



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



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## COMMANDER'S CORNER



Dear Legionnaires,

The membership meeting on April 21st will be the first round of officer elections – nomination of candidates. You must be present at the meeting or have a letter of acceptance filed with the Post Adjutant prior to the meeting to be nominated. The second round of elections will be take place at the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting – the voting itself. First Vice Commander **Kim Biggerstaff** is chairing the nominating committee.

If you have not paid your dues, you need to take care of it ASAP! First renewal reminders for 2012 will be mailed before you know it, and you will not get a renewal notice unless you renew your 2011 membership soon. Dues

payment by the membership for 2011 remains an issue if we are to meet Department of Texas goal of 442 members.

Not sure when you last saw our website, but Webmaster **Emery Heuermann** has been working on it and it looks great!! If you have not visited, please take a look, and we welcome your feedback ([www.alpost305.org](http://www.alpost305.org)). Look for us also on Facebook: "American Legion Post 305, TX". Kim Biggerstaff has done a great job with Facebook also.

April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> is our spring rummage sale which will be located at the Robinson Road Community Center. We will need your help in the set up on Friday and the sale on Saturday. This is one fund raiser that permits us to carry out the programs that we elect to support within the Post.

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 7:00 PM on April 21st at the South County Community Center.

For God and Country,  
**Everett Ison**

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

(March 17, 2011)

Commander **Everett Ison** opened the meeting and determined a quorum was present. He then recessed the meeting and invited the Auxiliary and the Post to shar in the presentation of the Four Chaplains Memorial Ceremony. The Ceremony was conducted by our Chaplains, **Mary Lee Mulvihill** and **Rudy Charest**, who read the background of each of the Four Chaplains, as well as the story of their heroism.

Following the Ceremony, Commander **Ison** resumed the meeting and asked if there were any guests present. Sergeant-at-Arms, **Earl Jones** introduced two transfer-ins, **William Denis Pierce**, with 30 years as an Army helicopter crew chief / trainer / mechanic, and **Mike Anderson**, an eight-year Air Force veteran with some 'Nam para-rescue time. Great to have you both aboard!

The Finance Officer, **Dave Lips**, gave the following report of the finances: The General Fund total was \$15,821.84 and the Allocated Fund total was \$21,469.70, for a grand total of both funds of \$37,292.54. We remain solvent.

The current membership report was given by First Vice Commander **Biggerstaff**. As of the meeting, paid membership stands at 310, which is 70% of our goal. 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.

Dave Lips reported that "Birdies for Charity" fund drive ended with the Post donating \$1641 and the Auxiliary donating \$804. When this money is collected from the people that pledged, it will be returned to the Post and Auxiliary, probably sometime in August.

Adjutant **Pickens Jones** reported on another major fundraiser for the Post: Coupon Books. He still has 11 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** will chair the interviews for selecting Boy's State participants during the week of March 21<sup>st</sup> at SCCC. Hubmaster, **Jim Bolin** reported on seven messages received during the last month. One was a notice of the passing of **Bob Baker** to Post Everlasting, a member of the Honor Guard of Post 618. In view of the way that Honor Guard has supported this Post, the Post voted to send \$100 honorarium to the Honor Guard in memory of Bob Baker.

The Post scheduled a welcome ceremony for the new Post members who joined this year, but none of them were present. Initiation certificates await their reporting in. Commander **Ison** noted we have one member who has achieved 60 years of Legion membership!



**VETERAN'S ADVOCATE**

**INTREPID CENTER: BROOKE ARMY MEDICAL CENTER**

The San Antonio Center for the Intrepid represents the largest, single, private contribution to our nation's wounded veterans. This \$50 million physical rehab center is privately funded by patriotic Americans. It provides traumatic amputee patients, burn patients requiring advanced rehabilitation and those requiring limb salvage efforts with techniques and training to help them regain their ability to live and work productively. The Center's main departments include the military performance lab, occupational therapy, physical therapy, prosthetics, case management and behavioral medicine. The typical apartment is equipped with a computer workstation, a fully-equipped kitchen and bath and a comfortable living room – not the usual hospital environment! Patients have access to a virtual driving simulator, a firearms

training simulator, a treadwall and a 21-foot-high climbing tower, a track, and a natatorium with a six-lane pool and a wave machine. All of these and a dedicated staff to restore lives damaged by service to our country.

**PAY THE TROOPS WITHOUT DELAY!**

Following two nights of conferencing, the President and the leaders of the two chambers of Congress seem unable or unwilling to reach agreement on the current year's belated budget, with the outlook the Federal Government will be without funds shortly. Quoting National Commander Foster, "We know that Secretary Gates has promised our troops that they'll keep getting paid if the government shuts down, and receiving it in the form of back pay is not good enough." The troops are either engaged in combat or in supporting those who are. They don't need to deal with this uncertainty." Why did the President threaten to veto a House bill which assured GI pay?

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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:

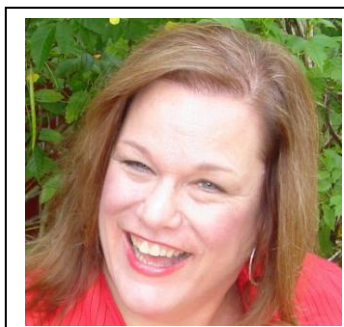
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## AUXILIARY UNIT NEWS



**Ann Jones, President**

### **FOUR FOR GIRLS STATE**

March started out with the Auxiliary interviewing girls from both The Woodlands High School and College Park High School for the Girls State program. We interviewed 12 outstanding girls and chose two candidates from each school. It was an extremely close vote among the girls, and it was very hard to choose just four. We were very fortunate to have had the opportunity to interview such incredibly talented young women in our community.

