



# American Legion

## POST 305 BUGLE

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### COMMANDER'S CORNER

I went to the Department Convention in Corpus Christi where we elected James Mac Nair the new Department Commander. We were also fortunate to win an award for achieving "All Time High" in membership for the seventh consecutive year. The *Bugle* took 2d place in Department newsletters. We still have a chance to win an award as a "Hall of Fame Post" if we can achieve 107% of our membership goal by December 31, 2008 (That's 424 members) (We currently have 410.) I along with the Executive Committee will be working to get those last 14 members. If you know someone who has not renewed for 2008, encourage them to renew to keep their years of service and Legion benefits.

Here is one other thing about membership. July is the beginning of the Legion year, so you can expect dues notification to renew your membership for 2009. It seems a little early, but it would really help if you would send in your renewal as soon as you get it, rather than wait. You know you're going to do it, so do it early. Thanks in advance.

We had our spring rummage sale a little late this year on June 7<sup>th</sup>, but we did well. Our gross was \$2109.15 and our net was \$1893.23. Thanks to those who helped out. We really had a lot of help and that made working easier in the hot June sun.

July 4<sup>th</sup> is The Woodlands' parade. We will have our float decorated and ready if you would like to ride or walk. We will leave

from the First Methodist Church of The Woodlands at 9 a.m. Be there early and help decorate, or come and watch by the side of the road. Kim Lewinski, our scholarship winner will be riding in the convertible with the Auxiliary President and myself.

For God and Country

Jim Bolin

### MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Flag Disposal ceremony was held at 6:30 in the parking lot before the membership meeting.

June was awards months and the following people were given awards:

Years of Service awards were given to **Everett Ison, Pat Turner, Brad Wall, and Pickens Jones**. **Joe Watz** received the plaque for the Chili Cook-off award. **Kim Lewinski** received the Post's Citizenship award and Scholarship, **Karen Thompson** received the Service Officers award for helping veterans, and **Cliff Denton** receive an award in appreciation for his help with the last two rummage sales. The departing officers, **Emery Heuermann, Brad Wall, Rudy Charest**, received an award for their service. **George Bannon, Joe Hammond, and Pickens Jones** received an award for their particular service to the Post during the last year.

District Commander **Larry Eary** installed the Post Officers for 2008-2009.

We donated \$100 to a homeless veterans organization in Houston.

We donated 10% of the net proceeds from the rummage sale to the Auxiliary.

We will be hosting the next District Conference on October 25. We will need help for this so mark your calendar. Also if you haven't been to a District Conference, it won't get any easier than this one to find out what goes on.

### **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 is no report from the veteran's advocate this month.

### **AUXILIARY NEWS**

Sue Ellen Bannon, Past President, installed the Legion Auxiliary new officers for 2008-2009. They are as follows: President – Mary Bolin, Vice Pres. – Paula Ison, Sec/Treas. – Gene Wilson-Watz, Chaplain – Mary Lee Mulvihill, Historian – Stephanie Marshall, Sgt. At Arms – Annie Smith, and Members at Large – Sue Ellen Bannon, Rosalie Fryer, and Ann Jones.

There was a poppy poster contest at Brammel Middle School. We presented gift certificates to the winners: Hilda Sevesta, 1<sup>st</sup> place; Rachel Moisiuc, 2<sup>nd</sup> place; and Katherine Smith, 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

At the Department Convention in Corpus Christi, Unit 305 candidate Clayton Hall was announced as the winner of the National President Scholarship.

On June 14<sup>th</sup>, Flag Day, we took part in the Panther Creek homeowners Picnic. We had cards and memory quilt for people to sign. We will send them to our troops in Iraq.

In June members of the Post took 37 lap quilts to the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center to help serve our veterans.

Also we donated over 1207 magazines/book that will be available for patients to enjoy while waiting for their appointments and in patient care.

This year we sent four girls to Girls State in Austin on June 17<sup>th</sup>. They will be with the Auxiliary in The Woodlands 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Do come out and support us.

Mary Bolin  
Unit President

### **POST'S POLICY**

Guests or visitors should be escorted to the podium by the Sergeant At Arms.

### **CLASSIFIED ADS**

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.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Veteran May Render Hand Salute

SEC. 594. CONDUCT BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND VETERANS OUT OF UNIFORMS DURING HOISTING, LOWERING, OR PASSING OF THE UNITED STATES FLAG. Section 9 of title 4, United States Code, is amended as follows: "Members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in

uniform may render the military salute. All other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, or if applicable, remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder the hand being over the heart. Citizens of other countries present should stand at attention. All such conduct toward the flag in a moving column should be rendered at the moment the flag passes.”

**Post Activities**

Day	Date	Activity	Location
Fri.	July 4	Parade	1 <sup>st</sup> Methodist Church
Mon	July 14	Ex. Comm. Meet.	Office
Thur	July 17	Member Meet.	Rayford Rd.
Mon	Aug. 18	Ex. Comm. Meet.	Office
Thur.	Aug. 21	Member Meet.	Rayford Rd.

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**I dialed a number and got the following recording:**

*"I am not available right now, but Thank you for caring enough to call. I am making some changes in my life. Please leave a message after the Beep. If I do not return your call, You are one of the changes."*

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**Aspire to inspire before you expire.**

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**My wife and I had words, But I didn't get to use mine.**

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**Frustration is trying to find your glasses without your glasses.**

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**Blessed are those who can give without remembering And take without forgetting.**

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**The irony of life is that, by the time You're old enough to know your way Around, you're not going anywhere.**

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**God made man before woman so as to give him time to think Of an answer for her first question.**

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**I was always taught to respect my elders, But it keeps getting harder to find one.**

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**Every morning is the dawn of a new error.**

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**The quote of the month is by Jay Leno:**

**"With hurricanes, tornados, fires out of control, mud slides, flooding, severe thunderstorms tearing up the country from one end to another, and with the threat of bird flu and terrorist attacks, "Are we sure this is a good time to take God out of the Pledge of Allegiance?"**