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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Dear Legionnaires',

I would like to thank you again on the vote of confidence that you have instilled in me as your Commander. Being that this is my second year, I have learned quite a bit from last year and I will take the lessons learned from it and move in a positive direction into this upcoming year.

I would like to take a few minutes to talk about membership. Membership is very important as it keeps the American Legion moving forward. Maintaining our membership is always an ongoing effort. Please do not let your years of service or benefits lapse. Soon you will be receiving your 2011 renewal and I encourage you to send those in at your earliest convenience.

I encourage you to visit the 'mylegion.org' and create a login to find out more about the American Legion. I have submitted the application to gain access to the Post level and we will be updating that part once we receive the approval from National. As an individual, you can update your personal information in which we will be able to receive updated email addresses and phone numbers. We will be publishing more information about this website in the 'Bugle' in the coming months.

We had a very successful Department of Texas convention and I appreciate those that were able to attend. We will have challenges ahead and I am more confident that we can work together to achieve these goals and also better serve your, our Members and Veterans. One way that we can do this get involved and help by serving on one of the committees. I am sure that we have a committee that you have interest at heart.

AS always, we have our general meeting the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the South County Community Center. Please come by. We'll be glad to see you.

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 not changed much from last month, but he did not have a report ready at this time.

First Vice Cdr. **Kimberly Biggerstaff** reported that we have 375 paid members. Our goal was 486, and we missed it by a mile. Our goal next year is 442. Second Vice Cdr. **Brad Trefz** passed to incoming Vice Cdr. **Jim Bolin** who discussed the timing of the July 3rd Parade. The float will be assembled at Com-

mander Ison's home beginning at 7:30 a.m. on July 2nd. The float will be decorated beginning at 7:30 a.m. in the parking lot of The Woodlands First Methodist Church. The Parade will begin around 9:00 a.m., but parking will be at a premium. If you would like to park close in, and in time to ride on the float, be there by 8:00 a.m.

Service Officer **Dayton Denton** reported that Boy's State went very well and he will have several of the attendees at a Post Meeting in Aug. or Sep. to give a report.

Under Old Business, the Post voted not to rent a Post Home in the location proposed at the last meeting. Cdr. Ison said that the Building Committee would take up the search for a Post Home and report to the Membership.

We approve to buy a banner for the 4th of July float to honor the participants of the Afghanistan and Iraq wars not to exceed \$100.

We will be inventorying all Post property and storing it in one central location.

At the end of the meeting George Banning, acting as Past 2nd Div. Cdr. installed the Post Officers. Line up is shown below.



LtoR: Fussell, Ulmer, Smith, E. Jones, Denton, Salter, Sparks, Charest, Lips, P. Jones. Background: Ison, Bannon. Foreground: Suhr, Watz. Not Shown, Bolin, Biggerstaff,

SOCIAL CORNER

The big social event happening this month is the 4th of July Parade (which will be on the 3rd of July this year). Each year the Post's block of participants consists of the two people carrying the Post 305 Banner, followed by the Color Guard. Following the Color Guard is the convertible in which the Post Commander and Unit President ride. After that is the truck pulling a 16' trailer decorated with banners and streamers of a patriotic flavor. We have won several \$250 prizes for best military float. Our problem is that we don't have enough members to ride on the float. By the time we fill out the beginning of the Post's contingent with members we look like a small group of people due to the empty look of the float. We need some members to put on their uniforms and medals and show up to ride on the float or walk along side. We need to look like we have over 350 members, not 50. Also it is an uplifting experience to see the appreciation of the crowd. See you on the 3rd.

Jim Bolin
2nd Vice Cdr.

CONVENTION NEWS

The 92nd Department Convention was held June 23-27 in Beaumont, TX. Post Delegation shown below.



LtoR: Jim Bolin, Kim Biggerstaff, Everett Ison, George Bannon. Not shown Jerry Mulvihill.

The Bugle won the Second Place Patsy Palmquist Award for post newsletters for the second year in a row. This year there were four different categories of newsletters based on number of members in the Post. In total there were eight prizes, two in each of four categories. Next year the categories of size will be eliminated and only three prizes will be give for first through third place in the state. We also entered the contests for web site and history but were unable to score.

AUXILIARY NEWS

As the incoming President of The Woodlands Auxiliary #305, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. However, before doing so, I would like to say thank you to Mary Bolin for all of her dedication and selflessness to our organization. Her hard work and patriotic spirit will be difficult to follow.

I come to this unit as the daughter of a Navy Veteran of the Pacific War and a career service man. I am also the sister of both Air Force and Army Veterans. As a Patriot, my father instilled in me the values of what it means to be an American. He often said that we are lucky to live in a country where the tenants of freedom and democracy are a part of our way of life. As a Navy brat, I understand the need for an active military to protect our rights and this country. I promised him, as I promise you, that I will work with the Auxiliary and the Post to honor and support our active military personnel, Veterans and their families.

Having just returned from my first Texas Department Convention, I am ready to

build an agenda for the coming year. But at the moment, the Auxiliary is concentrating on our fabulous and enormous Craft Show fundraiser on July 24th. This year we are coordinating our show with a Military, Families and Friends group. The event is being held INSIDE The Woodlands United Methodist Church. We have over 60 booths registered so far, with 4 weeks remaining until the event. We are on track to have a huge turnout for this show, making this a perfect time for all of us to recruit new members. Many of you have committed to help, but, gentlemen, we also need some added muscle and we have air conditioning! I hope to see ya'll there.

Ann Jones
President

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Texas Veterans Commission was created as the official advocate for Texas Veterans. To start receiving assistance today, visit the Texas Veterans Commission Web Site at www.tvc.state.tx.us.

VA announces the opening of new outpatient clinics during 2010 in Richmond, Lake Jackson, Katy, and Tomball. The clinic in Texas city will be reopened. The clinics in Katy and Tomball will be the largest, with about 30,00 square feet each.

Veterans Land Board Chairman Jerry Patterson held an official groundbreaking for the Tyler Veterans Home

for 1:30 p.m. on May 19, 2010 with and opening date of 2011. "This new type of veterans home embodies a revolutionary approach to long-term care that I am proud to be able to bring to Texas veterans," Patterson said. (Read the entire article in at the Land Boards web site, www.texasveterans.com. Click on Smith County article.)

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POST POLICY

Members cannot leave the meeting during any prayers, periods of silence, or the obligation.

Post Activities			
Day	Date	Activity	Location
Sat.	Jul. 3	4 th of July Parade	First Methodist Church
Mon.	Jul. 12	Ex. Comm.	South County Community Ctn.
Thur.	Jul 15	Membership Meeting	South County Community Ctn.
Sat.	Jul 24	Aux. Craft Fair	First Methodist Church
Sat.	Jul 31	Target Date for 45% membership renewals	
Mon	Aug 16	Ex. Comm.	South County Community Ctn.
Thur.	Aug 19	Membership Meeting	South County Community Ctn.
Sat.	Aug 28	Target Date for 50% membership renewals	
Wed.	Sep 1	Ronald P. McCluskey Scholarship applications due at Dept.	

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