



American Legion

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

February is Americanism Month for the Legion. Through the Americanism Program the American Legion strives to further a strong sense of patriotism and loyalty. It is a part of the Legion's four Pillars, and one in which we are particularly strong. The program is youth and community oriented. Some of the programs in which you will recognize that we participate are; American Legion baseball, Boys State/Boys Nation, High School Oratorical Contest, Flag Education, and Scholarship Information. Help us to participate in these programs by participating in the Post.

We are entering the time of year of one of our big fund raisers, *Birdies for Charity*. Anyone can participate by filling out a form in which you try to guess the number of birdies that will be made during the Shell Houston Open. The minimum bet that can be placed is one cent per birdie or a \$20 donation for one guess. If you need a form, contact Dave Lips at 1-281-682-4199 and he will arrange for you to get a form. All the money that is raised by the Post is given back to the Post. We hope to raise at least \$1500. We put \$500 into the general fund and the rest into our building fund. Ask you friends and family to participate also. Deadline is essentially our March meeting date.

Several members of the Post attended the Mid-Winter Conference of the Department in Austin. The meeting was primarily a

meeting of the Department Executive Committee, but there were training workshops covering many subjects of interest to Post members and officers. **George Bannon, Jim Bolin, and Everett Ison** represented the Post. Workshops we attended were Membership and Post Officers.

Due to a change in business plans, the Post will be removing its files from the premises of Advantage Mailing. We will move them to our storage locker at West Rayford Storage donated by **Dayton Denton**. If anyone has an idea where we might store them under better climate conditions than at a storage locker, let me know.

We are also collecting items for our rummage sale that will be in June. We had to change the date of the rummage sale to June because of a scheduling conflict. If you have any items let one of the Post Officers know and we will come by to pick it up.

At the meeting this month we will be participating, with the Auxiliary, in the Four Chaplains Service. This service honors four chaplains on a sinking troop ship that gave up their life jackets so that four other soldiers would have a chance to live. I hope you can attend.

Keep our comrades in harms way in your prayers.

For God and Country,
Jim Bolin, Commander

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

We received some good news from the Community Facilities Coordinator. We will not have to find a new place to meet until 2009. Hopefully by then we will have a new Community Center.

We approved one motion by the Ex. Comm. to spend up to \$85 to advertise for goods for the Rummage Sale. We gave all our surplus goods to the K of C after the last sale and we are a little low on goods for this sale. So, if you have anything to donate and you don't have room to hold it until June, let me know and I'll get it picked up.

The night ended by a feast on the chili from the Chili Cook-off. **Joe Watz** won this years competition. Congratulations Joe!

VETERANS 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

There was no report from Dutch for this issue.

Dutch Dettinger

Veteran's Advocate 281-419-1631

ORATORICAL CONTEST

Post 305 hosted the 7th District's Oratorical Contest at The Woodlands Christian Academy on Jan. 12, 2008. Unfortunately there was only one contestant, so the issue was not much in doubt. The contest went on as scheduled to give the contestant practice as the winner will represent the District in the Division Contest to be held at the Willis Post on Feb. 3 at 1 p.m. Our winner was Laura Gilmore from The Woodlands H.S. College Park.



Jim Bolin presenting Laura Gilmore with Post 305 \$100 Scholarship

Helping present the contest from Post 305 were: **Everett Ison, Pickens Jones, George Bannon, Dayton Denton, John Morphis, and Pat Turner.** Pat also donated the facilities of The Woodlands Christian Academy.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Paula Ison organized the Unit, along with Community Baptist Church, Faith Bible Church, Crossroad Baptist Church, Harvestwood Apts., Copperwood Apts., PACN (Staff), Brammel Middle School, and individuals to make over 2700 valentines. These, along with care packages, will be sent to our troops in Iraq to let them know that they are in our thoughts and prayers.

The Mid-Winter conference was held in Austin, Texas January 25th to 27th. **Sue Ellen Bannon, Mary Bolin, Rosalie Fryer** and **Paula Ison** attended. The Conference was very educational and filled with many ideas we can use.

Our Craft Fair is Saturday April 19 at the Montgomery County Fair Grounds. **Liz Heuermann** is asking members to help. If you are able, give me a call at (281) 251-2352, and I will coordinate with Liz.

The Unit donated \$50 to the "Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation". We will also do a Four Chaplains Service with the Post at our February Meeting.

We signed up new member **Ann Jones**, so when you see her, give a big welcome.

We presented a 10-year pin to **Sue Ellen Bannon** and **Gene Wilson-Watz**. **Annie Smith** received a 5-year pin.

Our next meeting will be Feb. 21st at the Rayford Road Community Center

Mary Bolin
President Unit 305

POST'S POLICY

No one will be admitted to the meeting room during opening, initiation, or closing ceremonies of an American Legion meeting.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Announcement: Save you slightly used treasures for the Post's Rummage Sale. Call (281) 251-2352 for pick-up.

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. (A lot of you didn't do this and I had a flood of bounced messages. Please try to help.)

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.

If you can be a Post Officer for next year contact the Post Commander. Anything that interests you, we can use you in that spot.

Post Activities

Day	Date	Activity	Location
Sun.	Feb. 3	Dist. Oratorical	Willis Post
Mon.	Feb 18	Ex. Comm. Meet.	Office
Thur.	Feb 21	Membership Meet.	Rayford Road
Thur.	Feb. 21	Four Chaplains Service	Meeting
Mon.	Mar. 17	Ex. Comm. Meet.	Office
Thur.	Mar. 20	Membership Meet.	Rayford Road
Sat.	Apr. 19	Aux. Craft Show	Mont. Fair Gd.
Sat.	Apr. 19	District Conf.	Madisonville Post

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