



American Legion POST 305 BUGLE

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Read This, it's important! Dues are going up to \$31 effective December 31, 2006. If you haven't paid your 2007 dues yet, do so before the deadline. If you haven't paid your 2006 dues and want to retain your years of service, pay both 2006 and 2007 prior to the deadline. You will get another reminder from State after January 1, 2007, but by then the dues will be \$31. **Do it now!**

We are mailing this issue of The Bugle to let all members know that there will be a Post Election on November 16th at the regularly scheduled meeting. It is required to replace two elected Officers and to approve a change to the Post's Constitution and bylaws. This Newsletter will serve as your notification of that election.

We have also decided to publish The Bugle bi-monthly and mail it instead of email. That way, everyone for whom we have an address will receive the newsletter. We will do this as long as we can afford it. The next Bugle will

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The main business at the meeting, beside the picnic was the reading of the following change to the Constitution that will be voted on next meeting.

Constitution

Article V, Section 7, which reads: "In case of vacancy in any office for any cause, the said vacancy shall be filled at any regular meeting provided at least five (5) days notice of such election has been given to the members",



is changed to read: "In case of vacancy in any office for any cause, the said vacancy shall be filled, on an interim basis, with an appointment by the Executive Committee. The permanent replacement will be made at the next regularly scheduled election of the Post, unless said election was scheduled more than six (6) months hence, in which case, an election will be conducted at the next regularly scheduled Post meeting, provided at least five (5) days notice of such election has been given to the members."

Explanation: This gives the Post more latitude in maintaining a full complement of the Executive Committee positions when vacancies occur, while providing reasonable limitations on the Commander and Executive Committee as a way of protecting the interests of the membership, as a whole.

AMERICAN LEGION PROGRAMS

The American Legion has always been involved in issues that affect veterans economically. The National Economic Commission lobbies Congress and works closely with private sector organizations such as the National Organization on Disability, National Coalition for Homeless Veterans and the Veterans Organizations homeless Council, and the Senior Corps of Retired Executives.

MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 257 members paid for 2007. We thought more of you would take advantage to the \$25 membership dues that are available until December 31, 2006, but that doesn't seem to be the case. As a final reminder, dues go up to \$31 on January 1, 2007. Don't miss the opportunity to renew for \$25.



VETERAN'S DAY

Golden Corral's sixth annual Military Appreciation Monday Event is scheduled for November 13, 2006 in all 485 Golden Corral restaurants throughout the county. All active duty and retired military are invited for a free "thank you" dinner buffet, November 13, from 5 to 9 p.m.

A member of the DAV will again be in all Golden Corral restaurants on Monday, November 13, to accept

be in January.

After the November meeting we will have a Thanksgiving supper with Turkey and all the trimmings. If you can make one meeting, this one would be the one to make. But, hey, our Chili Cook-Off in January isn't too shabby.

We had a great picnic. Many thanks to **Dave Lips, Chuck Suhr, and Unit 305 of the Auxiliary.**

We also had a good rummage sale, raising approximately \$1,890 for the Post. Our next rummage sale is in April. We only made half our budget this time, so start saving your treasures for the next one. If you run across any opportunity that won't wait until April, we have a storage facility. We can pick up almost any time.

For God and Country,

Jim Bolin

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contributions for the DAV as well as to distribute educational materials, sign up members and to represent the Disabled American Veterans organization to the community.

The information will be posted on our web site in two weeks. Lets send a thank you card to Golden Corral as well.

Dolly Mercer, Golden Corral Marketing
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VETERAN’S ADVOCATE, Dutch Dettinger

On 16 October the Houston VA Medical Center opened a new multi disciplinary cancer center, 14,000 square foot of it. The VA doctors will be working with the Baylor College of Medicine to improve care for our veterans. This is good news for veterans with cancer. Unfortunately, there are too many veterans who need or will need this center’s care and treatment. Also, this week the Houston VA. Medical Center was awarded a 3 year accreditation for their inpatient rehabilitation care program. The organization that awarded this honor is a private, not for profit group. A 3-year accreditation is the highest level that can be awarded. once again, a well done to the Houston VA. medical center.

Before adjourning, Congress passed Representative Chet Edwards’ (D TX)(Waco) bill blocking the Department of Defense from making retired military personnel pay for their health care, by raising drug fees, starting annual enrollment fees and charging co-pays. Unfortunately this only stops it for 2007. The administration has been trying to get this passed for the last 4 years. They need the money to help pay for the mid-east war is their reasoning.

Texas State Veteran’s homes info: Texas State Veterans Homes (TLVB) are located at Temple, Big Spring, Floresville, Bonham, ElPaso, McAllen and one is being

constructed in Amarillo. They are skilled care facilities. You must be a resident of Texas at the time of applying for admission, or a resident of Texas at the time of entry into military service, at least 18 years of age with a discharge other than dishonorable and require long term nursing care. The homes are run by the TLVB. Application help and information can be obtained by calling 1-800-252-8387.

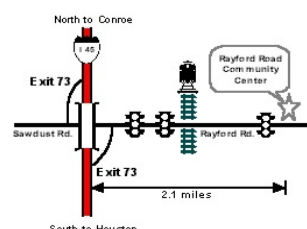
More information on the TVLB programs: (a) currently, the TVLB offers a low interest loan of \$60,000 for the purchase of at least 1 acre of land on a 30 year note. There are also up to a \$325,000 home loan and a \$25,000 home improvement loan. For more information on applications call 1-800-252-8387 or visit their website at www.texasveterans.com. (b) the mission and performance of the TVLB is being reviewed by the Texas legislature as required by the Texas Sunset Act. This act requires that periodically each state agency evaluate its mission and operation and recommend improvements to make sure state funds are well spent. Any veteran may make suggestions. Contact sunset advisory commission at 512-463-1300 or e-mail sunset@sunset.state.tx.us for information or with suggestions.

Post Activities			
Day	Date	Activity	Location
Fri	Nov 10	Veterans Day, Pass in Review @	Moorhead Stadium, Conroe
Sat	Nov 11	Veterans Day Poppy’s @	Kroger Stores in The Woodlands
Mon	Nov 13	Executive Committee @	Legion Office at 27326 Robinson Rd @ 7:00 pm.
Thur	Nov 16	Membership Meeting @	Rayford Road Community Center @ 7 PM.
Mon	Dec 18	Executive Committee @	Legion Office on 27326 Robinson Road @ 7:00 pm.
Thur	Dec 21	Membership Meeting,	Rayford Road Community Center @ 7 PM.
	Feb 1-4	Mid Winter Conference @	Omni Hotel in Austin, TX

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