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

POST COMMANDER VICTORIA GLOVER



COMMANDER'S CORNER

Happy New Year everyone! Our time of feasting without guilt has come to an end. It is now a time to stop and re-assess ourselves and our resolutions. Remember to make them achievable, time limit and realistic.

It seems as though we get busy during the holidays and forget to stop and smell the roses. One should always be able to relax and take a little time to one's self. I know I have been busy as a bee and have just now started to slow down a little between work and tending to Post activities. November and December seem to be the months of activity with Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas, so much so that we tend to forget the reasons for those days. We forget to be thankful for everything that we have. I know I am thankful for every

one of you and for my family.

Over the time that I have been Commander, I have tried to become a good leader. Though some may think I have sat back and not seen any issues, I have observed, and the Executive Committee and I am now working on fixing some of the issues. It will not happen overnight, but it will happen. Do not give up on the Post, because I have not. I would love to see this Post succeed in all of its endeavors. It takes all the crew to run the ship, not just the Captain. It is my resolve that we will make this Post better, and more active.

Does anyone have any skills that would help the Post out like in Recruitment? Computer? Media? Finance? We all have skill that is useful in some way to the Post. You do not have to be a Post officer to help and volunteer. If you can spare a couple hours a month to help it is much appreciated.

Our upcoming activities are the Annual Chili Cook-off Contest at the Membership Meeting on Thursday January 19th, and we have the Open House coming up on Saturday, January 21, 2017, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, where we could use some help. Also, you can come out and support the Post by spreading the word and inviting your veteran friends to the meetings and to the Open House.

I pose this question to you. What activities would you like to do as a Post that we can go do or see? Please let us know. I would like to have feedback so that we can get folks active.

Until next time, let us ever be reminded to never forget our fallen, POW/MIA's, veterans, active duty military and their families. Keep them and our first responders in our prayers!

Victoria Glover
Commander

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (December 15, 2016)

Commander Victoria Glover called the meeting to order and opened with the regular ritual, aided by **Chaplain Reynolds** and **Acting Sergeant-at-Arms Thornhill**, who reported that there were no guests present and that the Post was secure. The first business was the review and approval of the minutes of the November 17 Membership Meeting and the December 12 Executive Committee Meeting. Both were moved for acceptance, with a minor correction to the latter.

Next, **Finance Officer Emery Heuermann** was called on to report. He stated that as of the end of November the treasury funds were at: General Fund =\$8,719.07; Investment Fund =\$31,458.19; and Total Assets =\$40,177.26. Subject to audit, the Financial Report was

accepted by motion. **Emery** then gave a summary of Post and Post member donations to the Mary Bolin Memorial Fund of the Auxiliary, reading the donors' names. The next subject was the current year budget, which was presented and highlights of changes from the draft emphasized. Because the draft budget had been tabled in November by **Ray Schubert's** motion, he withdrew the motion and lifted the tabling. By motion, the budget as presented was adopted.

Second Vice Commander Jim Bolin, sitting in as First Vice, gave the membership status report. With a goal of 322, the Post had reached 68% of goal, which placed the Post fifth among the District 7 rankings, with 219 members paid up, including 51 PUFL's. **Jim** had no Second Vice report.

Chaplain Larry Reynolds, aided by **Everett Ison**, reported on the health status of **Joe Hammond**. **Joe** is in a rehab facility in the Austin area where his daughter **Mary Ellen** oversees his care and treatment. **Joe** has lost 70 pounds, a beneficial circumstance. He is bedridden but can get some exercise using a walker. Letters and cards can reach him through his daughter.

The **Acting Sergeant-at-Arms** had nothing to report. **Judge Advocate Everett Ison** rose to speak of parliamentary procedures, covering how motions could be made, amended and other actions. He cited Robert's Rules of Order as the guide where the Post constitution and bylaws were silent. It may be useful to summarize the common procedures for the ready use by the members.

