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### COMMANDER'S CORNER



Dear Legionnaires',

It is hard to believe that another year will soon begin and the present year has passed so rapidly. So as the Christmas season is now upon us, I would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year. May this Holiday Season be filled with the love of family, friends, and friendship.

It is my sad duty to report that **Erwin Robert “Bob” Jackson** died on Wednesday, November 17th. He was a real trooper and supported the Legion in many ways. I know that I will miss him so many ways as well as many of

you likewise. Our prayers go to the Jackson family.

The Woodlands also lost a fellow Soldier; PFC Kyle Matthew Holder (18) on Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Please keep the Holder family in your prayers also.

Membership is still an issue and we need these renewals returned to the post as soon as possible. Additionally, I would like to ask that all members to update their information with the post when information changes in order that we can update our records and also update Department records as well. One easy way is sign up on 'Mylegion.org' where you can update the information also

Remember that Chili Cook-off happens in January so all of the cooks get ready to prepare the best chili you can brew up. This year the Ladies Auxiliary will be participating and the Post Member's will be judging the entries.

In closing, may you all have a joyous Holiday and remember to pray for our troops and hope that

they will be safe in their ongoing efforts to protect our country.

Our next meeting will be at 7 PM on December 16<sup>th</sup> at the South County Community Center.

For God and Country,  
**Everett Ison**

### MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**Commander Ison** opened the meeting and determined a quorum was present. Finance Officer **Dave Lips** reported on Post finances. The General Fund total was \$13,113 and the Allocated Fund total was \$21,765. for a grand total of both funds of \$34,878. First Vice Commander **Kim Biggerstaff** reported 278 paid members for 62.9% of quota. Second Vice Commander **Jim Bolin** reported that the rummage sale gross was \$1783.01, less \$135 rent for the Community Ctn.

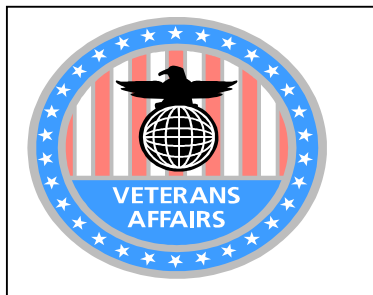
The Post approved a motion to pay \$164.80 to the Auxiliary for their help in the rummage sale. The Post received a check for \$298.24 from the Auxiliary for our help at their Craft Fair.

Four of our seven Boy's State attendees came to the meeting to report on their adventures at Boy's State. All thought it was among the most memorable experiences of their lives.

### **FUND RAISING**

It is important for Post and Unit members to remain aware of ongoing and periodic efforts to put gold in our coffers. Standing projects and those approaching include:

- ~ Aluminum Can Collection
- ~ Cookbook Development



### **VETERANS ADVOCATE**

Medicare annual election period is from November 15-December 31, 2010. Medicare advantage plans offer more health plan choices. Plans are designed to provide more benefits than traditional Medicare, may include prescription drugs, dental, vision and preventive care and may reduce out-of-pocket expenses for items such as doctors' visits.

Medicare Supplement insurance (also known as Medigap) is private health insurance designed to supplement Original Medicare and pay costs that Original Medicare may not cover, like deductibles, co-insurance, long-term care, blood work, or hearing aids.

### **BOY'S STATE**

Four of the seven boys we sent to Boy's State visited the monthly meeting. They were introduced by **Dayton Denton** who oversaw their selection and briefings. The boys were asked to give a brief discussion of their impression of their experiences. All were impressed with the quality of their counterparts from around the state and with the organization of the program. After their program, Commander Ison presented them with a certificate.



LtoR: Graham Rector, WHS; John Lowerse, ORHS; Andrew Heinen, CPHS; Richard Saettone, CPHS; Commander Ison

### **VETERANS RESOURCE DIRECTORY**

*Navigating the Road for Services to Returning Veterans* is a 62 page directory of services for veterans and their families in Harris County, prepared and continually updated by the RVI (Returning Veterans Initiative). It covers federal, state, county, city nonprofit, and faith based resources for veterans and their families. While a limited number of printed copies are distributed primarily through United Way of Greater Houston under a grant from TRIAD (Texas Resource for Iraq-Afghanistan Deployment) Fund, the best way to access the directory's latest version is on the RVI website:  
[www.co.harris.tx.us/CmpDocuments/103/vets/RVI1%20DIRECTOR Y.pdf](http://www.co.harris.tx.us/CmpDocuments/103/vets/RVI1%20DIRECTOR%20Y.pdf)

### **WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA December 11**

The Wreath Laying Ceremony will be Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM at Houston Natl. Cemetery, 10410 Veterans Memorial Drive, Houston. More information go to website, [info@waahouston.com](mailto:info@waahouston.com)

