



AMERICAN LEGION POST 305

“THE WOODLANDS POST”

THE BUGLE



AUGUST 2014

VOLUME 10: ISSUE 8

THINK NOT OF THE PRICE OF YOUR DUES; THINK OF THE PRICE YOU PAID TO BE ELIGIBLE

Post Commander Pete Koch



COMMANDER'S CORNER

Dear Legionnaires:

I would like to thank you all again for the vote of confidence in me that you demonstrated by re-electing me as your Commander for the 2014-2015 year. As we move ahead into a new year, there are several challenges before us. Those which I consider most important – some critical, are described and explained here. They are not all we need to deal with, but the ones which need first attention.

Vacancies: As you know, the Nominating Committee could not find eligible candidates to stand for election to be First Vice Commander and Sergeant-at-Arms in the month's time allotted. The officers who had those jobs last year, wanted a different role and were elected to other positions. I extended the task of the Committee past election day, but to no avail. Despite the job descriptions which were printed and recited

at several meetings, no one was attracted to run for either job. According to our Constitution, when a vacancy occurs due to any cause, the Executive Committee must appoint, on an interim basis, a member to fill such vacancy, until an election can be held to name a permanent officer. I expect the Executive Committee to conform to this stipulation, but that still leaves the issue unresolved. Please give offering your services a thought between now and our August meeting. If you have interest or questions, call Emery Heuermann at (281)362-8431 and make known your interest. The past officers are still around and will work with you to get you familiar with the position. This is an urgent matter.

Compounding the problem, has been the recent resignation of **Mickey Fussell** as Second Vice Commander. **Mickey**, through last year, became so disappointed by the poor response to the several outings he set up and the lack of suggestions, felt he was not the man for the job – essentially the “morale officer” of the Post. Despite managing the annual transformation of the low-boy trailer, and winning “Best Patriotic Entry” (plus the \$250 prize) in the parade, Mickey decided to pass the baton to another. So, we are now facing filling three positions!

Membership: Last year, our paid-up goal was 322 members, which we missed by just four members, ending the year at 318 “in good standing”. Well, we have been given the same goal this year – 322. Maintaining and increasing membership are prime responsibilities of First Vice, one of the vacant positions. Beyond doing a bit better than last year, we must offset the inevitable attrition, which normally runs 10 to 15% of the membership. Last year, 39 members failed to pay their 2013 dues and forfeited their membership, while 15 more went to “Final Muster”. Until we can find and elect a First Vice, I may appoint a “membership officer” as an interim measure to keep recruiting and retention alive. And, remember, “Membership is everyone’s concern!”

Meeting Attraction: You might see the connection between this problem and the fact we have vacancies. Last year we drew only 20 members to each meeting, on the average. Despite my plea to include two or three new faces to the officer corps, that “suggestion” was ignored or it was tried and failed. Any Nominating Committee and the electorate needs to know enough about the members nominated to have some confidence in their capability. That “requirement” rules out a huge percentage of the membership. Further, we

need to check out incoming transfers for Legion experience. Meeting attendance is one of the qualifications to serve as an officer! Think of meeting participation as an Officer Candidate School.

Public Relations: Think of PR as two separate efforts: (1) The constant alertness for Post events and news which might be "newsworthy"; a PR opportunity, to be written up, photographed and submitted to the media via Donna Wick; and (2) the several actions which have "in-house" impact and help to unify the membership, as defined as "early-action" in the PR Plan. Call those "non-public relations". I have appointed **David Glover** as "Public Relations Coordinator" to handle the first aspect of PR and to interface with Wicked Publicity. So alert David to any newsworthy event and feed him write-ups you may develop. It's always important to get our name out in the community and help our veterans and their families.

On a related matter, I will be asking **Jim** and **Emery** about mailing out the Bugle, say, quarterly. About 40 per cent of the membership have given us no e-mail address and may not be reaching the Website. That's almost 130 members who hear nothing from the Post, but are getting monthly reminders from National to "Pay Your Dues!" We can afford to budget the mailing cost and any new preparation cost, if volunteers to work with the Editor do not come forth.

