

POST 305 BUGLE

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

I hope that all of you had a chance to partake of the Veteran's Day activities. Here are some of the events that I can report upon. Emery Heuermann, George Bannon, Carl Smith and Bob Jackson attended the annual Gaunt Kraupstadt event. Carl Smith, Jim Bolin, Pickens Jones, Harlen Thornhill, Norma Bomer and John Nanninga presented the Colors at the Children's Festival at The Pavilion in The Woodlands. George Bannon, Joe Watz and Bob Jackson took the review at Moorehead Stadium in Conroe. Pat Turner and Jerry Bradshaw participated in a Veteran's Day ceremony at the Woodlands Christian Academy. Jim Bolin and Dayton Denton talked to the 3d, 4th, and 5th grades about Veteran's Day at Lamar Elementary School. Chuck Suhr, Pickens Jones and others attended the Rotary Club luncheon honoring Woodlands area veterans. Brad Wall and Emery Heuermann participated with a few non Post 305 Veterans in a private ceremony honoring Veterans.

Any membership applications that have been sent to the Post have all been forwarded to State. Therefore, no one who has sent in a renewal should get the December 1st reminder from State. So far we have 241 paid members for 2006. Our quota is 310. We need all who have not renewed to do so before the end of the year so as not to lose out on any membership benefits, such as insurance. If you know anyone who is a member, check with them to see if they have renewed. Thanks.

We had a great Thanksgiving meal after the meeting on Nov. 17th courtesy of the Post 305 Auxiliary. Not only was the food good, but also it was a good time to visit with old friends and make new friends. Our thanks to the Auxiliary.

December's meeting will have a Holiday motif, what with the Holidays only a week away.

Remember our comrades still protecting our Country around the world during this Holiday Season.

For God and Country, Jim Bolin

MEETING NOTES

Bruce Carter and Brad Wall are responsible for The Woodlands Car Club sponsoring Post 305 as a recipient of a \$1500 cash donation to the post honoring Veterans.

We changed the Constitution and by laws to include the position of 2d Vice Commander and to limit the Executive Committee voting members to those elected by the Post membership. Then we held a mid-term election and elected Jim Bolin as Commander, Emery Heuermann as 1st

Vice Commander and Chuck Suhr to the new position as 2d Vice Commander. We also passed our Post budget for 2005-2006.

We also approved the following motions recommended by the Ex. Comm.: To accept the \$1500 donated by The Woodlands Car Club, to donate \$250 to Salvation Army for Katrina relief, to add "call notes" to the Legion office phone, and to pay \$65 for a Veteran's Day ad in the Villager newspaper.

We also passed out Letters of Appreciation to those who helped in the Rummage Sale and the Picnic. Our next meeting is December 15, 2005 at 7 p.m. at the Rayford Community Center.

2d VICE COMMANDER

Our American Legion Auxiliary ladies, as usual, did a wonderful job in providing a delicious Thanksgiving dinner for all following our Nov. 17 meeting. We had turkey, dressing, and gravy cooked by Donna Turner. Special thanks to her. And, Rosalie Fryer talked H-E-B into donating a ham for our meal. Special thanks to her. All the other Auxiliary members attending contributed the trimmings. Thanks to them. Also, a special thank you to Dayton Denton for providing the turkey.

A belated thanks to all the members that helped at the Fall Rummage Sale. We have a small "faithful" group who can always be counted on to step up when needed for special events.
Chuck, 2d Vice Commander

SERVICE OFFICER

Special Alert: Congress is cutting VA benefits at an alarming rate. All Veterans should have their DD214 and should be registered with the VA. Even if you currently have health insurance, getting registered and being prepared is like having additional insurance. Your VA card is the first step necessary in applying for and receiving VA benefits for you and your spouse. Please tell your veteran friends about our January meeting where we will have a hands on Veterans Benefits program. You should bring your DD214 to that meeting so you can fill out the Veterans Benefits Registration. I urge you all to attend this important meeting. If you have any questions or know of any comrades in distress please call me at 832 928-6054. For the good of the post, Dayton Denton, Service Officer.

The 6th Annual Post 305 Chili Cook-Off will be held on January 19th, the regular meeting night. This has turned out to be one of the most enjoyable events of the year; so, come on out! As a reminder, the following is a summary of the rules:

- Contestants will be selected at the December meeting.
- Only Post 305 members will be contestants.
- The contest chili will be used as part of the after-meeting refreshments.
- The quantity of chili that is prepared by each contestant must be at least 2 quarts.

- There are no limitations or ingredient requirements for contest entries.
- There should be at least 6 entrants, in order to provide enough for refreshments.
- Unit 305 will judge the entries, whose identities will be concealed during the event.
- The winner will be selected on the merits of originality, texture, flavor, and "chili-ness".
- A plaque will be awarded to the winner; however, everyone wins at this very special event.

Recipe for Buckeye Candy

Ohio is called the Buckeye State, and in case you haven't heard of a buckeye, it is a hard nut. It has a hard brown covering a lighter center. The following is a recipe for a candy that looks kind of like a buckeye.

1½ pounds of confectionary sugar

1 pound of peanut butter

½ pound of Parkay margarine

Mix and roll into balls about the size of a large shooter marble.

1 package of chocolate

½ stick of paraffin

Melt the chocolate and paraffin and dip into mixture covering ½ of each ball with chocolate and paraffin. Set aside to dry.