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1-713-383-7842
- County Veterans Serv. Offices:  
Montgomery 1-936-539-7842  
Harris 1-281-876-6600
- Texas Veterans Commission:  
1-800-252-8387  
[www.tvc.state.tx.us](http://www.tvc.state.tx.us)
- State Legislators:  
Dist. 4 – Tommy Williams  
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Dist. 16 – Brandon Creighton  
936-539-0028  
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## AUXILIARY UNIT NEWS



**Ann Jones,  
Auxiliary Unit President**

### POPPY DAY

Our activities in November started with a Poppy Day on Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup>. Our Poppy Committee, headed by **Sue Ellen Bannon**, did a great job distributing poppies and collecting donations at two separate Kroger stores. The money collected from this Poppy Day will be divided with our National Organization to serve our much loved veterans. The ladies that participated on this day besides **Sue Ellen** were **Rosalie Fryer, Joan Charest, Mary Bolin, Mary Lee Mulvihill, Annie Smith** and our Post member **Jerry Mulvihill**.

### FLAG ETIQUETTE & POPPY HISTORY

On November 8<sup>th</sup> Vice Commander **Kimberly Biggerstaff** of our Post, **Christina O'Grady, Rosalie Fryer** and myself were welcomed by 100 fourth graders at Oak Ridge Elementary School. Kimberly gave a wonderful flag etiquette program. and she and Christina taught the students how to fold the American Flag. I gave a presentation of the poppies of Flanders Field and presented the school librarian with a short narrative of Dr. John McCrae's work. We had a wonderful hour with the students and finished with a question and

answer period. A patriotic book will be presented to the school at a later date. It was a very rewarding experience for all of us involved with this program.

### WOMEN VETERANS CELEBRATION

On Wednesday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, several of our Auxiliary Unit members travelled down to the DeBakey VA Medical Center for a few hours to help with a "Pampering Party" to honor female veterans. Our "Cream Team" consisted of **Mary Lee Mulvihill, Joan Sparks, Mary Bolin, Sue Ellen Bannon, Christina O'Grady** and myself. The "Cream Team" gave hand softening treatments, hand massages, heated foot treatments, lip masques and foot massages to very grateful and appreciative lady veterans. **Stephanie Marshall** also helped us with goodie bags that were filled with 'girl stuff', homemade chocolate chip cookies and thank you cards for all of the women. **Liz Heuermann** graciously donated hundreds of Avon goodies for our lady veterans. It was an absolutely beautiful day for all of us who were lucky enough to work with these veterans. The director of the women veterans program has invited us to "pamper" again next year.

### ANADARKO\* POPPY DAY

The next day was Veterans Day, our country's holiday to celebrate the brave sacrifices of all veterans. The Auxiliary gave Anadarko 2000 poppies for their Veterans Celebration. Several Auxiliary members, as well as our Post members, attended this celebration and handed out

poppies to Anadarko employees. There was a short program and then we were invited to a delicious private luncheon hosted by Anadarko. Auxiliary members in attendance were myself, **Mary Lee Mulvihill, Jenny Le, Joan Charest, Paula Ison, Sue Ellen Bannon, Rosalie Fryer, Mary Bolin** and **Veronica Maiolo**. The Auxiliary has been asked by Anadarko to participate in this event again next year.

\*[N.B. Anadarko Petroleum Corp headquartered in The Woodlands.]



L to R: Geri Mulvihill, Ann Jones, Mary Lee Mulvihill & Mary Bolin

### OPERATION WE CARE

Our Veterans Week activities were rounded out on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> with the shipping of 172 boxes to Afghanistan and Iraq. Our own OPERATION WE CARE, chaired by **Christina O'Grady**, spent a very successful day, with the cooperation of ACE Hardware, asking the community to pay the postage on our care packages to our soldiers. They opened their hearts and their wallets and paid the postage for each and every box. The Auxiliary members who participated in this ACE day were **Annie Smith, Rosalie Fryer, Paula Ison, Veronica Maiolo, Eileen O'Grady** and **Joan Charest**. The Post members who helped with this project were **Commander Ison** and **Carl Smith**. OPERATION WE CARE has become a community project as Christina and I have visited

several churches, schools and neighborhood stores to ask for their support in supplying the much needed items for our care packages. We now have 62 soldiers in Afghanistan and Iraq that we are supporting. This Auxiliary project would not be possible without our community support. They continue to fill our "Troop Collection Boxes" that we have left in their facilities.

