



# AMERICAN LEGION POST 305 "THE WOODLANDS POST" THE BUGLE



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## COMMANDER'S CORNER



Dear Legionnaires,

As you all are aware, the Texas State budget includes funds for the education of our youth and for veterans' programs support. It appears that the proposed budget will reduce such funds for both of these causes. The Montgomery County Veterans Service Office is now slated for cuts in allocation. I need the support of all Post members in making calls to County Commissioners and to the office of Judge Alan B. Sadler. At the District 7 Convention, Judge Sadler stated that he supports our veterans, so we need to help hold him to his promise. The County Veterans Service Office has been of great assistance to our veterans and their families and any lessened level of support would

have profound impact on them. Listed here are pertinent phone numbers to facilitate your calling.

- County Judge Alan B. Sadler:  
(936) 539-7812
- County Commissioners:
- Precinct 1 – Mike Meador  
(936) 539-7815
- Precinct 2 – Craig Doyal  
(936) 539-7816 or (281) 259-6492
- Precinct 3 – Ed Chance  
(936) 539-7817 or (281) 367-3977
- Precinct 4 – Ed Rinehart  
(936) 521-8919 or (281) 577-8919

The March meeting will include an initiation of all new members of Post 305. This will be a special ceremony for all first-year members that have joined our Post. If 2011 is your first year, please come and participate in the ceremony in your honor and let us welcome you again.

Maintenance of Post membership remains a top issue, and we need your renewals sent to P. O. Box 9336 as seen as possible. It will not be long before the 2011 year ends, and we will be into 2012. I would hate to see your continuous years of Legion service broken. The programs the Post is carrying out (Boys State, scholarships,

oratorical contests, and others) get vital support from the dues increment which remains with the Post. Payment of annual dues allows you to remain one of us, a proud and active Post, as well as helping to fund veteran and community programs.

As a reminder, I say again for all members to update and maintain their information with the Post when changes occur, so that we can correct our records and those of the Department and at National as well.

In closing, remember to pray for our troops and their safety as they fight to protect our country.

Our next meeting will be at 7:00 PM on March 17<sup>th</sup> at the South County Community Center.

For God and Country,  
**Everett Ison**

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

(February 17, 2011)

With the Commander in Austin on Legion business, First Vice Commander **Kimberly Biggerstaff** presided, opened the meeting and determined a quorum was present. The Finance Report was

not available as the Finance Officer, **Dave Lips**, was also absent. Post finances made available later were summarized as: The General Fund total was \$15,632.74 and the Allocated Fund total was \$21,065.50 for a grand total of both funds of \$36,698.24.

The current membership report was given by First Vice Commander **Biggerstaff**. As of the meeting, paid membership stands at 309, which is 69% of our goal. She reported the Post was at 9<sup>th</sup> place in the District last year at this point and currently has dropped to 14<sup>th</sup> place. She inquired about progress by those phoning to draw out dues payments.

Our guest speaker was James Webb of Genworth Financial, who spoke about the options of long-term health care and what to seek in a long-term care insurance policy.



Guest Speaker James Webb

The Executive Committee is still accepting nominations for Legionnaire-of-the-Year for 2010. Any

paid-up Post member wishing to nominate a Post member should submit a nomination by writing a short nominating paragraph to **Commander Ison** before the next Executive Committee meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Second Vice Commander. **Jim Bolin** reported on preparations for the next Rummage Sale which will be held on April 23, with set-up on the day before. He will put ads on *The Woodlands on Line*, and also in the *Conroe Courier* requesting goods donations for the sale.

“Birdies for Charity” chance entry forms for members and their friends need to be turned in by the next meeting. Remember that you can call **Dave Lips**, (281) 362-1390, with your guesstimate and you will be billed by the sponsors. We need your support on this so don’t be bashful; pick up the phone and call now.

