



# American Legion

## POST 305 BUGLE

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### **COMMANDER'S CORNER**

Dear Legionnaires',

I would like to start by saying a big THANK YOU to all that supported our sending off of over 100 flags for our troops in Afghanistan. We have made a huge impact to those that are serving and they know that The Woodlands Post 305 supports their efforts.

I received an email from Ann Jones (Ladies Auxiliary President) that the Craft Show was a huge success and she was very thankful for all that helped. She will be making a formal report to the Auxiliary at the next meeting.

I shared information about starting a Son of the American Legion Squadron at our post. This would be an invaluable asset to us and I believe that a squadron would complement in our activities and we can also support them as well. I have scheduled a meeting at 6 PM just before our normal membership meeting to discuss the possibilities.

This is a new year and I will be asking for our Legionnaires to volunteer on one of several committees that we have in the Post. These include Americanism Such As Oratorical Contest, Boys State, Scholarship, Flag Etiquette; Flag Disposal; Funerals; Color Guard; Membership; Fund Raising; Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation; Public Relations; Children & Youth; Adopt-A-Path; Legislative;

POW/MIA; Employment; Boy Scouts; July 4th Parade. So if you would like to assist in any one of these programs, just let me know and I will pencil you in.

I would like to remind everyone that our annual picnic is approaching. The date is October 21<sup>st</sup> and it will be held at Shadowbend Park on Lake Woodlands Drive. This is a great time to relax and enjoy the comradeship with each other. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and bratwurst will be provided by the post. More information will be communicated next month.

Our next meeting is August 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. 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 to be \$13,179.01, the Allocated Fund to be \$21,138.70.

First Vice Cdr. **Kimberly Biggerstaff** reported that our goal for next year is 422 members. She also presented information gained at the training she received at the Legion College in Austin. That will be covered more in detail in a following article elsewhere in the newsletter.



Kim Biggerstaff & Everett Ison  
At Legion College

Second Vice Cdr. **Jim Bolin** discussed the need to support the Auxiliary for their Craft Fair to be presented on July 25<sup>th</sup>. We will also have a recruiting table at the Fair which will require attention.

Service Officer **Dayton Denton** reported that we had several Boys' State participants walk with us at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Also, he will invite the Boys to give a presentation about their time at Boys' State in November in conjunction with the Thanksgiving Supper. Under new business, the Post voted to accept the resignation of **Emery Heuermann** as Judge Advocate and accept the nomination of **George Bannon** to be a candidate for that position. Anyone desiring to be considered for the position of Judge Advocate needs to contact the Post Commander ASAP. Cdr. **Everett Ison** discussed how this was an important position as it might be necessary to re-write our Constitution and by-laws to bring them into agreement with the Department's rewritten documents.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

**Still serving: it's who we are**

In 1919, The American Legion was founded on four pillars: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism and Children and Youth. Each of these pillars encompasses a

variety of programs that benefit our nation's veterans, its service members, their families, the youth of America and ordinary citizens. These programs make a difference in hundreds of thousands of lives each year.

Our organization's positions and programs are guided by resolutions passed by American Legion National Convention delegates and committee and commission members who represent 2.6 million wartime veterans and their families. These programs and the men and women who take the time to perform them, are what allows the American Legion to make a difference locally, and on the state and national levels. It is who we are and what we do.

### **I. Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation**

- Access to VA Care
- Better Funding Formula
- Support for Veterans with Special Needs
- Career Opportunities
- A GI Bill for a New Century
- Employment and Business
- Heroes to Hometowns
- Volunteering
- Final Respects

### **II. National Security**

- Strong National Defense
- Military Quality of Life
- Homeland Security
- Foreign Relations
- Full Accounting of POW/MIAs
- Operation Comfort Warriors

### **III. Americanism**

- Flag Protection
- Illegal Immigration
- Voter Registration and Participation
- Boy Scouts
- The Pledge of Allegiance
- Establishment-Clause Lawsuits

#### IV. Children & Youth

- Child Pornography
- Catastrophic Illness
- Intellectual Disabilities

### SOCIAL CORNER



The Social Event for this month was the Auxiliary Craft Show. Many of the Auxiliary and Post members showed up to help and give their support to the Auxiliary. The Post had a recruiting booth, mostly set up with Emery Heuermann's flags. By asking vendors and visitors, we got at least three new members, two for the Post and one for the Auxiliary.



The Auxiliary had a table for a craft sale, a bake sale and T-shirt sale. The bake sale went over very well, but not so with the crafts and T-shirts. Luckily, they will keep for the next Craft Fair. The recruiting location is to the left of the flags.

Much camaraderie was generated by the work involved with the set-up, move in and tear down of the craft show.



There was also plenty of time during the show to tell war stories. If you worked the Fair, you know what I mean. If not, you missed a chance to get to know someone.

Jim Bolin, 2d Vice Cdr.

### AUXILIARY NEWS

It has been a very busy month. We have been preparing for our major fundraiser, the Summer Craft Show. The show was a very successful event. We didn't have the crowd we would have liked, but we had far more customers than we have had the past few years. We were in a new, larger venue and co-sponsored with the Military Families & Friends. The gentlemen and ladies of the Post answered my call for assistance and with our ladies, worked as a team to produce a great event. We all worked together Friday night and all day Saturday, to create a very smooth show. I have received a great deal of feedback, both pro and con, but mostly positive. We should all be satisfied in knowing we produced an event that was well received by both customers and vendors. The Auxiliary can now go forward supporting our programs for military, veterans and their families. The Auxiliary

would like to thank all of the gentlemen and ladies of the Post who came out to support our craft show.

Ann Jones  
President

### **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

### **POST POLICY**

When entering or leaving the meeting room after the meeting has started, members must go to the center of the room, salute the Colors, and then be seated or depart the room.

### **REMEMBERED PAST**

Montgomery County was the third county to be formed by the Republic of Texas. That was in 1837. It has been recognized as the birthplace of the Lone Star Flag. The Texas Congress approved annexation to the United States on June 18, 1845. The county was extensive and became the mother of four other counties, to wit:

Grimes County in 1846\*

Walker County in 1846

Madison County in 1853

San Jacinto County in 1870

\*(In 1878, Waller County was formed from Grimes County.)

With civil war starting “back East” and Texas electing to secede, able-bodied men of Montgomery County enlisted in the Confederate Army. Most were allocated to Company H of the 4<sup>th</sup> Texas Regiment, Colonel John Bell Hood,

Commanding. When Hood was promoted to general, the Regiment became part of “Hood’s Texas Brigade”, attached to Longstreet’s First Corps, Army of Northern Virginia. The Brigade was involved in 24 battles including 2<sup>nd</sup> Manassas, Antietam, Gettysburg, Chickamauga, Wilderness and Cold Harbor. At Gettysburg alone, Company H lost half of its men. When Lee surrendered at Appomattox, of the 145 original members of Co. H. only nine men were left to find their way home to Texas.

Win Salter, Historian

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#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5.00 bill

### Post Activities

Day	Date	Activity	Location
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.	
Mon.	Sep 13	Ex. Comm.	South County Community Ctn.
Thur.	Sep 16	Membership Meeting	South County Community Ctn.
Fri.	Sep 24	Target Date for 55% membership renewals	