There are many people in our organization who help make it successful. Without all of you, we could not have rummage sales, send high school juniors

to Boys State, participate in parades and give scholarships. Thanks to **Emery** for bringing drinks to meetings and to **Harlen** for taking care of our unserviceable flags. Thanks to those who volunteer to help interview the Boys State and scholarship applicants. I have also committed to more social activities either at our meetings or other venues. There are so many people who have helped over the past year! If I have not named someone for their work or volunteering, please know that your work and help are very much appreciated.

My thanks to the Auxiliary and its new officers, who have shown deep interest in working closely as a team. Without the Unit, it would be very difficult to get as much done as we do. We also appreciate the meals they provide, largely out of their own purses, to top off our monthly meetings.

Kim Biggerstaff represented the Post at the Department Convention in McAllen. The members elected as **Department Commander Lynn Sparks**. Congratulations to **Lynn** for her selection and new responsibility. Let us all give her our total backing.

The District 7 Fall Convention is scheduled for October 18th at Post 95 in Huntsville. The venue is the meeting hall adjacent to the Veterans Museum of Texas. Saturday starts with a light breakfast and registration beginning at 7:30 AM. The Joint Session commences at 9:00 AM. We will be selecting Delegates, recognizing that the Convention conflicts with our Fall Rummage Sale.

The next meeting of the Post and Unit takes place on August 21st at the Community Center at 7:00 PM.

For God and Country ---

Pete Koch



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

(July 17, 2014)

Two new to the Post members signed in: **Michael White**, a submariner, and **Henry Cook**, a member of the Army Reserves. Commander **Pete Koch** opened the meeting with the normal precedence. First on the agenda, after opening, was to Drape the Charter for Warren Natusch who went to join the Post Everlasting. A celebration of his life by the family will be held on July 27 at the family home

Next the Commander talked about the necessity of filling the open positions of the Post Officers. No one volunteered to fill any of the positions, making it difficult to conduct all the business of the Post.

District Commander Ed Jarvis, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Post for achieving 90% or higher of the membership goal. We also won \$160 from the Department for achieving two of four membership goals for the year.

Outgoing Finance Officer **Kim Biggerstaff** presented her last report as follows: General Fund - \$31,574.24, Money Market Fund - \$6,234.37; for Total Assets of \$37,788.61.

Notice was made that the money in the Certificate of Deposit was now in the General Fund to provide for the investment of \$30,000 in a Fidelity Fund. First Vice Commander **Emery Heuermann** reported that the officers who are to sign for the investment account will meet on July 22 at the Fidelity Office in order to open the new Post account and invest the \$30,000.

The Commander noted that he and **Dayton Denton** were going to attend a meeting in **Congressman Brady's** office on Tuesday. The meeting will be about veteran issues in Southern Montgomery County.

Chaplain **Victoria Glover** gave the sick call report where-in three of our Comrades were in need of our prayers: **Dutch Dettinger, Harlen Thornhill, and Jerry Mulvihill**. She also mentioned that she attended the funeral of Past Department Commander, **Don Daft**.

Judge Advocate Everett Ison, although absent, sent a message that the annual financial audit will take place Monday July 28, at the Community Center.

Next, the Commander called **Win Salter** to the front to present him with the First Place winner's plaque for the History Book he submitted in the annual contest of the Department. This is the second time in three years **Win** has won this award for the Post. Now, it goes to National for ranking.

Service Officer Dayton Denton reported that he had delivered over 1,900 books to the VA Hospital that had been donated by the Post over about six months. He also noted that



Obituary of Warren E. Natusch, Sr.