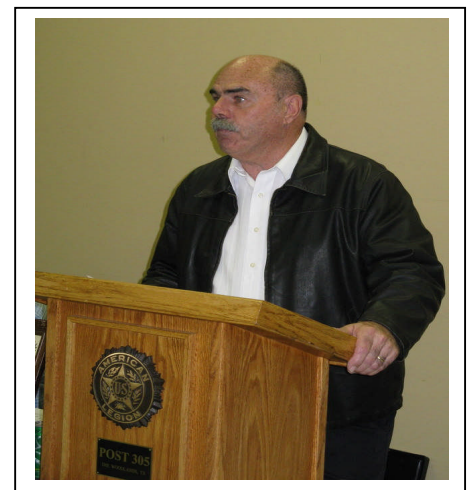
Adjutant **Pickens Jones** reported on another major fundraiser for the Post: Coupon Books. He still has some for sale at \$39.95. At this point, we own the books we have remaining because we have paid the publisher, so any we sell from now on, the money goes right to the Post.

**Dayton Denton** said that interviews for selecting Boy’s State participants will begin the week of March 21st. After the meeting, Dayton briefed interested members and distributed some information. And, if you would like to participate in conducting the interviews, contact Dayton at (832) 928-6054.

Vice Commander **Biggerstaff** asked the members if they thought the Post should be on Facebook as the Auxiliary Unit is. The response was immediate and a resounding, “YES”. She then offered to set up the Facebook account in the name of the Post. (It was on line by noon the next day.) We now have a Facebook page, so look for us at “American Legion Post 305”.

Vice Commander **Biggerstaff** read a resolution of support for **Commander Ison’s** run to become elected as the 7<sup>th</sup> District Commander. The Post approved the resolution which will be distributed to the other posts in the District

**Ed Jarvis**, Commander of Post 615 and candidate for Vice Commander of the 7<sup>th</sup> District, spoke to the membership about what programs he would support if elected to the post of Vice Commander.



Edward Jarvis  
Commander – Post 615



**VETERAN'S ADVOCATE**

**VETERANS BENEFITS FAIR**

Event: Texas Veterans Land

Board – Veterans Benefits  
Fair for Greater Houston

Date: Saturday March 26, 2011

Doors Open: 10:00 AM

Doors Close: 1:00 PM

Location: Pasadena Convention  
Center on Fairmont Pky.

Expect the following:

Attendance of more than 1,300 visitors. More than 100 exhibit booths of lenders, realty firms, government and non-profit agencies as well as a host of other companies offering a variety of services and products of interest to veterans and their families. This is a GREAT opportunity to let veterans know about your desire to HONOR their service for Texas and the USA.

Special Event:

A Mini-Jobs Fair for VETERANS ONLY will be hosted by the Texas Veterans Commission & Work Source Solutions in a separate room at the Convention Center.

**WOMEN VETS GAIN SPECIAL SERVICES**

On March 1, the Texas Veterans Commission announced the award of a \$250,000 grant from the Fund for Veterans Assistance to address the unique needs of



women veterans in Texas. The grant went to “Grace After Fire”, the non-profit organization which provides confidential support and access to trauma, mental health, addiction and community services. Ensuring that women veterans have access to local resources is another key function of the organization. Through identifying, tracking and partnering with community organizations and agencies, they are able to provide women veterans with referrals to the right services to meet their needs.

**Important Contact Numbers**

Houston Regional VA Office:  
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  
281-364-9426

Dist. 15 – Rob Eissler  
281-681-9655

Dist. 16 – Brandon Creighton

**TWO REPORT TO MUSTER**

It is timely to mark the passing of two Americans we did not personally know but have to respect. **Geraldine Hoff Doyle**, age 86, died at the end of December in Lansing, Michigan. As a 17-year-old high school graduate, she was employed by an Ann Arbor manufacturer engaged in wartime work. She was operating a metal-stamping machine when a UP photographer took a picture of her. That photo was used by artist J. Howard Miller to produce the poster captioned “We Can Do It!” (above left), one of several “Rosie The Riveter” posters commissioned by Westinghouse. That head-scarf wearing woman, flexing her bicep in the poster, encouraged women to enter the wartime workforce. Quoting a Michigan historian, “Her death is the end of an era, and we need to take note of that.”

The last American veteran of WWI, **Frank W. Buckles**, of Charles Town, West Virginia, died on February 7, at the age of 110. Buckles joined the Army in 1916 at age 15, after being turned down by the Marines and the Navy. Once the US joined the fighting in 1917, Buckles became part of the AEF in France and Belgium. In 1941, while serving as a ship’s officer for American President Lines in port at Manila, he was captured by the Japanese army and spent the next 39 months as a civilian POW. In late years, he became the lead promoter for the restoration of the World War One memorial in Washington, D. C.