This leads me to our second shipping day at ACE Hardware on November 20<sup>th</sup>. We had a packing party the evening before and, on Saturday, we shipped another 149 boxes. **Stephanie Marshall** was on talk radio twice advertising our shipping days at ACE Hardware. As Stephanie said, "I only spoke to a million people...". We received responses by phone and email and are still picking up items resulting from her encouraging radio interviews. Stephanie is a great example of a member who is unable to attend one of our events, but she is still able to promote and support from her home. It was a beautiful sunny day on the 20<sup>th</sup> and we had many "Box Girls" helping that day. Once again, it was a very successful day and the community showered us with their support of our troops. I was even able to give information on five possible new members to **Commander Ison**. Our "Box Girl Team" on November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> included myself, **Joan Sparks, Jenny Le,**

**Paula Ison, Mary Bolin, Geri Mulvihill, Jennifer Jones, Stephanie Marshall, Veronica Maiolo, Sue Ellen Bannon, Eileen O'Grady, Joan Charest, Mary Lou Suhr, Rosalie Fryer** and, of course, **Christina O'Grady**. The Post members who joined us were **Commander Ison** and **Jim Bolin**.

It was a busy month for Auxiliary 305, but it warms my heart knowing that together, as a team, we have truly made a difference in many lives.

**Ann Jones**

### MONTHLY TRIVIA QUIZ

Interested readers may e-mail their answers to this month's questions to the Editor. The member with the earliest set of correct responses will be recognized in the next Bugle.

1. What unique military unit linked "Adam & Eve", "Panda Bears" and "Hells Angels"?
2. What is the theme of the Legion's High School Oratorical Contests?
3. Which two presidents of the US served for the shortest periods?
4. What retains the oiler in the stock of an M-1 carbine?
5. Union General Joseph "Fighting Joe" Hooker's last name became a common term for what?

6. When did the Navy first propose the "Navy Medal of Valor" and what was it renamed a year later?
7. In what year did WWII begin?
8. How many food "dishes" or depressions were in a GI mess tray?

### **ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZ**

1. After December 31<sup>st</sup> you are earmarked delinquent.
2. The US declared war against Mexico in 1846.
3. US Army General Robert wrote and published "*Robert's Rules of Order*".
4. A mixed bag of fighters and transports operating out of Henderson Field, Guadalcanal, in 1942.
5. The US Maine exploded and sank in Havana harbor in February 1898 due to debatable causes.
6. The Legion's first stateside organizational meeting was held in St. Louis, MO.
7. US Marines first acquired the Thompson sub-machine gun in 1921. (It had been designed as a "trench sweeper" for WWI use, but it had not been adequately developed at war's end.) Police and gangsters were using it well before the military.
8. No. The Legion rule is: "One Legionnaire; one Post".

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>WHERE?</u>
Tues.	Dec. 7	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	
Mon.	Dec.13	Post Executive Committee Meeting	South County Community Ctr. @ 7:00 PM
Thur.	Dec. 16	Membership Meetings	South County Community Ctr. @ 7:00 PM
Sat.	Dec. 25	Christmas Day	With Family & Friends
Sun.	Dec.26	Kwanzaa	
Friday	Dec. 31	Dues Paid Target at 85% (376 members)	
Sat.	Jan. 1	New Years Day	
Mon.	Jan. 17	Martin Luther King Day	
Mon.	Jan. 17	Post Executive Committee Meeting	South County Community Ctr. @ 7:00 PM
Wed.	Jan. 19 to	Dept. of Texas Mid-Winter	Omni Southpark Hotel, 4140 Governor's
Sun.	Jan. 23	Conference; Austin, Texas	Row, Austin, Texas
Thur.	Jan. 20	Membership Meetings (Chili Cook-Off)	South County Community Ctr. @ 7:00 PM
Sat.	Jan. 29	Dues Paid Target at 90% (398 members)	
Thur.	Feb. 3	USAT Dorchester Torpedoed	
Mon.	Feb. 14	Valentines Day	Candy, flowers & new car
Mon.	Feb. 14	Post Executive Committee Meeting	South County Community Ctr. @ 7:00 PM
Thur.	Feb. 17	Membership Meetings (Four Chaplains)	South County Community Ctr. @ 7:00 PM
Mon.	Feb. 21	Presidents' Day	
Fri.	Feb. 25	Dues Paid Target at 95% (420 members)	
Mon.	Mar. 14	Post Executive Committee Meeting	South County Community Ctr. @ 7:00 PM
Thur.	Mar. 17	Membership Meetings	South County Community Ctr. @ 7:00 PM
Thur.	Mar. 17	St. Patrick's Day	
Fri.	Mar. 25	Dues Paid Target at 98% (433 members)	

The Post and Auxiliary Unit meet at the **South County Community Center** in The Woodlands at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month. The Unit hosts a potluck supper following the meetings. The Center is located on the corner at the intersection of Lake Robbins Drive and Grogans Mill Road.

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 the members  
 and their  
 families very,  
 very Happy  
 Holidays and a  
 New Year filled  
 with good  
 cheer!**