The Bugle is saddened to report on the loss of another member – Warren E. Natusch. He was called to Final Muster on July 15th at 91 years of age. Warren, a former World War II Marine (assigned to pacific-based Marine Air units) had only been with Post 305 for 18 months, having moved here from Greensboro, NC, and transferring from his Greensboro Post. He had been a Legionnaire for 10 years. Warren depended on a walker to get around and was helped to our meetings by

his son-in-law, in whose home he lived. In that respect, he was a better Legionnaire than the majority of able-bodied members. Warren was a member of the YMCA and hardly missed a day of workout – on a fitness machine, in a Silver Sneakers gym and even walking the track oval – in his 90's yet! He also appreciated a wee drop of the single malt around sundown. Warren spent his early years and working years in New York City and Northern New Jersey, employed for over 40 years by the same ship-rigging company.

Commander Koch and four other Post officers attended the celebration of life at the family home on Sunday, July 27, and the Post Chaplain presented a Bible. Go with God, Warren, and Semper Fi -----

Steve McKinney had delivered over 200 personal care items to the hospital. Also, **Dayton** takes a large collection can to the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce for the members to donate personal care items for veterans.

Dayton held a small rummage sale in his yard of items he picked up for the Legion. It was easier than taking it all to the Rummage Sale in October. We cleared over \$110. Further, he said that he is getting clean garments for the rummage sale left too long at cleaners by asking the manager to save them for us. He urged the membership to ask their cleaners to do the same for the Post. He also showed the membership a turkish towel sewn into pockets that a 9-year-old child made and filled with toiletries for the veterans hospital, where it was well received. She is making more.

Under **Old Business**, the Commander reported that he was now presenting each new

Member with a Welcome Folder with valuable information about the Post.

The Chamber of Commerce is holding a banquet in honor of **Amy Milstead**, its director. Tickets are \$125.

Husband of our Chaplain Victoria, **David Glover** was appointed “public relations coordinator” and single-point-of-contact for the Donna Wick firm.

Under **New Business**, the Commander announced that the Fall District 7 Convention will take place on October 18th in Huntsville.

Under **For-the-Good-of-the-Legion**, **Jerry Mulvihill** said that his grandson and Post member **Brett** will be going back overseas after he completes additional Army training.

There being no further business to come before the Post, the meeting was adjourned in the specified manner.



VETERAN'S ADVOCATE

DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICES IS CHANGING ITS MYPAY ACCESS SYSTEM

Each year, the myPay system of DFAS is upgraded to meet technical and security requirements, as well as to add new and improved functions for its 6.6 million account holders. The Spring 2014 release, implemented on May 17th, delivered password rules more in line with the online banking industry standards, while maintaining DFAS' commitment to system and personal security. A number of functional additions and enhancements for military retirees, service members and federal civilian employees have been designed to increase its customers' ability to easily manage their pay.

What changed for retirees on May 17th? Simplified passwords: myPay password rules now allow for simpler, more memorable passwords while ensuring passwords remain strong and more secure. While still meeting the intent of DoD cyber security rules, passwords can be shorter and will last longer between changes. Current users who access their account using a log-in password will be able to create a new password of 9 to 30 characters in length. Additionally, the newly reset password will be valid for 150 days.

"Balancing security with usability can be challenging with the state of cyber security today," said Dave McDermott, DFAS deputy director for Operations. "This update addresses our customers concerns for creating simpler, more memorable passwords while ensuring passwords remain strong and more secure." Starting May 17th, passwords must:

- Be 9 to 30 characters in length.
- Contain at least one UPPERCASE letter.
- Contain at least one lowercase letter.
- Contain at least one number (0-9).
- Contain at least one of the following special characters: # @ \$ ^ ! * + _ %.

Passwords will remain valid for 150 days. About 10 days before expiration, users will be notified via SMARTDOCS by email to change their password. The password reset security questions introduced in 2012 will be very important to allow users to reset passwords online and avoid calling the DFAS Care Center for assistance. More information on the myPay Spring 2014 release and the new password requirements are available at the DFAS website:

<http://www.dfas.mil/mypayinfo.html>. Before you create your password, check out the Tips-and-Tricks page found at: <http://www.dfas.mil/mypayinfo/password.html>. [Source: <http://www.dfas.mil/mypayinfo/password.html> July 2014 ++]

MILITARY COMPENSATION AND RETIREMENT MODERNIZATION COMMISSION INTERIM REPORT

On July 3rd, the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission (MCRMC) issued a 358-page [interim report](#) ahead of the release of its final findings, which are expected in February 2015. The MCRMC was established by Congress in 2013 to study all aspects of military compensation and to suggest reforms that will ensure the long-term viability of the all-volunteer force, foster recruitment, sustain retention and modernize military compensation. The interim report makes no formal recommendations and instead focuses on providing background information on the current military compensation system.