## AUXILIARY UNIT NEWS



**Ann Jones, President**

### OPERATION WE CARE

February has been a very productive month for Auxiliary 305. Our project at the Kroger's at Sterling Ridge for **OPERATION WE CARE** was a huge success. Not only did the public open their hearts and buy hundreds of items for our care packages to Afghanistan, but Kroger's also asked us to partner with them in their "Super Bowl of Savings" promotion. They asked us to stay for the entire week leading up to the Super Bowl and proceeded to bag the items on our list. The public would then pick up the bags from our table and purchase them inside. This was extremely accommodating to our project and helped to fulfill our needs. We also collected \$1,000.00 from donations from generous customers. We had great participation from the ladies in our Unit for this project.

### PACKING PARTY

We had a packing party and luncheon this past Saturday where we filled 148 boxes to ship overseas. The ladies that attended and packed these many boxes, working at the home of **Christina, Culeen and Eileen O'Grady**, were: **Sue Ellen Bannon, Mary Bolin, Rosalie Fryer, Annie Smith, Dayna**

**Salter, Geri and Mary Lee Mulvihill, Stephanie Marshall** and crew, **Joan Sparks, Veronica Maiolo** and her grandsons and myself. It was a mission that we accomplished in three hours. ALA Unit 305 would like to thank the O'Grady's for allowing the Auxiliary to man this project in their home.

### RIDING FOR VETERANS

Our biggest news is that the Auxiliary has decided to venture into new territory with a new fundraiser this year. Someday we may revisit a craft show fundraiser, but the Unit has shelved the craft show for this year. We have decided to have a motorcycle run as our fundraiser for this year. RACS Icehouse has agreed to sponsor us, and we will have an abbreviated poker run with the ride. We will begin and end the ride at RACS Icehouse. RACS is located on FM 1488. We have guidelines from the attorney general's office so that we do not cross the line into gambling. "Riding for Veterans" is the name of our run and it will be held on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. We will provide a patch and bandana with registration. We will have a large number of items to raffle at RACS, and we are requesting help from everyone in the Auxiliary and Post in this endeavor to help make this event a success. There will be a dart contest, a horseshoe tournament, a live band and a barbecue as well. **Win Salter** is helping us with the artwork for our logo and we are in the process of creating a tee-shirt. The crew working on this event includes **Dayna Salter, Mary Lee and Geri Mulvihill, Christina O'Grady, Rosalie Fryer, Sue Ellen Bannon, Joan Sparks** and me.

Please contact any one of these people if you have ideas, questions or items to donate. The ride will begin at 12:00 noon and wind down around 7:00 PM. It promises to be a fun event for all involved, whether you are riding, helping or just people watching.

### DOWN AND OUT

Auxiliary member Jackie Jones has very recently had surgery on her feet. She will be off of her feet from 4 – 6 weeks. Jackie is down and will be out for a longer period than she would like. Please keep Jackie in your thoughts and prayers and try to pay her a visit. Jackie is Post member, Earl Jones' wife. The Auxiliary wishes Jackie a speedy recovery.

### MEMBERSHIP AT 100%

I just wanted to let everyone know that since our Unit meeting in February, we have reached our membership goal that was set for us this year. I think we all should be congratulated for this success, especially **Geri Mulvihill** for her diligence in keeping track of our memberships.

### CRAMPED QUARTERS

It has been suggested by several members that if our meeting room shrinks any further we should adjourn and move to an alternate location. Unfortunately, our Auxiliary will seriously consider such an alternative. The room we were assigned by SCCC in February was unacceptable for an Auxiliary meeting. The logistics for meals with the Post will have to be revisited if we move to an alternate location and may have to discontinue altogether.

**Ann Jones, President**

[See following page for Auxiliary Unit contact information]

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### LISTEN UP, AND LISTEN GOOD !

