



American Legion POST 305 BUGLE

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Although I am not officially the Commander because we have not yet had an election, I am the only candidate. I guess that puts me in line to write this column.

Dutch started out with a brief biography and that seems appropriate since I have not met most of you. I retired in 1979 from the Army after 23 years of service in the Artillery. After that I worked in Industrial Distribution for about 18 years retiring from that at age 65 in 1998. I moved to Houston in 2003 to be near two of my daughters and grandchildren. My wife and I have 5 children, 2 boys and 3 girls. I have been in the Legion for 8 years and served Post 530 in Cincinnati, OH as Sgt.-at-Arm, Adjutant, and Commander for 2 ½ years. My hobbies are sports and I play tennis a couple of times a week and golf about once a week. I follow most of the professional sports teams of my hometown. I look forward to making a contribution to Post 305. (I think it is kind of spooky that both posts I have belonged to have the same number 3,0, &5.)

We had a busy past week, with a picnic on Thursday Oct. 20, and then a Rummage Sale on Saturday Oct. 22d. At the picnic we had 17 members, their spouses and guest, about 50 in total. We had a brief meeting and then it was on to the food. Dave Lips did the planning that was carried out by Chuck Suhr. The Post brought the meat while the Auxiliary brought the side dishes and the fixens. Everyone had a great time eating and visiting. The picnic lasted two hours, and some of our members, who shall go unnamed, managed to eat the entire time. Then it was back on it by Friday for preparation for the Rummage Sale, and the Sale itself on Saturday. Chuck Suhr spearheaded the sale with able help from the Auxiliary and Post members. We sold most of what we had, and Dayton Denton is allowing us to keep some of the "good stuff" in a locker at his storage facility. We made about \$1,600 at the sale. Thanks to all involved. We have another one coming up next spring, so start saving that "good stuff" now.

November's meeting will be a busy one as we have speakers, elections, Constitution and By Law changes, budget approvals, etc. plus Thanksgiving Supper after the meeting. So, bring your appetite and a cushion and be ready for some fast action. Also, remember Veteran's Day on Nov. 11th and participate in one of the many ceremonies around the area. If you don't know where to go, call the Legion Office.

For God and Country, Jim Bolin

MEETING NOTES

Our October meeting was a short one prior to the picnic. We took care of two items of business. First we heard a report from Chuck Suhr, Chairman of the Nominating Committee. He reported that the following Officers have been nominated to replace the vacancy caused by the resignation

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of Dutch Dettinger: Commander – Jim Bolin, First Vice Commander – Emery Heuermann, Second Vice Commander Chuck Suhr. The election will be at the November Meeting. Second, the Judge Advocate, George Bannon, read a couple of proposed changes to the by laws and constitution. The first established the position of Second Vice Commander and the other clarified the voting rights of the Executive Committee by limiting them to only elected officers but not appointed officers. We will also be voting on this at the November meeting.

VETERAN'S DAY

The Junior ROTC of the Conroe Independent School District will hold veteran's Day Salute to Veterans at Moorhead Stadium in Conroe at 9:30 a.m. on Friday November 11th.

The Post Color Guard will be at the Pavilion in The Woodlands at approximately 9:00 a.m. to present the Colors at the 11th Annual Children's Festival.

Friday, November 11, the Klein ISD will host its annual Veterans Day Ceremony at 9:00 a.m. at the Klein Memorial Stadium located at 16715 Stuebner-Airline Drive adjacent to the Klein High School campus. A by-invitation only breakfast honoring veteran and active duty members of the military will be held in the Klein High School cafeteria from 8:00 to 8:45. Persons who wish to attend the breakfast should call Jane Miller at 832-249-4754

VETERAN'S ADVOCATE

The Houston VA Medical Center now offers on-line prescription refills. Your first prescription must be filled in person. After that, use <http://www.myhealth.va.gov>.

If anyone is interested in specific legislation, go to the web-site <http://USDR.org> and click on Legislative Action. MY OPINION: It's a chance to be better informed. TRY IT!

The DOD is raising the co-pay on some medications issued by the VA from \$9.00 to \$22.00. MY OPINION: They will keep on until all medication co-pays will be at \$22.00.

Dutch Dettinger, Veterans Advocate

MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 151 members paid up for the new year of 2006. Our quota is 312, and worse than that, our budget is made out to spend the money for at least 300 members. So far, we are very short. Part of that is probably our fault for getting off to a slow start, but we have gotten that ironed out, and now we need your support. Send in your renewal today. Thanks.

POST ACTIVITIES

| DAY | DATE | ACTIVITY | PARTICIPANTS | LOCATION |
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| Friday | Nov.11 | Veteran's Day | All Veterans | Various |
| Monday | Nov. 14 | Ex. Meeting 7 p m | Executive Committee | Legion Office |
| Thursday | Nov. 17 | Meeting 7 p m | All Available Members | Rayford Road Comm. Ctn. |
| Monday | Dec. 12 | Ex. Meeting 7 p m | Executive Committee | Legion Office |
| Thursday | Dec. 17 | Meeting 7 p m | All Available Members | Rayford Road Comm. Ctn. |