The report attributes military personnel cost growth in the past 20 years to inflation (particularly medical inflation), policy changes counteracting recruiting and retention challenges, plus personnel funding to support 13 years of war. In addition, the establishment of several new benefits for servicemembers and veterans (e.g. the Post-9/11 GI bill) has contributed to the growth. More importantly, the MCRMC found that regardless of the reasons behind this growth, military compensation funding has consistently comprised roughly 30 percent of the DoD budget; however, the report also stipulated that this does not necessarily provide evidence of fiscal sustainability. The interim report makes it clear that the Commissioners believe that a broader discussion of federal spending levels is necessary to ensure the viability of the all-volunteer force. The Commission is undertaking a comprehensive review of existing compensation programs to provide a full and nuanced understanding of what it takes

to sustain needed force levels during all levels of conflict and economic conditions. This includes pay, retirement, health benefits and quality of life programs.

The interim report does not reveal the leanings of the MCRMC. It's still unclear if the Commission will propose drastic compensation reforms in its final report. You can [read more](#) about the Commission at <http://www.moaa.org/mcrmc> and provide your own [feedback to the Commissioners](#) at <http://www.mcrmc.gov/index.php/public-comments>. The interim report can be accessed at <http://www.mcrmc.gov/index.php/reports>. [Source: MOAA Leg Up Jul 3, 2014 ++]

Important Contact Numbers

Houston Regional VA Office:

1-713-383-7842

County Veterans Service

Offices:

Montgomery 1-936-539-7842

(Ms. Kay L. Lee)

Harris 1-281-876-6600

Texas Veterans Commission:

1-800-252-8387

www.tvc.state.tx.us

State Legislators:

Dist. 4 – Tommy Williams

281-364-9426

Dist. 15 – Steve Toth

832-562-2883

Dist. 16 – Brandon Creighton

936-539-0028

Dist. 126 – Patricia Harless

281-376-4114

HOW THE GREAT WAR EVOLVED

One hundred years ago, the war which spawned **The American Legion** was begun by a teenage thug whose crime unleashed a series of pent-up desires and ambitions. One thing after another went wrong on the morning of July 28, 1914, in Sarajevo, capital of the

Austrian province of Bosnia. The motorcade carrying Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir apparent to the Austro-Hungarian throne, through the city got lost. The driver of the open touring car in which the archduke and his wife, Duchess Sofie, were riding made a wrong turn into a narrow street. The car had no reverse gear and had to be pushed back to the main thoroughfare. By purest chance, it had come to a complete stop exactly in front of a 19-year-old Bosnian Serb nationalist, Gavrilo Princip, who had been assigned to assassinate Franz Ferdinand. Princip was an inexperienced marksman, armed with an underpowered .32 caliber handgun. Nevertheless, he managed, with two shots, to kill the archduke and duchess.

The assassin had been recruited and equipped by anti-Austrian factions in Serbia. The Serbian government was not party to the act but was almost certainly aware of the plot. Serbia wanted to break Bosnia away from the Austro-Hungarian Empire and make it part of a greater Slavic nation in the Balkans. More than 40 percent of Bosnians were ethnic Serbs.

There was widespread rejoicing and celebration in Serbia at the success of the assassination. Official condolences did little to moderate the public jubilation, and neither did commentary in the Serbian nationalist press. The Serbian government was not as innocent as it claimed.