The Post and Unit started its cookbook production project as a fund-raising effort, expecting a decent percentage of the two organizations would donate recipes to be included. Except for our "regulars", the response has been disappointing! We have now about 200 recipes, but the majority of those have been contributed by officers, past officers, other active and visible members and their family members. The Cookbook Committee is word-processing what it has, but it is in need of at least 100 more recipes. I am directing this plea, this challenge, to the vast number of Post and Unit members (and their spouses) who have not made a contribution. The cookbook should not be dominated by the relatively few of us who show up for meetings and carry out our other programs and projects. Participation costs you only a bit of your time to e-mail a couple of select recipes to a Committee member or the cost of a couple of stamps to mail them to Gene. We will format them – just make them complete and legible. Get with it!

**WinSalter**, Committee Chairman

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### MONTHLY TRIVIA QUIZ

Due to space limitations, there are no March trivia questions. Answers to those of the February Buale follow.

#### February Quiz Answers

1. The National Americanism Commission publishes the periodical, "FIRING LINE", dedicated to countersubversive programs. The Commission encourages American Legion Posts to be active in such concerns.

2. The 1976 Legion convention of the Department of Pennsylvania was held at Philadelphia's BellvueStratford Hotel when "Legionnaires' Disease" broke out.  
3. USAAF Major Charles W. Sweeney piloted the B-29 named "Bock's Car" which delivered the A-bomb "Fat Man" to Nagasaki.  
4. The Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion lists 10 purposes for which we associate ourselves.

5. Sarah Barney Belcher was the common ancestor of USArmy General Douglas MacArthur, Prime Minister Winston Churchill and President Franklin D. Roosevelt.  
6. The US flag displayed 15 stripes (and 15 stars) during the period from 1792 and 1818, following the admission of Vermont and Kentucky to statehood. When five more states were admitted, the folly of adding more stripes was recognized. All later flags bore the original 13 stripes.  
7. Actor Leslie Howard, who portrayed Ashley Wilkes in the film "Gone With The Wind", was shot down and killed by German fighters over the Bay of Biscay in June of 1943.  
8. On March 8, 1916, a renegade army of 500 Mexicans, led by Francisco "Pablo" Villa invaded New Mexico Territory and attacked the town of Columbus and the Army's Camp Furlong. Villa's force killed 18 Americans, including 10 troopers of the 13<sup>th</sup> Cavalry. Ninety of the raiders were killed; 23 wounded.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>WHERE?</u>
Sun.	Mar. 13	Daylight Saving Time Begins	"Spring back"
Mon.	Mar. 14	Post Executive Committee Meeting	South County Community Ctr. @ 7:00 PM
Tues.	Mar. 15 to	American Legion Birthday Recognition	
Thur.	Mar. 17	and Post 100% Membership Awards	
Thur.	Mar. 17	Membership Meetings (Initiations)	South County Community Ctr. @ 7:00 PM
Thur.	Mar. 17	St. Patrick's Day	
Sun.	Mar. 20 to	National Conference	Washington, DC
Wed.	Mar. 23		
Thur.	Mar. 24 and	Boys State Candidate Interviews	South County Community Center
Fri.	Mar. 25		
Fri.	Mar. 25	Dues Paid Target at 98% (433 members)	
Sat.	Apr. 16	District 7 Convention	Post 84 -- Madisonville
Mon.	Apr. 18	Post Executive Committee Meeting	South County Community Ctr. @ 7:00 PM
Thur.	Apr. 21	Membership Meetings (Nominations)	South County Community Ctr. @ 7:00 PM
Fri.	Apr. 22	Rummage Sale Set-up	Robinson Road Community Center
Sat.	Apr. 23	Semi-annual Rummage Sale	Robinson Road Community Center
Sun.	Apr. 24	Easter Sunday	
Mon.	May 16	Post Executive Committee Meeting	South County Community Ctr. @ 7:00 PM
Thur.	May 19	Membership Meetings (Elections)	South County Community Ctr. @ 7:00 PM
Sat.	May 21	Auxiliary "Riding For Veterans" Fundraiser	RACS Icehouse; FM 1488 @ Noon
Fri.	May 27 to	District 2 Convention	Waco (Hotel to be announced)
Sun.	May 29		
Mon.	May 30	Memorial Day	Wreath Laying @ Houston National Cemetery

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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