



American Legion



POST 305 BUGLE

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

I trust you all had a wonderful Holiday Season and now you are ready to get back to work.

We had some really great work before Christmas when **Emery Heuermann's** company, Advantage Mailing, sponsored a lunch, in Post 305's name, for the volunteers at the Montgomery County Food Bank. Also **John Nanninga** is working with the Montgomery County School system to upgrade their knowledge of Flag etiquette. We are about ready to begin work on our Scholarship award and Boy's State. Come join us in our work.

Come join us in our fun also. Next meeting in January is our annual Chili Cook-Off when we award the member who brings in the best pot of homemade chili as judged by the Auxiliary. Also as our Service Officer has been saying for several months, we will have Kay Lee, Montgomery County Veteran's Service Officer to help us apply for our VA card. If you don't already have one, you should make this meeting for sure.

Remember our comrades in your prayers still protecting our Country around the world.

For God and Country,
Jim Bolin, Commander

MEETING NOTES

At the meeting we approved two motions recommended by the Executive Committee.

One to provide the district oratorical winner with a supplemental \$100 scholarship to add to the District \$250 scholarship, if the winner is a representative of our Post. The second was to enter into an agreement to sell coupon books for \$30 on a 50% commission basis. These are the same books we sold last year with great results. Contact the Post in January if you want to buy one. We had a motion from membership to donate \$100 to Interfaith in response to their request due to heavy expenditures for the hurricanes. SBC call notes have been added to our phone service to make leaving and redeeming messages easier. Our phone number is 281-298-2440 if you want to get hold of us.

SERVICE OFFICER

Need help getting to the VA Hospital? For transportation to the VA Hospital you must get to each of the following bus pick-up locations on your own.

1. Woodlands: Research Forest Park and Ride @ \$8.25 round trip.

From The Woodlands

Lv. 6:15 a.m. Arrive 7:50 a.m.

Lv. 7:15 a.m. Arrive 8:50 a.m.

From the VA Hospital

Lv. 12:30 p.m. Arrive 2:05 p.m.

Lv. 4:30 p.m. Arrive 6:05 p.m.

Lv. 5:30 p.m. Arrive 7:05 p.m.

2. Conroe: Conroe VFW @ free round trip

From 1303 W. Semands

Every Tuesday

Lv. 6:30 a.m.

Return after all finished.

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3. Willis: American Legion Post @ free for round trip

1st and 3rd Wednesday every month.

Lv. 5:30 a.m.

Return after all finished.

Don't forget our January meeting. Bring a vet friend to learn about VA benefits.

Dayton Denton, Service Officer

VETERAN'S ADVOCATE

Daily Health Policy Report

The Administration and DOD are still pushing action to increase VA prescription co-pays to \$15.00 per prescription and charging an annual \$250.00 enrollment fee.

MY OPINION: I thought this was a dead issue, but I guess it's still alive and kicking.

VA Second Signature

I've already mentioned the secret preview, but here's another VA policy change. Earlier this year the VA required a second signature to approve claims for disabilities. Now we find out if the first review is denied, they don't use the second one.

MY OPINION: Secretary of the VA is following the Administration's orders to the letter. His qualifications for the Secretary of the VA job are NIL. Having been Ambassador to the Vatican and the Republican National Chairman definitely are not what is needed, even if he did kiss the Pope's ring. We veterans must prepare for further eroding of our rightful benefits. We have no protection from the President, Congress or the VA.

VA Medical Outpatient Medicines Co-Pay Increased

The Secretary of Veterans' Affairs announced that the co-payments for VA Medical Outpatient Medicines will rise by \$1.00 per prescription per month effective 1 January 2006. The change will not affect those veterans who are now receiving free prescription drugs; all others will increase from \$7.00 to \$8.00 per prescription.

MY OPINION: One dollar a month per prescription does not sound like a big amount, but consider that many veterans on the VA Pharmacy Program receive approximately ten prescriptions per month. Therefore, that means a veteran on Social Security alone must come up with \$10.00 extra each month or \$1200.00 per year. That's rough on the elderly, handicapped and the homeless. It's a slippery slope we're on.

Dutch Dettinger, Veteran's Advocate

MONTGOMERY FOOD BANK

Advantage Mailing sponsored a lunch for volunteers working at the Montgomery County Food Bank on Dec. 21st. **Emery Heuermann** set the luncheon up and furnished all the decorations, food and drink. Helping Emery were **George Bannon, Jim Bolin, Dayton Denton** and **Chuck Suhr**. Attending, besides the volunteers, were several Montgomery County politicians running for office. The luncheon was a good time for them to learn more about the mission of the Food Bank.

Post Activities

Day	Date	Activity	Location
Sun.	Jan 1	Happy New Year	
Mon.	Jan 16	Ex. Comm. 7pm	Office
Tue.	Jan 17	Operation Desert Storm began	
Thur.	Jan 19	Member Meet 7pm	Rayford Rd
Thur.	Jan 26	Mid-Winter Conf.	Austin
Fri.	Jan 27	Signed Vietnam Peace Accord	
Mon.	Feb 13	Ex Comm. 7pm	Office
Tue.	Feb 14	Valentines Day	
Thur.	Feb 16	Member Meet 7pm	Rayford Rd

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