Historian Lacey Homan had nothing to report. **Service Officer Toby Carroll** clarified the availability and contrast in VA benefits as presented in the 2015 VA benefit booklet, as supplemented, and the 2016 edition (available on line). He also cited the Texas Veterans Commission's "Healthcare Advocacy Program".

At-Large Committeeman Art Eipper reported that the Open House invitation post cards (1,200) were printed by Office Max and are ready for the addition of labels and non-profit postage. The Auxiliary is constructing the mailing list, printing address labels and obtaining stamps. Early in January a "stick-on party" is planned, then the mailing. **At-Large Committeeman Dayton Denton** reminded all that he wants added attendance at the monthly breakfast gathering of the Chamber-of-Commerce to help promote the Post and its community programs (at Flemings; \$10 per head if booked; \$15 at the door)

Emery Heuermann spoke of his volunteering for "Hats For Veterans", a VAVS program. The **Heuermanns** collected and delivered 544 hats to the VA hospital. He assured all that he was not in conflict with the Post's other DeBaKey donations. Donation **Coordinator Mrs. Crawford** was most thankful to the Post. **Everett Ison** also cited a large donation by Herman Memorial Hospital and Sprint for the VA hospital, including blankets, socks and other apparel. Then, **Emery**, continuing, emphasized the need for female personal hygiene and cosmetic items, but no perfume.



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Monthly Meetings: 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, except in October*. The Center is located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Lake Robbins Drive and Grogan's Mill Road, next to the library. Meetings are followed by a pot-luck supper provided by the Auxiliary.

*In October, a combined, short meeting precedes the Annual Picnic in Shadowbend Park.

Under Other Business, **Commander Glover** reminded members of the Open House to be held on January 21 and the need for more volunteers to help with preparations and the event. She also indicated she was accumulating a list of vendors and restaurants that offered discounts to veterans. The **Commander** cited the Texas Department's Mid-Winter Conference in Austin on January 26 to 29. She regretted she could not attend but would welcome officer volunteers to represent the Post.

The sad loss of former member **Dewey O'Neal** will be remembered by a Draping of the Charter in January. And, finally, for any homeless veteran who can appear "clean and sober", the University of Houston and Rice University will provide free dental care. (VA health benefits do not include dental care.)

There being no other business to come before the membership, the meeting was closed by the **Commander** in the prescribed manner. Post members joined with the Auxiliary in a pot luck supper of finger-food and salads.



VETERANS ADVOCATE

VA WARNS OF PHONE SCAM

The VA is warning veterans not to give credit card numbers, bank routing information or any personal and financial information over the phone to callers claiming to update, confirm, or verify VA-related information. The VA does not call veterans and ask them to disclose personal financial information over the phone.

A veteran targeted by scammers alerted VA, saying that someone called claiming to be with the VA pharmacy and asking a lot of questions. The caller ID indicated that the incoming call was from (888) 555-1234. There are a number of scams associated with this number, and it has been reported that the callers will call repeatedly and become aggres-

sive. They will claim to be a VA employee and say a medical card has expired and that the veteran must send a check for a certain dollar amount for a renewal. In other versions, the caller says that a bank account is listed on a public computer, and in order to get it removed, the caller needs to verify the veteran's bank information. Be leery of any calls originating from this number

The VA has not changed its process for dispensing prescriptions or for enrollment. Veterans with questions about VA services should call (877) 222-8387 or the nearest VA medical center. [Source: VA website]

DIRECTORY OF TEXAS LEGGIONNAIRES

Many Texas American Legion members have been contacted by a company by e-mail, postcard or phone call saying they were working to create a directory for the Legion. Many of the Legion members who received such inquiry have questioned the legitimacy of these calls. Be advised that the Department of Texas has entered into a contract with "PCI" (aka "Publishing Concepts") by which PCI will produce a new members' directory. This project will allow Texas American Legion to receive important updates to its database to know more about the members so the Department can better serve them.

