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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Dear Legionnaires',

The membership meeting on April 15th will be the first round of officer nominations. You must be present at the meeting or have a letter of acceptance filed with the Post Adjutant prior to the meeting. The 2nd round of nominations will be at the May 20th meeting. George Bannon will chair the nominating committee along with committee members of Past Commanders Jim Bolin, Emery Heuermann, and Chuck Suhr.

If you have not paid your dues, you need to take care of it ASAP! The renewals for 2011 will be mailed before you know it. Membership for 2010 remains an issue if we are to meet Department of Texas goals of 486 members.

We received the call that the last meeting at Rayford Road Community Center will be the April 15th. I have reserved the South County Community Center, 2235 Lake Robbins Drive, The Woodlands, Texas; it is on the corner of Lake Robbins and Grogan's Mill Road. We will be meeting there for the remainder of the year.

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 April 15th 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 \$14,813, and the Allocated Fund has \$20,142.

First Vice Cdr. **Kimberly Biggerstaff** reported that we have 356 paid members. Our goal is 486. We are way behind as you can see.

Second Vice r. **Brad Trefz** asked members to collect items for the Rummage Sale in April. He also announced the location of the Social Time on the Monday following the meeting.

A motion was made to send two additional boys to Boy's State this year using the \$458.22 saved by changing to the new phone service and \$91.78 not spent from the charity budget. Motion passed.

A motion to donate \$100 to the Wounded Warrior Program was also approved.

Pickens Jones reported that the Post sold all 50 coupon books from a profit of \$1022.50.

The Post sold about \$700 in chances for the Birdies for Charities while the Auxiliary sold about \$500 in chances. All this money will be returned to the Post around August. We are just barely keeping alive in this fund raiser because we are not selling \$1000 worth of chances. This is due to lack of participation of the members.

Recommendations for Legionnaire of the Year are being received and will be tabulated at the next Ex. Committee meeting on April 12th.

Voting for Post Officers will be at the May 20th meeting. Nominations for positions can be made until that time thru the members of the Ex. Committee. As a matter of fact, there are not enough people running for office to fill the vacant positions, due to lack of participation.

SOCIAL CORNER

In addition to those last minute tax returns - April means its Rummage Sale time again! We need volunteers to help move everything and set up on Friday, April 16th, and folks to help with the sale on Saturday, April 17th. A signup sheet will be at the meeting on the 15th, but if you have questions or just can't wait to volunteer – let me know – (202) 494-8027 or btrefz@charter.net. Because of the Rummage sale, there will be no Monday night social this month, but next month (June) we will be at 3 B's on Rayford Road, so mark your calendar now.

The shed is pretty full and we are looking good for this year's sale, but we always use more donations. Please drop them off at the storage building if you have items you need to have picked up

that you just aren't able to drop off – give me a call and we'll try to get out and get them, or you can just bring them by the Robinson Road community center on April 16th. If you have questions – don't hesitate to give me a call. All members are requested be considerate and stack their items as far back to the shed as possible when dropping off items. Please also insure that your items are in good condition/working order.

The cookbook project continues apace and we still need more recipes! If you have a recipe, drop me an email and I'll send you the details. We also need volunteers to assist our cookbook committee with this project. Please send me a note and let me know if you will volunteer.

As always a list of upcoming events that may be of interest to veterans is included below. See you at our next meeting or social!

Brad Trefz, 2nd Vice

9-11 April - Commissary Site Sale - Ellington Field - For Retired and Active military members

16-17 April – American Legion Post 305 Rummage Sale, Robinson Road Community Center, Oak Ridge

16-17 April - American Legion 22nd District 4th Annual BBQ Cookoff - - Post 521- Pasadena, Texas

17 April - 3rd Annual Airborne Amputee Skydive - At Skidive Spaceland – WWII planes, fun, and a world record breaking

skydiving event.
www.AirborneAmputee.com

17 April – 2nd Annual Texas T Patch Ride to Fort Hood - honoring Texas Army National Guard 36th Infantry Division and their families – starts at Sealy American Legion Post.
www.wecareevents.com

17 April – 9:30 AM - FREE VETERANS HOUSING SEMINAR – Texas Veterans Land Board - DeVry University, 11125 Equity Drive, Houston

24 April – 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM - TIN CAN SAILORS BULL SESSION - One-day event for all destroyer sailors regardless of which ship they served on or when. For more information contact Dan Jackson Sr. at (281) 414-6917 or dnjacks@swbell.net

AUXILIARY NEWS

The Unit is having a Brisket Fund Raiser and we still have 3 whole briskets (\$40 each) and 3 half briskets (\$25 each) for sale. If you would like to purchase one, contact **Ann Jones** at cell 281-620-4052.