### **SUPPORT OUR TROOPS**

The Auxiliary Unit also voted to contribute \$1,000.00 to "Ride 2 Recovery". This very worthwhile project helps veterans who have

been disabled in recent wars gain a sense of self-worth and independence. These veterans have paid a very high price for our freedom.

### **RIDING FOR VETERANS**

Our current fundraiser, **Riding For Veterans**, is now completely set up and operational. Participants must register, and we are open for registration. Our website is; [www.ride4vets.com](http://www.ride4vets.com), and the event will be held on Saturday, May 21. Registration can be completed on-line or the registration form can be downloaded and mailed to us. The



Ride begins and ends at RACS Ice House on FM 1488. There are stops at Drifters, Just A Nice Place and Choppers before returning back to RACS. We will be having horseshoe and dart tournaments, as well as a silent auction, at RACS. For full information on our event, please visit our website.

The Auxiliary would like to thank Commander **Ison** for his contribution of planning a route for us and **Win Salter** for his beautiful artwork that has become our logo for the fundraiser. We are hoping that other Post members will come on board to help us as we have quite a few fun opportunities to fill for this Run. Our ladies have been quite busy acquiring items for our silent auction. We are still hoping the Post will come through with a few silent auction items, as well. I would personally like to thank **Dayna Salter** for jumping in and getting this event off of the ground. Her time and input has been extremely valuable.

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## NEWS YOU CAN USE --- APRIL ISSUE

### FAST-DRAW CONTEST POSTPONED

The Annual Post/Unit Fast-Draw Contest has been postponed indefinitely. As you know, this test of dexterity is usually held on or near the closing day of the Houston Rodeo. It was rumored that one of the members of the Unit was having her double-derringer, sleeve-gun rig repaired and that rumor gave rise to the need for some "rules-of-engagement". The Judge Advocate has been tasked with drafting such guidelines, which will likely outlaw certain aids and devices that help "fill yo' hand". Watch for the rules and a new date. Meanwhile, keep practicing!

### HELP WANTED:

#### BUGLE POSITION OPEN

As readers know, *The Bugle* is a sober, no-nonsense publication by policy. Articles are written by the staff here at the Bugle offices and by a few Post and Auxiliary Unit contributors. However, we are seeing material coming in that the Editor finds is wry and spellbinding, so much so that it escapes our screening and gets published. Very regrettable! So, we are adding the staff position -- "Spell Checker" -- to check articles submitted and to detect material which could cast spells. Such articles must be rejected or rewritten. Candidates for this new position need to be experienced in spell detection and immune to being

spellbound. We are all volunteers at *The Bugle*, so the new position has no strict hours or any remuneration, at least for a spell.

### TRUCK RAFFLE STYMIED

As some of you old hands may recall, the Post was raffling off a pick-up truck awhile back. Mickey found an old Beechnut Coffee can with ticket stubs and a few raffle flyers showing the prize (below) while inventorying our property. Seems like we sold enough chances at \$5.00 each to cover the cost of the truck; bought the truck at a nice discount; took delivery; then continued to sell chances for the benefit of the Post. This old business item needs to be concluded, but no one knows where the prize is stored. Sales records show we got a great deal on a new '63 Studebaker Transtar ½ ton pick-up; light blue, but where is it? Denton doubts it is in one of his "garages", unless it has been hidden behind a high pile of other treasures. If anyone has the truck stored

or can supply a clue to its locale, give the Adjutant or another Post officer a call. And, hang onto those ticket stubs, if you have them! We cannot schedule a drawing without the prize!

### A VERY BERRY APRIL FOOL

(Recipe of the Month)

2 cups of blackberries,  
plus more for garnish  
½ cup of sugar  
1 tsp. lemon juice  
2 cups heavy cream  
½ tsp. vanilla

In blender, combine berries, sugar and lemon juice; blend until smooth. Pour puree through a fine-mesh sieve, pressing with rubber spatula to force through, leaving seeds. Discard seeds. Set aside ½ cup of puree for topping. Chill. In a large bowl, combine cream and vanilla; whip until stiff peaks form. Gently fold berry puree into cream. Spoon mixture into custard cups. Cover loosely and refrigerate one hour or more. To serve, drizzle reserved puree over cup and garnish with blackberries.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>WHERE?</u>
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 2	Last 2011 Dues Renewal Notice Mailed	
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	Armed Forces Day	
Sat.	May 21	Auxiliary "Riding For Veterans" Fundraiser	RACS Icehouse; FM 1488 @ Noon
Fri.	May 27 to	Division 2 Convention	Hilton Hotel, 113 So. University Parks Dr.
Sunday	May 29		Waco, TX 76701
Mon.	May 30	Memorial Day	Wreath Laying @ Houston National Cemetery
Sat.	June 4 to	Boys State Program	University of Texas, Austin
Fri.	June 10		
Mon.	June 6	D-Day / Invasion of Europe (1944)	
Mon.	June 13	Post Executive Committee Meeting	South County Community Ctr. @ 7:00 PM
Thur.	June 16	Membership meetings (Installations)	South County Community Ctr. @ 7:00 PM
Wed.	June 22 to	Dept. of Texas Convention	Odessa
Sun.	June 26		
Fri.	July 1	First 2012 Dues Renewal Notice Mailed	
Mon.	July 4	Independence Day	Parade Day (?)
Mon.	July 18	Post Executive Committee Meeting	South County Community Ctr. @ 7:00 PM
Thur.	July 21	Membership Meetings	South County Community Ctr. @ 7:00 PM

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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