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COMMANDER'S CORNER

November 11th was a time to celebrate our contributions and those of our comrades to the freedom of this great nation. There were many events to choose from, and I hope you took advantage and went to one or more. You're a veteran and you earned it.

November 10th was the Auxiliary's Craft Show. It was new and improved and I'd like to thank the Post members who showed up and helped in many ways. In appreciation the Auxiliary voted to give the Post 10% of the net, approximately \$500, almost enough for another scholarship. A big thanks to the Auxiliary. The Post's Hot Dog stand reappeared and netted over \$200.

Entertainment Book sales are going well, but are drawing to a close. If you would like one, contact **Pickens Jones** 281-367-7631. They are \$39.95 each. We have made enough for two scholarships here.

We had a great Thanksgiving dinner after the meeting on Nov. 15th. I'd like to thank all the Auxiliary, and especially **Mary Bolin** who cooked the turkey and **Rosalie Fryer** who cooked the ham, for the wonderful meal they offered us. Also, **Dayton Denton** who supported the meal with a monetary contribution.

In November, the Post received a grant from Wal-Mart for \$500. Thanks to **George Bannon** who filled out the necessary forms and turned them in many months ago. The grant finally came through this month.

In December, we all will be getting ready to celebrate the Holiday Season. I hope your Christmas shopping goes well and you have a wonderful Christmas with your friends and family. I hope I see you at the meeting on December 20th.

Remember our comrades, who will not be home for Christmas, and their families in your prayers

For God and Country,
Jim Bolin, Commander

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Prior to the meeting we heard a report from Bill Wingo, a new Post member, who is working on getting a veteran's monument on The Woodlands Town Green Park. He has already been promised a site for the monument. We were unable to do that earlier. He is now waiting for a couple of artist to come up with a concept to present to the Management Company.

During the meeting we passed one motion to donate 10% of our net from the rummage sale to the Auxiliary, \$127.40. We also voted, in response to an email solicitation, to donate \$10 to a Post in NJ for a wounded Iraq veteran who lost both legs. The Post Adjutant had sent an email to every post with an email address asking for \$10, which would be a significant sum if only half the contacted posts donate.

After the meeting we enjoyed an early Thanksgiving supper as noted earlier.

VETERAN ADVOCATE

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Houston VA Regional Center 1-713-383-7842

Montgomery County Veterans Service Office 1-936-539-7842

Your Legislators (Toll Free) 1-877-762-876, 1-888-762-6780

Beginning the week of Thanksgiving this year the Houston VA Hospital will offer veterans a powerful new diagnostic imaging system known as "PET/CT." This hybrid technology combines the strength of two well-know imaging modalities in one imaging session to more accurately diagnose and locate cancers. The PET monitors the functioning of cells by detecting how they process certain components and identifies cancerous cells. The CT yields a detailed picture of the body's anatomical structure slice by slice. With the combined test of the cancer, doctors can more accurately diagnose, develop treatment plans and do better, less invasive treatment. The combined PET/CT allows both scans to be performed at the same time thus speeding diagnosis, treatment and therefore recovery. The procedure can also be used in cardiology, brain tumors, epilepsy and Alzheimer's disease.

REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR!

Dutch Dettinger
Veteran's Advocate 281-419-1631

AUXILIARY NEWS

Sharon Phelps, the 7th District President, visited us at our November meeting, and enjoyed a thanksgiving meal with the Auxiliary and Legion members.

The Unit gave out Poppies for Veterans Day at two Kroger stores in The Woodlands.

November 10th was the day of our Art and Craft Show at the Montgomery County Fair Grounds. It was a big success as **Liz & Emery Heuermann** put it all together with a lot of hard dedicated work. We made about three times the money on this show as we usually made on our show at the Wal-Mart on Sawdust Road.

The Unit provided food for two families for Thanksgiving meals and will be doing the same for Christmas. The families were very appreciative.

Donna Turner, a member of our Unit, donated 42 lap quilts that she made to the V.A. Hospital

Mary Bolin
President Unit 305

MEMBERSHIP

The Executive Committee of the Post has been concentrating on membership in the month of November. We currently have 324 members, our goal for last year. This year our goal is 396, and if we can achieve 107%, or 424, of our goal by December 7th, we can win \$1 per person. That would be almost another scholarship.

We have mailed a letter to those members who did not renew for 2007 or 2008 encouraging them to catch up now before the end of the year when they will be dropped from the rolls as a legion member. We are also calling 2007 members who have not renewed to get them to renew before the end of the month in hopes of reaching the 107% of goal.

The reason I keep harping on scholarships is because we have 5 high schools in our area and we have be awarding only one scholarship. We have under study how we can begin to provide an opportunity for all our high schools to participate in winning a scholarship. The easiest answer is to make enough money for a scholarship to be

offered every year to each school. Otherwise there will be a competition for a limited number of scholarships.

If you have not renewed for 2007, please help our competition and renew to the Adjutant before the end of the month so we can get the money to Department in time to qualify for the award of \$1 per member.

POST'S POLICY

While wearing the American Legion cap, salutes should be made as if in the military uniform.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Announcement: Your receipt of this newsletter is based upon the editor having your email address. If you change it for any reason (such as change from Road Runner to Comcast), be sure to let the editor know.

Announcement: Future issues of the Bugle will be distributed only by email, except for the May issue, due to lack of funds. The May issue, announcing the elections in May, will be sent 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.	Dec. 17	Ex. Comm. Meet.	Office
Thur.	Dec. 20	Membership Meet.	Rayford Road
Mon.	Jan. 21	Ex. Comm. Meet.	Office
Thur.	Jan. 24	Membership Meet.	Rayford Road
Thru.	Jan 24.	Midwinter Conv.	Austin , TX
Sun.	Jan 27	Midwinter ends	

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