With Memorial Day coming up the Unit will be distributing Poppies at Krogers on Research Forest and Gosling on May 29th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Do come out and support the Unit at this function.

The Unit purchased a book entitled "Civil War" to be presented to Knox Jr. High School. Their library didn't have any books about the civil war.

Joan Sparks is heading up the Nominating Committee for officers this coming year. If you would like to be in-

cluded, we would love to have you. Contact Joan at 281-355-7772.

At our March meeting we approved **Elviria Martinez-Wynn, Jeanne** and **Dayna** Salter as new members. Congratulations!

The Unit Craft Fair is May 22nd at Portofino Shopping Center in Shenandoah. Come out and support the Craft Fair.

Needed RECIPES, RECIPES. The recipes are slowly coming in. Please go through your kitchen and send some of your favorite recipes to Brad Trefz at btrefz@charter.net or mail to American Legion Post 305, P.O. Box 9336, The Woodlands, TX 77387.

The next meeting is Thursday April 15th at 7 p.m. at Rayford Road Community Center.

RECIPES, RECIPES, RECIPES!

Been thinking about recipes, and why not, since I chair the Cookbook Committee. If your kitchen is anything like mine, its shelves support at least a hundred cookbooks (unless you are first-time newlyweds). Those books range from the pristine, little-used, like Escoffier's, to the well-worn and stained, like Campbell's, with the "Joy of Cooking" and "Better Homes" cookbook in between. Then there are those little metal boxes of file cards with pieces of can labels stuck in among the hand printed and typed cards. And, lastly, there are those envelopes of loose magazine clippings from "Southern Living" and "Good Housekeeping" you intend to try and maybe copy over.

So, our kitchens are well equipped with such references, numbering in the thousands. But, think of how few you con-

sult, unless you do a lot of entertaining. We really depend on a tiny percentage of our recipe resources, and, for most meals, we just use our experience, our common sense and whatever is in fridge, freezer and pantry. Even those recipes we locate and use commonly will likely have your annotations which you found improves them and tailors them to your taste. "Reduce the salt; omit the MSG; add a couple of shakes of basil." Few of us invent a recipe from scratch. You might try variations on "Grandma Scroggins' Family Supper Casserole", but you aren't inventing, like Martha Stewart or Emeril Lagasse.

None of these observations has much to do with the Committee's mandate, but they should serve to remind you, again, that we need your help --- your donation of a handful of those recipes you are proud of, which means you have tested them. They can be simple and common or they can be more fancy and complex. Please share them with your Post and Auxiliary Unit. Use the form we provided or just Xerox several file cards (after verifying the the content is complete and legible first). Send them to Brad Trefz via the PO Box or e-mail them [btrefz@charter.net]. We hunger for your contributions!

Win Salter

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The American Legion Supports recent initiatives and funding provided to improve military quality of life for the All Volunteer Armed Forces. The American Legion urges Congress to provide full funding for:

- achieving civilian equivalency in military salaries,
- quality military health care,
- TRICCARE and TRICARE for Life without fee increase,
- quality military housing on well maintained military installations,
- wounded warrior care,
- effective transition assistance programs,
- the Military Family Readiness program, and
- fairness and timeliness in the DoD Disability Evaluation System.

POST POLICY

When the American Legion cap is placed down on any surface, the Legion emblem must be facing up.

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.

Post Activities

Day Date	Activity	Location
Mon. Apr. 12	Ex. Comm. Meet	Office
Thur. Apr. 15	Membership Meet.	Rayford Rd.
Thur. Apr. 15	Nomination of Off. for 2010-2011	Rayford Rd.
Fri. Apr. 16	Rummage Sale Set up	Robinson Rd.
Sat. Apr. 17	Rummage Sale	Robinson Rd.
Sat. Apr. 24	District Convention	Post 629
Mon. May 17	Ex. Comm. Meet	Office
Thur. May 20	Election of Off. for 2010-2011	Friendship Ctn.
Apr 30-May 2	Division Convention	Houston

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