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COMMANDER'S CORNER

October was a very busy month because of the meeting on the 16th, the rummage sale on the 18th and the District Convention on the 25th. We never would have gotten through all the work and worry without the help of so many people I could not list them all. Thank you for making Post 305 stand out among all the posts in 7th District.

I need to mention that the final numbers have come in for the Birdies for Charity. We had \$1535.28 returned to us for our effort which was great because for a while it looked like we might not even make \$1000 to qualify us for next year. But we did, and thanks to everyone who participated especially **Dave Lips** who chaired it.

We also made \$1615.50 gross on our rummage sale. That was also a great feat because we didn't have any large items to sell. It was all small stuff, and a lot of that. We had enough left over to give to the Homeless Veterans and the Goodwill. Again thanks to all, especially **Chuck Suhr** who was ramrod again and to the **Auxiliary**.

We had a great picnic on the meeting night, but more about that later.

November 1st was the fund-raiser for the War Memorial Park in Conroe. It was held at the County Air Port in a hanger, as per a WWII USO Show. The Post purchased a table for 10, but we didn't fill up the table. The show was enjoyable and so was the ambiance. Unfortunately it was not well supported by the American Legion.

November 11th is Veterans Day. The Post decided not to participate in the Parade in Houston. However, you could go down and get a good seat to watch the parade. There are opportunities to show our support for our comrades in Montgomery County. The best is the review by the JROTC units of the Conroe County school system at Woodforest Stadium at 10 a.m. on Tuesday Nov. 11th. This review is put on to honor us! We need to be there to support the kids. Please make plans to attend.

November 15th is the Unit 305 Craft Fair. This year it will be held at the Walmart Super Store parking lot, 1025 Sawdust Road from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The vendors will be from all over to display their wares. We need to get out to support this endeavor also. **Emery Heuermann** is helping the Auxiliary by contacting the vendors and laying out the location of the show. The Auxiliary will have a booth of its own to sell crafts they have made. The Post will have a recruiting booth and the Hot Dog Stand. Come out and lend a hand.

The meeting on Nov. 20th, although scintillating by its own merits, will feature our Turkey Day Dinner. We will have two turkeys with all the trimmings. Hope you can make it.

Please send in you membership for 2009 if you haven't already done so. We are far behind where we should be.

Jim Bolin
For God and Country

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The main order of business on this night was the picnic, but we did take a few minutes to conduct some business.

We passed a motion to spend \$79.20 on a sign to be used to help advertise our rummage sale.

We passed a motion to send \$100 to the American Legion's National Emergency Fund, and a motion to purchase a table at the Operation Bugle Boy fund-raiser for \$150.

We received a letter from David Rehbein, National Commander thanking us for our contribution of \$100 to the American Legion Legacy Run in September.

During the meeting, zephyrs of cooking brats and hamburgers waft over and around us causing no end of concern that the food would be ready before the meeting was done. But not to worry as the cooks and the meeting were in sync and everything turned out well. Thanks to **Dave Lips** who organized the picnic, and spend all day pre-cooking the brats in beer. Thanks also to **Chuck Suhr** for bringing the liquid refreshments for the evening, and to **Unit 305** who furnished the food to go with the meat.

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

Past Department Commander Marty Conatser at the Department Convention in Phoenix had some remarks to make about the effectiveness of the Veterans who

advocate support of the legislation that pertains to veterans.

He noted that Rep. Chet Edwards said recently "Passing this historic new GI Bill into law could not have happened without the dedicated efforts of The American Legion " Conatser said "It's because of the phone calls you made, letters you wrote and e-mails that you sent. When the White House hemmed and hawed, The American Legion roared, and soon both parties in Congress overwhelmingly passed a bill that will cover the college costs for our military heroes and, in some cases, their families.

"Something else that could not have happened without some of the people in this room, and grassroots support from Legionnaires in their communities, is the record VA budget that passed this year. Congress has finally funded the VA budget at the levels recommended by The American Legion. Congress cares about the Legion's opinions – not just because we are veterans, but because we are nonpartisan, and we are straight shooters with the facts. We focus on policies not personalities."

The above taken from The American Legion Dispatch, Sep.18, 2008.

AUXILIARY NEWS

The Auxiliary members gave a helping hand to the Post with their rummage sale on Oct. 18th. After the sale we boxed up 2 boxes of clothing and one box of shoes to go to the Homeless Veterans Shelter in Houston. They will help make a difference with some of our local veterans.

The 7th District Convention was held in Conroe on Oct. 25th. Post and Unit 305 were the hosts. We had nine ladies attending which was a nice number for our unit and we all came home with information or ideas on how we can help our veterans.

The Unit will be distributing Poppies on Nov. 8th at Kroger in Cochran's Crossing. Please come out and lend a hand.

Nov. 15th we will be having our Craft Show at the Walmart parking lot on Sawdust Rd. We need people to come out and help man our craft table that the Unit will have. The hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Our November meeting is Thursday, Nov. 20th. We will have a guest speaker from PACN (counseling pregnant women) to let us know what they do and how they effect our community. We also will be having our Thanksgiving meal. Bring a dish to share.

It is the holiday time and The Unit helps a veteran's family with a holiday meal, so please bring some can goods to the meeting so we can make up a package to give to a family.

If you haven't renewed your 2009 membership, please do so soon. We would like to have 100% by Christmas.

Mary Bolin
Unit President

POST'S POLICY

Cell phones must not ring during any meetings.

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.

Post Activities

Day	Date	Activity	Location
Sat.	Nov 1	Dinner/Dance	Hanger 17-A
Sat.	Nov 8	Distribute Poppies	Krogers
Tue	Nov 11	JROTC Review	Woodforest Field
Sat.	Nov 15	Aux. Craft Fair	Sawdust Walmart
Mon.	Nov 17	Ex. Comm Meet.	Office
Thur.		Turkey Dinner After Meet.	Rayford Rd
Mon.	Dec. 15	Ex Meeting	Office
Thur.	Dec. 18	Membs. Meet.	Rayford Rd

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