The directory project is scheduled to be completed in February, and any Texas Legionnaire may purchase copies. All electronic data sent to PCI will be returned to the Department. Members can go online and review his/her

AMERICAN LEGION POST 305 & ITS AUXILIARY UNIT THE WOODLANDS



YOU ARE INVITED!

TO OUR OPEN HOUSE

**January 21, 2017; 9:00AM to 1:00PM
South County Community Center
Lake Robbins Dr. at Grogan's Mill Rd.**

**Come and learn how we serve veterans
and the community!
Enjoy a continental brunch too!**

information or can call PCI's customer service desk at (800) 982-1590 with any questions.

US LENDS SUPPORT TO THE BALTIC STATES

Dozens of US Special Operations forces are now in the Baltics to bolster the training and resolve of troops who are confronting a looming threat from Russia, and to enhance the US ability to detect Moscow's shadowy efforts to destabilize the former soviet republics.

General Raymond T. Thomas, head of the Pentagon's Special Operations Command, who visited Lithuania recently, said of the militaries of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia: "They're scared to death of Russia. They are very open about that. They're desperate for our leadership."

General Thomas said American commandos now have a persistent presence there with Baltic special operations troops, after forging close ties with them over the past decade while fighting together in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Americans bring sophisticated surveillance technology and broad sources of intelligence. The Baltic partners have a deep understanding of conventional Russian military might, as well as Moscow's increasing use of cyberwarfare, information subterfuge and other means, short of all out war, to weaken the Western-backed governments.

Recently, Senators John McCain, Lindsey Graham and Amy Klobuchar visited all three Baltic countries to reassure regional leaders who are concerned that a President Trump might not be fully

committed to their defense. It is unclear how supportive President-Elect Trump is of this initiative as he aims to mend fences with Moscow. His remarks about NATO and the issue of payment of members' fair share and US protection alarmed the Baltic nations. Time will tell.

[Source: Excerpts from The New York Times article of Eric Schmitt; January 1, 2017]

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (ELECT)

JAMES "MAD-DOG" MATTIS
Prepared for his first Cabinet meeting.



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WOMEN AIRFORCE SERVICE PILOTS

The Pre-War Years

Twenty-two year old **Cornelia Clark Fort**, a 1939 graduate of Sarah Lawrence College, showed an early interest in

flying, ultimately training for and earning her pilot's license in the Territory of Hawaii. While working as a civilian pilot instructor in Oahu, she was airborne near Pearl Harbor on an early Sunday morning on December 7, 1941. Fort was in the air teaching takeoffs and landings to a student pilot in an Interstate Cadet monoplane. Hers and a few other civilian aircraft were the only US planes in the air near the harbor at that time. Then, Fort saw a military airplane flying directly toward her and swiftly grabbed the controls from her student to pull up over the oncoming aircraft. It was then she saw the rising-sun insignia on the wings. Within moments, she saw billows of black smoke coming from Pearl Harbor and bombers flying in. She quickly landed her plane at John Rodgers civilian airport near the mouth of Pearl Harbor. The pursuing Zero strafed her plane and the runway as she and her student ran for cover. The airport manager was killed and two other civilian planes failed to return that morning. Thus, Cornelia Fort was the first to encounter the Japanese air fleet in the attack on Pearl Harbor. With all civilian flights grounded in Hawaii, Fort returned to the mainland in early 1942.



Cornelia Clark Fort

Hannah Lincoln Harkness of Houghton, Michigan, born in 1914, developed an intense interest in aviation at an early age. At 16, she took her first flight and earned her pilot's license within a month. In 1932, by the end of her freshman year at Vassar, she was dubbed "The Flying Freshman" and earned her commercial license. At Vassar, she earned extra money taking students for rides in an aircraft she rented from a nearby airport. By now, she was called Nancy. In 1936, Harkness married Robert M. Love, an Army Air Corps major. They built their own successful Boston-based aviation services company, where Nancy was a pilot. She also flew for the Bureau of Air Commerce. During 1936 to 1938, **Nancy Harkness Love** competed in the National Air Races and worked as a test pilot for Gwinn Air Car Company. In May 1940, with war in Europe, she wrote to Lt. Col. Robert Olds of the Plans Division of the USA Air Corps HQ, who became in



Nancy Harkness Love

charge of forming the Air Corps Ferrying Command. Love told Olds that she had found 49 excellent woman pilots, with each at least 1,000 hours, and proposed they help transport aircraft from factories to bases. Among the 49 original group

was Cornelia Fort, the Pearl Harbor witness.

