



American Legion

POST 305 BUGLE

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This is your invitation to attend the election of officer in Post 305 for the year 2010-2011. The election will be held during the meeting on May 20, 2010 at the South County Community Center at 7 p.m.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Dear Legionnaires',

The members nominated for the various offices for 2010-2011 are as follows:

Commander	Everett Ison
1st Vice Cdr.	Kim Biggerstaff
2nd Vice Cdr.	Jim Bolin
Adjutant	Pickens Jones
Finance Officer	Dave Lips
Judge Advocate	Emery Heuermann
Historian	Win Salter
Chaplain	Rudy Charest
Sergeant-at-Arms	Earl Jones
Service Officer	Dayton Denton
Exec. Comm. Mbr	Chuck Suhr
Exec. Comm. Mbr	Syd Ulmer
Ass't Sgt-At-Arms	Carl Smith
Ass't Chaplain	John Sparks

Nominations will be accepted from the floor prior to the election should anyone else like to run for office. You must be present at the meeting or have a letter of acceptance filed with the Post Adjutant prior to the meeting. You must be present to vote. Elected Officers should have a DD Form 214 available for the Adjutant as there is information on that which needs to be sent to Department. I would like to thank the nominating

committee **George Bannon, Jim Bolin,** and **Emery Heuermann** for a job well done.

If you have not paid your dues, you need to take care of it ASAP! The renewals for 2011 will be mailed very soon and would not like to see your membership broken with time in service.

We marked the end of an era as our last meeting was the last meeting at Rayford Road Community Center. beginning on May 20th, our new meeting place will be at the South County Community Center located at 2235 Lake Robbins Drive, The Woodlands, Texas. This is located next to the library on the corner of Grogans Mill Road and Lake Robbins Drive.

At the District 7 convention, it was announced that Sheila Shulte (District 7 Commander) will be stepping down as her husband is transferred to Louisiana. Her daughter Teresa Shulte (Hubmaster) will also step down as she will be moving with her family also. I wish them both smooth sailing and following seas and they will be missed not only from

the Division but also from Willis Post 618.

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 May 20th at the South County 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 \$14,766, and the Allocated Fund has \$20,143.

First Vice Cdr. **Kimberly Biggerstaff** reported that we have 362 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 there would be not Social Time on the Monday following the meeting.



2nd Vice Cdr. Brad Trefz, Win Salter, Syd Ulmer

Commander Ison noted that this was the last meeting at the Rayford Road Community Center. The next meeting on

May 20th will be held at the South County Community Center, next to the library. After the meeting the Auxiliary served a supper of stuffed baked potatoes.



Membership Supper

SOCIAL CORNER

Thanks to everyone who donated items and helped work our Post's semi-annual rummage sale. I am pleased to announce that we had a very successful sale this go around, nearly doubling our receipts from the sale in October! We took in \$1963.12, netting the Post and Auxiliary a grand sum of \$1828.12! A great job by all who helped out – and my own special thanks to Mickey Fussell, salesman supreme, who sold everything that wasn't bolted down. His determination and hard work was an inspiration to all of us. We would also be remiss if we didn't mention that \$200 of the receipts came in a cash donation from one of our post members. Thank you very much – we are overwhelmed by your support.

This will probably be my last Social Corner as I will be stepping down as Second Vice to pursue other endeavors (like the Oratorical and Cookbook) prior to my departure next year. I want to thank all of the members of the post who offered me their encouragement and support, especially the other officers of the post who have so diligently worked and sacrificed in order to keep the post alive and leave it better for

those who would follow us. I've enjoyed working with, and learning from you all. I owe you all a debt of gratitude – from moving all of our Rummage sale items, to marching in the heat at our Fourth of July parade, to showing up for our Monday Night Socials (which will be at 3 B's on Rayford Road, Monday, the 24th of May at 7:00 PM), you make it happen each and every month. I would also be remiss if I didn't give a special debt of thanks to Chuck Suhr, our previous Second Vice, whose support made my job an easy one, and to Win Salter, for his support in proposing and stepping up to head our cookbook project.

Please help out my replacement and refill the storage shed for the next Rummage Sale. If you have items please drop them off at the storage building or 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. As a reminder: all members are requested be considerate and stack their items as far back in the shed, and as high a safety allows, when dropping off items.

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. Let myself or Win know if you are interested in helping out.

For those of you who have think being an officer of the post isn't for you – I can't tell you what a great thing you are missing. If you haven't done it – please consider getting more involved in our post – I promise that you will never regret it.

In the meantime I hope to see you at our next meeting or social, like maybe on Monday, 24 May at 7:00pm – 3'B's on Rayford Road. See you there!

Brad Trefz, 2nd Vice

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AUXILIARY NEWS

Needed RECIPES, RECIPES. The recipes are slowly coming in. We are up to about 100 but we need at least 250, so we have a long way to go. Send 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.

We are sorry to announce that the Unit has cancelled our Craft Fair at Portofino Shopping Center on May 22 due to a very short time to get the vendors' permits and pictures approved by the Shopping Center and the City of Shenandoah.

The Unit had 3 Auxiliary Ladies who brought in \$100 or more for "Birdies for Charity" They are **Stephanie Marshall**, **Ann Jones**, and **Veronica Miaolo**.

This June we will have one girl from The Woodlands H.S. and one girl from College Park H.S. going to Girls State

On June 12th the Unit will be at Panther Creek celebrating Flag Day with the children coloring pages to send to our deployed forces. Also there will be a quilt for the public to sign which will then be presented to a veteran. The Post will also celebrate a Flag Folding Ceremony.

Members of the Unit are folding 300 small American Flags to present to deploying troops. The Flags will have the following poem included with them:

A flag for your pocket so you can always carry a little piece of home. We are praying for you and are proud of you. Thank-you for defending our country and our freedom

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! Our next monthly meeting will be May 20th at 7 p.m. at the South County Community Center in The Woodlands located on the corner of Grogans Mill Road and Lake Robbins Drive, next to the Library.

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

If you were on active duty service between January 1957 to December 31, 2001 you may qualify for a higher social security payment because of your Military service (the program was done away with on 1 January, 2002). Up to \$1200 per year of earnings credit credited at time of application for Social Security which can make a difference in your social security monthly payments upon your retirement. You must bring your DD-214 to the Social Security Office and you must ask for this benefit to receive it! See Soc. Sec. Web site <http://www.ssa.gov/retire2/military.htm>.

This is for anyone who has served on active duty between January 1957 and December 31, 2001.

POST POLICY

When not wearing the official Legion cap. Honors to the Colors or any other

requirement to salute MAY now be done by saluting as if in the military uniform (2008 change to the U.S. Flag Code provides this option).

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
Post	629		
Mon.	May 17	Ex. Comm. Meet	Office
Thur.	May 20	Election of Off. for 2010-2011	SouthCounty Office
Mon	Jun. 14	Ex. Comm. Meet.	Office
Thur.	Jun. 17	Membership Meet.	South County
Thur.	Jun. 24	Department Conv.	Beaumont

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