My main concern is that I not do any harm to it. I hadn't planned to assume any duties here, but was persuaded to assume the Commander's position because the nominating committee was unable to find a volunteer. As a result, I am the last choice, but I promise to do the best I can to assist all Legionnaires. Please feel free to call me (281-419-1631) if you have any concerns or to offer your help if you can. Let's have a good year!

My hat goes off to the Legionnaires and Auxiliary members

who planned, decorated and participated in the Fourth of July parade. You did yourselves proud!! The Woodlands presented everyone with a great parade and it was enjoyed by all.

Respectfully,

M.D. "Dutch" Dettinger, Commander

MEETING EVENTS

The first meeting by Commander Dettinger was mostly an organizational meeting. The Commander discussed in general terms what he was going to do and asked for all our help.

The Finance Officers report noted that we had income of \$61.62 for the month and expenses of \$1896.25 and that our General Fund account balance was \$4,253.70. Our Allocated Fund balance was \$17,275.85 for total assets of \$21,529.55.

Rudy Charest reported that so far the Post has received \$2049.35 of the money pledged or paid for the Birdies for Charity. He expects to have the remaining \$450 collected and turned in by the next Post meeting.

Boy State attendees will be invited to the August Post meeting to give a report of their attendance at the event.

Two motions recommended by the Executive Committee were approved. They were a motion to reimburse Jerry Mulvihill approximately \$100 for supplies purchased for use on the Post History for 2005-2006 and a motion to establish an appointed position of Assistant Chaplain for those occasions when Pat

Turner is not available because of his work schedule.

The Commander asked for a volunteer to become the 2d Vice Commander as John Nanninga asked to be excused for personal reasons.

Warren Gartman volunteered to be on the National Cemetery Committee to represent the Post.

The changes to the Constitution and by laws have been approved and returned by Department.

The American Legion baseball team that we sponsor has made it to the State Tournament.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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VETERANS' ADVOCATE

On July 14th The White House Acknowledged the shortage of VA Health Care Funds and asked for an additional \$2 billion for the 2006 VA budget. It is now back to the Senate and the House of Representative.

My Opinion: Better late than never.

The U.S. Mint struck a new Commemorative silver dollar, the "2005 Marine Corps 230th Anniversary Coin". It will have the Iwo Jima flag raising on one side and the Marine Corps emblem on the other side.

My Opinion: It's about time a military branch has a commemorative coin.

REMEMBER: Not all veterans

are the same. All military retirees are veterans, but not all veterans are military retirees.

My Opinion: You would be surprised how many civilians and Congressmen do not know this fact.

Continental Airlines Honors America's Veterans, Active Duty, National Guard, Reserve and their families with airline dis-



count benefits, including Frequent Flyer Program Bonus. Veterans' Advantage (<http://veteransadvantage.com/>) a nationwide card membership program providing new benefits for veterans and their families, and Continental

Airlines announced a five percent discount on all continental tickets booked at continental.com, plus frequent flyer award bonus for Veterans' Advantage members.

More information is available on the Continental Website at <http://continental.com/> as well as the Veterans' Advantage member site at <http://www.veteransadvantage.com>.

TEN COMMANDMENTS

The real reason that we can't have the Ten Commandments in a Courthouse?

You cannot post "Thou Shalt Not Steal," "Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery" and "Thou Shalt Not Lie" in a building full of lawyers judges and politicians! It creates a hostile work environment!

POST 305 ACTIVITIES

DAY	DATE	ACTIVITY	PARTICIPANTS	REMARKS
Monday	Aug. 15 2005	Ex Meeting 7 pm	Executive Comm.	Legion Office
Thursday	Aug. 18 2005	Meeting 7 pm	All Available Members	Rayford Road Comm. Ctn.
Sun-Thu	Aug. 21-25	National Convention	Delegates	Hawaii
Monday	Sep. 19 2005	Ex Meeting 7 pm	Executive Comm.	Legion Office
Thursday	Sep. 22 2005	Meeting 7 pm	All Available Members	Rayford Road Comm. Ctn.

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