Bessie Lee Pittman of the Florida Panhandle, born in 1906, had no interest in flying and married Robert Cochran at an early age. They had a son who died at age 5, and the marriage broke up. Bessie kept the name Cochran and began using the name Jacquelyn or "Jackie", hence **Jacquelyn Cochran** came into being. She worked as a hairdresser and beautician, finally winding up in New York City at Saks Fifth Avenue. Later, she met Floyd Bostwick Odum, a millionaire who was enamored of Cochran and offered to help her establish a cosmetics business. In 1930, after a friend gave her a ride in an aircraft, she began taking flying lessons at Roosevelt Field on Long Island. She won her wings, took to flying like an eagle and became a famed aviatrix. She was the only woman who competed in air races in the 1934-1938 period and worked with Amelia Earhart to open air racing to women.



Jacquelyn Cochran

Before the US entered WWII, she volunteered and joined "Wings For Britain", which ferried American lend-lease warplanes to Britain. Cochran was the first woman to fly a bomber (Lockheed "Hudson") across the Atlantic, and she worked for a short time for the

British Air Transport Auxiliary where she ranked as a Flight Captain.

Formation of WASP

In September 1940, Cochran proposed to Eleanor Roosevelt that a women's division of the Army Air Corps be formed, with the same status as the WAAC/WAC. While Cochran was still in England, CO of the Army Air Corps, General Hap Arnold, authorized the formation of the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS) under the command of Nancy Love. Learning of the new WAFS, Cochran returned to the States and lobbied Arnold to expand the flying roles of women. Arnold in response created the Women's Flying Training Detachment (WFTD), headed by Cochran. In August 1943, the WAFS and the WFTD merged to become the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP). Cochran, as director of the WASP, supervised training of hundreds of women, not so much in flying, but in flying the Air Corps way and related administrative matters. Over 25,000 women applied – all holding pilot's licenses. However, only 1,830 were accepted for training and 1,074 graduated. WASP training took place in 19 classes in two groups: The Originals (former WAFS led by Nancy Love) and The Guinea Pigs (Cochran's first of 18 classes). All were required to complete the same primary, basic and advanced training courses as male Air Corps cadets, and many went on to specialized training.

The Houston Connection

The first Guinea Pig class – 38 women – started training at Houston Municipal Airport (now William P. Hobby Airport) on

November 16, 1942, as part of the 319th Training Detachment. A bit earlier, the WAFS started their orientation at New Castle Army Air Base in Delaware. Unlike the WAFS, the first Houston groups did not have uniforms and had to find their own lodging. These women became called “Woofteddies”, derived from “WFTD”, got minimal medical care, no life insurance, and support vehicles borrowed from Ellington Army Airfield (crash and fire trucks and an ambulance). The administrative staff was insufficient and there were 23 types of training planes. As late as January 1943, one biographer described the third class as “a raggle-taggle crowd in a rainbow of crumpled clothing” as they mustered for morning and evening colors. This lack of resources, combined with the foggy and wet Houston weather, delayed graduation of the first class from February to April 1943. The conditions at Houston caused severe morale problems. To help offset poor morale, the evolving WASP adopted a female gremlin called “Fifinella”, which was drawn by Walt Disney and became the official mascot of the WASP. She was displayed on shoulder patches, flight jackets, signboards, stationery, etc. Also, a “Fifinella Gazette” newsletter was started.