Sarajevo was the spark that led to World War I. On the day of the assassination, Europe was at peace. Less than six weeks later, it was at war! Austro-Hungary, with the full backing of Germany, declared war on Serbia, causing Serbia's ally,

Russia, to mobilize. Germany issued an insulting ultimatum to Russia and its ally, France, to stand down and stay out of it. In August, Germany invaded Belgium en route to attack France. This act drew in Great Britain. And the rest is history.

But, think of what events are going on now in the same region of Europe. Could we be watching the start of World War III?

REBECCA YOUNG, MARY PICKERSGILL AND CAROLINE PURDY

Who are these ladies and why are they remembered here? Well, they are related, and they played an important part in the history of America 200 years ago. The bond which ties them in that regard is the United States' flag known as the Star Spangled Banner, the flag which inspired Lt. Francis Scott Key, who once led a contingent of riflemen under Lafayette at the Battle of Yorktown.

In 1807, these three women moved into a house on Albermarle Street in Baltimore. Mary Pickersgill was a widow at 30 years of age, and Rebecca Young was her grandmother, also a widow. Caroline was Mary's daughter. It was Rebecca Young who made the first unofficial flag of the revolution under General George Washington's directions, called the "Grand Union". Mary Young was born in the year of independence – 1776. Thirty years later, widow Mary Young Pickersgill was called on to follow in her grandmother's footsteps: she was commissioned by Commodore Joshua Barney and General George S. Stricker, who had family connections, to make a flag for nearby Fort McHenry.

In August 1814, the United States had been at war with the British for two years. Now, the Redcoats had invaded and Washington was afire. The British turned to Baltimore where defenders under General Samuel Smith had erected lines of defense, manned mostly by militiamen from Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Fort McHenry, completed around 1800, was there to protect the entrance to Baltimore Harbor, and was garrisoned by one thousand men. It was key to the defense of Baltimore.

Major George Armistead, Commandant of Fort McHenry, commented a year earlier to General Smith, "We are ready at the Fort to defend Baltimore against the invaders, except that we have no suitable ensign to display over the star fort, and it is my desire to hoist a flag so large that the British will have no difficulty seeing it from a distance." That desire led to the request that Mary Pickersgill create a large flag for the Fort. The garrison flag she made was 30 feet high by 42 feet wide, with 15 five-pointed stars, each two feet across, arranged in five indented, parallel lines, three stars per line. It had 15 stripes, each two feet wide. This design had been left to the skill of the flagmaker.

Mary's daughter, Caroline, helped her mother make the flag. In 1876, in a letter to her girlhood friend, Georgiana Armistead Appleton (daughter of the Fort Commandant), Caroline Pickersgill Purdy recounted details of making the flag. The flag was so large that Mary got permission of the owner of Claggett's Brewery to spread the flag out on the malthouse floor where she placed and sewed the stars.

In 1938, the original receipt for the flag came to light. The receipt shows that Mary Pickersgill was paid \$405.90 for the flag by "G. Armistead, Major", specifying "Fortification Voucher No. 10. Mary Pickersgill for flags." (The second flag listed was a smaller storm flag used in high winds.) The flag was delivered to the Fort on August 19, 1813. The British bombardment took place a year later on September 13 and 14, 1814, as lawyer Francis S. Key and Colonel John S. Skinner, who were under a flag of truce but retained on a British ship, watched as the Fort was shelled by 19 British ships.

Today, the Fort McHenry flag, the Star Spangled Banner, hangs in glory in the Smithsonian's Museum of History and Technology.



Footnote: Francis Scott Key penned the start of the words which later became "The Star Spangled Banner" on the back of an envelope that night. They were set to a well-known English tune and printed as a handbill soon following the battle and became very popular throughout the land. But, it became our official National Anthem by Public Law 823 of the 71st Congress and signed into law on March 3, 1931 by President Herbert Hoover.

FOURTH-OF-JULY PARADE



AUXILIARY UNIT 305 NEWS

**Auxiliary President
Jenny Hamann**



Greetings. I feel so humbled and honored to have been chosen to serve as President of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 305, The Woodlands. I am blessed to be working with a wonderful and dedicated group of ladies.

