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COMMANDER'S CORNER

June is the last month in the Legion fiscal year, and as such we install the new officers for the next year in June so they can be ready to take over in July. Flag Day is also in June, so we take the opportunity to conduct a Flag Disposal Ceremony at 6:30, before the regular meeting time of 7 p.m. Please try to be there on time to see the whole show, if you can.

Also at the June meeting we will be giving out awards to selected post members and years of service awards to those who qualify.

I have spent time the past couple of months interviewing Boy's State candidates, reading scholarship applications, presenting a scholarship and attending JROTC awards ceremonies. I would like to pass on a few observations. The hardest part of the selection process was not to find someone who meets the criteria, but to narrow the field down to only one. The kids of today are many times busier that I was at that age. They all have resumes that are awe-inspiring. I don't see how they have time to go to school, but they do, and they get high grades too. And, while we are at it, lets give thanks to their older brothers and sisters in the military who volunteered to fight in Iraq. In my opinion, this younger generation is really on the ball.

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the Officers of the Post who helped me so much this year. Their names are listed at the

end of this newsletter along with their email address if you would like to thank them personally.

For God and Country

Jim Bolin

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The 1st Vice Commander, **Everett Ison**, reported that we have 392 paid members for 2007-2008. That is the highest membership the Post has ever had.

The 2nd Vice Commander, **Chuck Suhr**, reported that we netted @1677.83 on our rummage sale. Again thanks to everyone who helped.

Emery Heuermann reported that the Post had a net income of \$207 from the hot dog stand at the Auxiliary's Craft Show (after the Aux. refunded our \$50 fee for the booth space). Thanks Auxiliary.

We approved the following motions: Donate 10% of rummage sale net to the Auxiliary for their invaluable help. Pay \$55 to the 2nd Division for an ad in the convention program. Participate in the Fallen Soldier Program (give a marble plaque to the parents and spouse of military members killed in Iraqi Freedom). Donate \$50 to a memorial fund that will raise a flagpole in remembrance of Corey Kosters. Spend \$50 for Memorial Day ad in the Villager Newspaper.

We elected the new slate of officers for the year 2007-2008. It was pretty much the same as in last month newsletter except for

the Chaplain. Since Warren Gartman resigned, **Rudy Charest** was elected in his place as Chaplain. He will be acting Chaplain until the new officers are installed next meeting.

MEMORIAL DAY



LtoR: Harlen Thornhill, Pickens Jones, Carl Smith, Bruce Carter

Post 305 and Unit 305 participated in the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial Cemetery on Monday, May 28th. The Post Color Guard is shown in the Parade of Colors. Unit 305 presented a wreath to our fallen comrades.

VETERAN ADVOCATE

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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Local Veteran Information
1. The Houston VA Medical Center is the first hospital in Texas and the first VA hospital to install a computerized system able to integrate all steps required for surveillance on "Methicillin-resistant

Staphylococcus Aureus" (MRSA) including testing, sample preparation amplification, and detection. MRSA is a serious form of a common form of bacteria that frequently inhabits the skin or nostrils of healthy people. Due to its resistance to antibiotics commonly used in treatment, MRSA is one the most rapidly growing and virulent health care associated infections, and according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is responsible for over 100,000 hospitalization each year. The new computerized system at the Houston VA Medical Center utilizes real-time polymerase chain reaction (PCR) to amplify and detect target bacteria. The system provides PCR test results from a raw sample in 70 minutes or less, enabling time critical tests and treatment quickly. Under current procedures the laboratory testing can take up to several days to deliver results, thus allowing the spread of the infection and increasing the risk of death. MY OPINION: Once again we're at the head of the line.

Veterans National Information
1. The House Armed Services Sub-Committee approved HR1585, the National Defense Authorization Act that included (a) a 3.5% active duty pay raise. (b) An increase of force levels by 46,500 troops; Army by 36,000 troops; Marines by 9,000 troops; Air Force by 963 and the Navy by 698 to replace medical personnel transferred to the other services. (c) Transferring responsibility and costs for the Reserve Forces Montgomery GI Bill from the DOD to the VA. (d) Disapproval of the Administration's requested increase in TriCare fees, drug costs and co-pays, for 2008. (e) Better screening for PTSD symptoms, citing problems of troops requesting care and being ignored at the Army Hospital at Fort Carson in Colorado. MY OPINION: I stated previously that

Walter Reed was not the only Military Hospital problem. The TriCare fee increases will be back again next year.

Dutch Dettinger, Veteran's Advocate

AUXILIARY NEWS

At the recent Auxiliary election, the following officers were elected as shown:

Mary Bolin, President

Paula Ison, Vice President

Gene Wilson-Watz, Secretary-Treasurer

Mary Lee Mulvihill, Chaplain

Stephanie Marshall, Historian

Annie Smith, Sgt.-at-Arms

Sue Ellen Bannon, Mary Lou Suhr, and

Mary Kay Sanchez, Ex. Comm. Member-at-Large.

Congratulations to the new officers and a big "Well Done" to the departing officers.

POST'S POLICY

When approaching to podium to go behind it, approach from the end at which the American Flag is located. Stop, salute the flag and then proceed behind the podium. When leaving, leave from the opposite end. Stop, salute the flag and then continue to your seat.

POST'S COMMITTEES

The Membership Committee shall have charge of all matters pertaining to the membership of the Post, including the procuring of new members, reinstatements and eligibility of members.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Announcement: Due to lack of funds, future issues of the Bugle will be distributed by email, except for the May issue. It will be announcing the elections in May to the entire mailing list. If you know anyone who gets the Bugle by mail and not by email, please share this information.

Post Activities

Day	Date	Activity	Location
Mon	May 28	Memorial Day	Cemetery
Fri.	June 1	Division Convention	Ramada Inn
Mon.	Jun 18	Ex. Comm.	Office
Thur.	Jun 21	Flag Disposal	Rayford Rd
		Officers Installation	Rayford Rd
Fri.	Jun 29	State Convention	Irving TX
Mon	Jul 16	Ex. Comm.	Office
Thur.	Jul 19	Membership Meeting	Rayford Rd

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