



American Legion



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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Dear Legionnaires',

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. I just cannot believe that 2010 is already here.

This month will be busy as we start out with some fun with the annual Chili Cook-off, so get out your favorite recipe and enter the contest. The Auxiliary will be judging each entry and we will announce the winner that evening. I would also like for each contestant to bring your recipe and enter it into the cook book that we are looking to do as a fund raiser.

February will be an initiation of all new members of Post 305. This will be a special ceremony for all first year members that have joined our post. If 2010 is your first year, please come and participate in the ceremony in your honor and let us welcome you again.

Membership is still an issue and we need these renewals returned to the post as soon as possible. I would like to ask that all members to remember to update their information with the post when information changes so that we can update not only our records but also the Department records as well.

January 20 – 24 will be the Mid-Winter Conference that will be held at the Omni Hotel, 4140 Governors Row, Austin Texas. Anyone interested in attending, please contact me and I will provide additional information. Many workshops are scheduled for Saturday and would be informative in getting to know the American Legion programs and activities better.

In closing, remember to pray for our troops and their safety in their ongoing efforts to protect our country.

Our next meeting will be at 7 PM on January 21st at the Rayford Road Community Center.

For God and Country,
Everett Ison

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Commander **Everett Ison** open the meeting and determined that we had a quorum.

Finance Officer **Dave Lips** reported that the General Fund has \$14,191, and the Allocated Fund has \$20,527.

First Vice Cdr. **Kimberly Biggerstaff** reported that we have 317 paid members. Our goal is 486, so for those of you who have not renewed for 2010, now is the time. We are way behind as you can see.

Second Vice Cdr. **Brad Trefz** noted that there would be no Social on Monday following the meeting because of the holidays.

Service Officer **Dayton Denton** was absent, but **Mickey Fussell** said that Dayton wanted to assemble the remaining baskets for the U.S. Vets on Wednesday 12/16.

We voted to purchase a 3X5 flag for Harvestwood retirement center. elected We discussed possible meeting locations in the event we were told to stop meeting at the Rayford Road Community Center. We are meeting with the Knights of Columbus to see if we can meet at their hall.

After the meeting the Auxiliary provided a wonderful light supper of Christmas type finger foods.

SOCIAL CORNER

I hope everyone had a good holiday. In the new year we will again be holding a social event on the Monday following the regular post meeting. These are informal events and all are welcome - bring your wife, significant other, buddy, or just yourself, and come out and meet your fellow Legionnaires. Monday, January 25th, we will meet at Greek Tony's located at 438 Sawdust Road, The Woodlands, phone 281-292-4313.

We are in need of donations for the Rummage sale! Please drop them off at the Storage Building, or if you aren't able, call me to arrange a pickup at (202) 494-8027. We really need everyone to pitch in and rustle

up some big ticket items this time around. Spread the word to friends and neighbors and help our post raise desperately needed funds!

FYI - Effective December 18, 2009, Harris County Toll Road Authority began offering a discounted toll program to Disabled Veterans and Purple Heart recipients. Please visit www.hctr.a.org for more information regarding the Veteran Tolling Program.

If you have any questions please contact Brad Trefz at 202-494-8027 or btrefz@charter.net. A list of upcoming events that may be of interest to veterans is included below:

- January 15 - SALUTE TO VETERANS PASTA DINNER FOR OEF/OIF VETERANS - www.houstonwellness.org
- January 29-30 - HOMES FOR OUR TROOPS 3RD ANNUAL HOUSTON SPORTING CLAY EVENT - For a flyer and entry form email HFOTHouston@aol.com
- February 5 - WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL – Lunch with General David Petraeus - www.wachouston.org

Brad Trefz
2nd Vice Commander

VETERANS ADVOCATE

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS
Houston VA Regional Office 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

Here is the e-mail address I mentioned during the Good of the Legion portion of the meeting last night: houston.texas@ic.fbi.gov . I use it a lot to report attempted fraud and attempted ID theft.

Probably most people delete these messages of criminal intent along with all their other annoying junk mail and that may be a good idea in the interests of saving time.

There is a qualitative difference between criminal intent and junk mail and I feel a duty to report serious criminal messages.

Joe Hammond

AUXILIARY NEWS

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends and are looking forward to a healthy 2010.

The Unit gave \$50 to the Montgomery County Food Bank to help with supplies for the needy over the holidays. We also gave a gift card to a family whose parents are unemployed in an attempt to make their Christmas a little brighter.

The Auxiliary is selling briskets as a fund raiser. You may order one by calling Gene Wilson at 936-321-3212 by January 15th to be delivered January 23rd. This will be in time for your Super

Bowl Party. A whole brisket is \$40, and a half is \$25.

In January, the Post will be having its annual Chili Cook-off. The Auxiliary members will be the judges to pick the best chili. So, come to the meeting and help with the judging and eating.

Our program at the January meeting is "What are Field Service, Community Service and Home Service?" The program will be presented by Rosalie Fryer and Sue Ellen Bannon.

The Mid-Winter Conference will be January 22 – 24 in Austin, Texas. The Unit's delegates are Sue Ellen Bannon, Mary Lee Mulvihill, Rosalie Fryer, and Mary Bolin.

Our next meeting is Jan. 21 at the Rayford Road Community Center at 7 p.m.

Mary Bolin
President

POST POLICY

Three raps of the gavel are a signal to rise (at attention). And one rap of the gavel signals that the members should be seated.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Chili Cook-off rules for the contest on Jan. 21st at the meeting.

Only Post members will be contestants.

The chili will be used for refreshments after the meeting.

The quantity of chili prepared by each contestant must be at least 2 quarts.

There are no limitations or ingredient requirements for contest entries.

There should be at least 6 entrants in order to provide enough chili for refreshments.

The Auxiliary will designate a team of at least 3 judges to determine a winner.

The winner will be selected on the merits of flavor, texture, originality and “chili-ness”

Post 305 will recognize the winner of the contest with a plaque.

Unit 305 will provide appropriate side dishes for the chili refreshments after the meeting.

The recipes of this year’s entrants will be turned into the Post Cookbook Committee to be published with the Cookbook.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fund Raising

The Post collects aluminum cans as a fund raising program. We will take them in any form, but crushed cans would be most appreciated. Bring your crushed cans to the meeting for collection.

Auxiliary News

American Legion & Auxiliary 305, VFW Post & Auxiliary 12024, The Woodlands and David Elementary say THANK YOU to our Veterans this Christmas by providing Cookie Trays to the VA Clinic in Conroe . “Having community involvement and support for our Veterans is the best Thank You and Honor we could ever receive” said Everett Ison, Commander American Legion Post 305. “Chris Edens, PTO member of David Elementary has been a “behind the scenes” driving force for several years in helping to supply cookie trays for our Veterans, Police and Fire Depts. in Montgomery County .”

Post Activities

Day Date	Activity	Location
Sun. Jan. 10	Dist. Oratorical At 1 p.m	Post 618 Willis
Sun. Jan. 17	Div. Oratorical At 12:30	Post 490 S. Houston
Mon. Jan. 18	Ex. Comm. Meet.	Office
Thur. Jan. 21	Membership Meet.	Rayford Rd.
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