I started my term by riding in (or should I say on) a convertible in the Fourth of July Parade in The Woodlands, greeting the public with the "Queen's wave". I enjoyed the ride and the friendly reception of the bystanders but missed walking and handing out Flags with the other ladies.

My next duty was a trip to McAllen for the Department of Texas Convention. It was a very productive time and a lot of fun. Our Unit was fortunate enough to send four additional delegates: **Dayna Salter, Rosalie Fryer, Geri and Mary Lee Mulvihill.**

We learned a great deal about all the ALA does here in Texas. I attended training for new presidents, although it was specifically

for District and Division presidents. We all came away from the Convention full of enthusiasm for the coming year.

I led my first Unit meeting just days later. It was a busy meeting with several special guests. **Avery Aiken, Marina Buttecali, Sydney Carsten, and Madeleine Blunt** came to share their experiences at Girls State. They were so full of enthusiasm and gratitude; it was a joy to see.

Heather Anderson also came as **Dayna Salter's** guest. She thanked us for the care packages we send to our deployed military. Her fiancé, **Capt. Mark Herrmann**, is currently deployed to Afghanistan to take down US constructed structures in preparation for our withdrawal. We are very pleased that she wishes to help with sending care packages and hope to welcome her as a member in the near future.

I am very excited to inform you that Unit 305 will be hosting an Open House at the South County Community Center on Saturday morning, October 4, 2014. All members of the Post and Unit (about 400 souls) are invited to attend. Family and friends will be welcomed as well. Please mark your calendars.

We will also invite local dignitaries and the public to come meet us, have breakfast, and explore information tables that will feature some of our programs, benefits and activities.

We will have representatives from our Junior Auxiliary, the American Legion Post 305, Sons of the American Legion, and Legion Riders to host information tables. The young ladies who attended Girls State are excited to host an information table and perhaps some of the young men who attended Boys State will join them. This will be the first time we have held an Open House. Please plan to come and bring friends and family.

Our Unit will also be hosting tables/booths at The Woodlands National Night Out and at two upcoming craft fairs. Please plan to join us at these events as well. We will be discussing the details at the August 21st meeting.

I wish to thank all of you for supporting our beloved veterans and active military. I hope to prove myself worthy to lead Unit 305.

—Jenny Hamann



Post and Unit Delegates at Department Convention in McAllen: L. to R. – Kim Biggerstaff, Jenny Hamann, Dayna Salter, Geri Mulvihill, Mary Lee Mulvihill and Rosalie Fryer

OFFICERS OF AUXILIARY UNIT 305 & CONTACT INFORMATION

PRESIDENT: Jenny Hamann; Tel: (281) 907-3430; E-mail: ala305pres@gmail.com
VICE PRESIDENT: Vergie Fussell; Tel: (281) 367-7115; E-mail: hmf1deer@gmail.com
SECRETARY: Sandie Holzinger; Tel: (281) 364-8590; E-mail: zing1991@yahoo.com
TREASURER: Dayna Salter; Tel: (281) 229-1365; E-mail: dayna.salter@ymail.com
HISTORIAN: Stephanie Marshall; Tel: (832) 637-2909; E-mail: edaymemories@hotmail.com
CHAPLAIN: Geri Mulvihill; Tel: (832) 620-6265; E-mail: geri.mulvihill@yahoo.com
PARLIAMENTARIAN: Rosalie Fryer; Tel: (936) 520-8895; E-mail: rcfryer@consolidated.net
SGT-AT-ARMS: Annie Smith; Tel: (281) 757-3967; E-mail: carl12024@yahoo.com
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS-AT-LARGE:
Mary Bolin; Tel: (281) 251-2352; Email: jpb20006@sbcglobal.net
Liz Heuermann; Tel: (281) 362-8431; Email: lizheuermann@peoplepc.com
Veronica Maiolo; Tel: (832) 228-4403; Email: sammaiolo@sbcglobal.net

