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COMMANDER'S CORNER

I'd like to think that September is the month when everyone shakes off the summer doldrums and goes back to work. So, I will give you another chance to volunteer for some of the jobs that need doing around the Post. I did not get any takers for the Oratorical Chair or the Boys State Chair. We need these people right now. Please help.

We also are getting ready to host the District Convention on October 25th. The planning meeting is September 6th. After that we will have a better idea of what we need to do. We will need help. If you want a short term job, this is for you. A little work for about two months is what I'm offering.

We are still trying to become a Hall of Fame Post for 2008 by signing up 426 members. To do that we need about ten more members from 2007 to renew for 2008, and then of course for 2009. We have 180 members renewed for 2009, but our goal is 413, so we have a long way to go. Let's get busy. If you haven't sent in the renewal notice you got early in July, find it and send it in now. You know you will anyway, so stop worrying about it and send it in now.

As noted in the Meeting Highlights, the Post voted to donate \$100 to the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund. This fund was set up to bridge the gap between V.A. benefits for deceased service people and the actual cost of College for the children of service personal who died since 9/11.



George Bannon Presenting Legacy Scholarship Check to National Commander

Some of us spent a lot of time in August buying and packaging school supplies for the children of the workers at the Regency Care Center. Thanks to **John Nanninga's** donation of a TV set, the Post was able to contribute \$500 to that effort while the Auxiliary contributed the remainder of the funds needed to buy supplies for 115 children. That's one for the Community.



L to R Everett Ison, Ms. Weir, Rashonda Weir, Jim Bolin, Mary Bolin

Remember our comrade in arms as well as the people displaced by Gustav in your prayers.

For God and Country
Jim Bolin

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

We had three of the Boys State participants, our Scholarship winner and some of their parents at the meeting. **Phillip Bartell**, **Stephen Chernehoff**, and **Fred Ebers** gave comments on their experiences at Boys State. **Kin Lewinski** brought us up to date on her plans for future schooling. She was leaving for UT the next day.

We approved a motion to move the money in the Building Fund (approx.\$17,000) to CDs.

We approved the budget which showed anticipated income of \$9,380 and expenses of \$8,335. If we do what we hope, we will have an excess of \$1,045. We can decide what to do with it if it comes to pass.

We voted to approve a donation of \$100 to the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund.

We voted to sell coupon books again this year. Joe Hammond will be the point of contact. Anyone wishing to buy/sell coupon book should contact Joe at a meeting or at 281-367-0452. I would hope everyone would at least buy a book.

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

Free Veterans Housing Seminar

A free veterans housing seminar will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2008, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., at the University of Houston (UH) Cougar Den of the University Center. The seminar is sponsored by the Texas Veterans Land Board, UH Veterans Collegiate Society and Veterans, Troops and Family Support Group (VTFSG). For more information, contact Allen Grundy, UH, at (713) 743-5493 or Mike McReaken, Texas Veterans Land Board at (713) 383-2729. All veterans are invited.

POW/MIA Ceremony

The MEDVAMC presents a special POW/MIA Day Ceremony honoring our Nation's Former Prisoners of War and those Still Missing in Action on Friday, September 19, 2008 at 10 a.m. in the 4th Floor Auditorium. Refreshments will be served. The keynote speaker will be Mr. Ken Wallingford, a former POW in Vietnam. All veterans, volunteers, employees, and visitors are invited to attend. For more information, contact the Public Affairs Office at ext. 7349.

AUXILIARY NEWS

We had the honor of having **Sharon Phelps**, 7th District President, visit our meeting this month. She brought with her many Certificates of Appreciation which the Unit earned this past year.

Nicki Pariseau, from College Park H.S., was present to give us a report on her experiences at Girls State. She said she learned a lot and had a great experience and thanked the Unit for selecting her.

Unit 305 and Post 305 were able to give 115 bags of school supplies to the workers' children of the Regent Care Center. A great community job done by all.

If you haven't renewed your 2009 membership, please do so soon. We would like to make above 100 percent of our quota before Christmas.

Our next meeting will be September 18th at the Rayford Road Community Center. We shall be having a pot luck supper after the meeting, so if you plan on attending bring something to share.

Mary Bolin
Unit President

POST'S POLICY

Nobody is permitted to "Break The Colors" (enter the space between the National Colors and Post Colors), such as handing something to the Commander or anyone on the dais.

THE SUB THAT SANK A TRAIN

In 1973 an Italian submarine named Enrique Tazzoli was sold for a paltry \$100,000 as scrap metal. The Submarine, given to the Italian Navy in 1953, was actually an incredible veteran of World War II service with a heritage that never should have passed so unnoticed into the graveyards of the metal recyclers. The U.S.S. Barb was a pioneer, paving the way for the first submarine launched missiles and flying a battle flag unlike that of any other ship. In addition to the Medal of Honor ribbon at the top of the flag identifying the heroism of its captain, Commander Eugene "Lucky" Fluckey, the bottom border of the flag bore the image of a Japanese locomotive. The U.S.S. Barb was indeed the submarine that "SANK A TRAIN".

True Story. You should check it by putting USS Barb or Eugene Fluckey in your search engine.

Submitted by
Harlen Thornhill

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

INFORMATION WORTH KNOWING

Cell phone companies are charging \$1.00 to \$1.75 or more for 411 Information calls. Since no one carries a telephone directory in the vehicle, they get away with it.

When you need to use the 411 Information option, simply dial 1 (800) FREE 411, or 1 (800) 373-3411: you will incur no charge. This works on your home phone as well.

If you enter this number into your cell phone, you will always have a way now to get a phone number if you need one.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

I became confused when I heard these terms that reference the word 'Service'.

Internal Revenue 'Service'
U.S. Postal 'Service'
Telephone 'Service'
T.V. 'Service'
Civil 'Service'
City & County 'Service'
Customer 'Service'

That's not what I thought 'Service' meant. But today I overheard two farmers talking and one of them said he had hired a bull to 'Service' a few cows.

BAM!!!

It all came into perspective. I now know what all those 'Service' agencies are doing to us.

Post Activities

Day	Date	Activity	Location
Sat.	Sep 6	Dist. Convention Planning	
Mon.	Sep 8	Flag Etiquette for Troop 777	
Mon	Sep 15	Ex. Comm. Meet.	Office
Thur.	Sep 18	Member Meet.	Rayford Rd
Mon	Oct 13	Ex. Comm. Meet.	Office
Thur.	Oct 16	Member Meet.	Rayford Rd
Fri.	Oct 17	Sale Set-up	Robinson Rd
Sat.	Oct 18	Rummage Sale	Robinson Rd
Sat.	Oct 25	Dist. Convention	Conroe Ramada

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