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCALE</u>
Mon.	Aug. 4	Coast Guard Established (1790)	
Thur.	Aug. 7	Purple Heart Medal Established(1782)	
Thur.	Aug. 7	Vietnam War Began (1964)	
Thur.	Aug. 14	Japan Surrendered Ending WWII	Tokyo Bay (1945)
Mon.	Aug. 18	Executive Committee Meeting	South County Community Ctr. @ 7:00 PM
Thur.	Aug. 21	Membership Meetings	South County Community Ctr. @ 7:00 PM
Fri.	Aug. 22 to	National Convention	Charlotte, NC
	Thur. Aug. 28		
Tue.	Sept. 2	V-J Day (1945)	
Thur.	Sept. 11	Patriots Day (9/11 Remembrance)	
Mon.	Sept. 15	Executive Committee Meeting	South County Community Ctr. @ 7:00 PM
Thur.	Sept. 18	Membership Meetings	South County Community Ctr. @ 7:00 PM
Fri.	Sept. 19	POW/MIA Recognition Day	
Sat.	Sept. 20	Woodlands National Night Out	Northshore Park; Noon to 3:00 PM
Sat.	Sept. 20	District Fall Convention Planning	Huntsville at Post 95 @2:00 PM
Sat.	Oct. 4	Auxiliary Unit Open House	South County Community Ctr. @ 9:00 AM
Tues.	Oct. 7	Afghanistan War Began (2001)	Operation Enduring Freedom
Mon.	Oct. 13	Executive Committee Meeting	South County Community Ctr. @ 7:00 PM
Thur.	Oct. 16	Membership Annual Picnic	Shadowbend Park @ 7:00 PM
Fri.	Oct. 17	Rummage Sale Set-Up Day	Robinson Road Community Ctr. @ 7:00 AM
Sat.	Oct. 18	Fall Rummage Sale	Robinson Road Center 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Sat.	Oct. 18	District 7 Fall Convention	Post 95; HEARTS Museum, Huntsville

POST CONTACT INFORMATION (2014-2015)

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Tel. Number</u>	<u>E-Mail Address</u>
COMMANDER:	Pete Koch	(936) 273-3588	<petekoch76@gmail.com>
FIRST VICE CMDR:	(Candidates Being Sought)		
SECOND VICE CMDR:	(Candidates Being Sought)		
ADJUTANT:	Pickens Jones	(281) 367-7631	<pickensjones@usa.net>
FINANCE OFFICER:	Jim Bolin	(281) 251-2352	<jpb20006@sbcglobal.net>
SERVICE OFFICER:	Dayton Denton	(832) 928-605	<whselfstorage1@yahoo.com>
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:	(Candidates Being Sought)		
ASS'T SGT-AT-ARMS:	(To be appointed)		
CHAPLAIN:	Victoria Glover	(832) 813-9415	<goldvicgoddess@gmail.com>
ASS'T CHAPLAIN:	(To be appointed)		
JUDGE ADVOCATE:	Everett Ison	(281) 298-9524	<everett.ison@ sprint.com>
HISTORIAN:	Winfield Salter	(281) 370-1912	<flintyeye@gmail.com>
<u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS-AT-LARGE:</u>			
Position 1:	Carl Smith	(281) 367-4714	<carl12024@yahoo.com>
Position 2:	Emery Heuermann	(281) 362-8431	<emeryheuermann@charter.net>

OTHER INFORMATION:

THE BUGLE BRASS: EDITOR: Jim Bolin; CIRCULATION: Emery Heuermann; COPYCAT: Win Salter

E-MAIL ADDRESS: alpost305tx@gmail.com **MAIL:** P. O. BOX 9336, THE WOODLANDS, TX 77387

WEBMASTER: Emery Heuermann www.alpost305.org and www.mypost.org

FACEBOOK MANAGER: Kimberly Biggerstaff kimbiggerstaff@icloud.com

MEETING DAY & PLACE: The Post and Auxiliary meet at the South County Community Center in The Woodlands at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month. The Auxiliary Unit hosts a pot-luck supper following the meetings. The Center is located on the southeast corner at the intersection of Lake Robbins Drive and Grogan's Mill Road, next to the library.