The second Houston class finished training and graduated at Avenger Field in Sweetwater, Texas, on May 28, 1943. Later classes started training in Houston but completed it at Sweetwater. The first fatalities occurred in Houston when a student and her instructor crashed seven miles south of Houston on March 7, 1943. Two weeks later, Cornelia Fort (the Pearl Harbor witness) was killed 21 miles south of Merkel, Texas, when another plane being ferried by a male pilot struck the left wing of the BT-13 Fort was ferrying. In another tragedy, one of two Chinese-American WASP, Hazel Ying Lee, died in a runway collision in Montana ferrying a Bell P-63 Kingcobra. The last WASP to be lost was Gertrude Thomkins Silver, who departed from Mines Field (now LAX) for Palm Springs in a P-51 Mustang on October 26, 1944. She was to overnight at Palm Springs then fly it on to New Jersey. She never arrived at Palm Springs and search efforts to locate the crash site are still open. A total of 38 WASP died in service – 11 during training and 27 on active duty.



Operational Service

These pilots began by ferrying various training planes between

factory and training base, but it was soon demonstrated the WASP could handle the fast movers and multi-engine warplanes – fighters, medium and heavy bombers. Other than ferrying aircraft as they rolled off the assembly lines, WASP were trained for and served in towing aerial gunnery targets, flight testing aircraft, simulated strafing missions, transporting cargo and training men to fly. A few exceptionally qualified women were involved in testing rocket-propelled planes, jet-propelled planes and radar-controlled targets. One challenging delivery was to fly P-39 “Airacobra” fighters from the Bell plant in Niagara Falls to Elmendorf Field in Anchorage, where Soviet pilots would take over delivery to the USSR.

The B-29 Experience

Late in the WASP service, the Boeing B-29 entered service but its reputation preceded it. Its engines were prone to fires while performing power checks on the runway, prior to takeoff. Then, in February 1943, a Boeing test pilot experienced an engine fire during a test flight which caused wing failure. The crash killed the test pilot, eight crewmen and 19 civilians on the ground. The Air Force needed the B-29 to reach the Japanese homeland and to deliver the two atomic bombs which ended WWII. Lt. Colonel Paul W. Tibbets was in charge in getting the Superfortress deployed, but it spooked accomplished pilots he was training. His hand-picked pilots put up unprecedented resistance, and many refused to fly the B-29. Tibbets had a dilemma but thought he could train women to fly the newest, most complicated bomber. In June 1944, Tibbets arrived unexpected at Eglin Air Force

Base, sought out WASP stationed there and enquired whether there were any pilots with four-engine time. He found none, but two WASP had twin-engined experience, including in the hot Douglas A-20 medium bomber. They were Dora Dougherty, a graduate of the third WASP class, and Dorothea Moorman. Neither women had been in a heavy, four-engine bomber, but they volunteered to help Tibbets. The two WASP trained on the B-29 under Tibbets' guidance for three days. The power check engine fire problem was resolved by a rolling start to check magneto drop, which brought cool air through the engines. Tibbets had not warned the WASP of the engine-fire problem. During a training flight one engine caught fire, and the pilot, Dora, ordered the male flight engineer to feather the prop and trip the fire extinguisher. She got the fire out and landed safely on three engines. Tibbets' plan was a resounding success. The WASP convinced their male counterparts that the B-29 could be safely flown. Not to be shown up by women, they accepted training which put the B-29 into operational service. Colonel Tibbets later became the pilot of "The Enola Gay" which dropped the first atomic bomb on Japan.

The Record and Closure

After training, WASP were stationed at 120 air bases across the US. They flew sixty million miles of operational flights; flew almost every type of plane in the inventory; and delivered 12,650 aircraft of 78 different types.

Cochran and Love had hope that as women proved their abilities and commitment to

military aviation, the Army Air Corps would agree to militarize the program, which would mitigate several unequal policies in salaries and expense compensation. In 1944, General Hap Arnold planned to commission women pilots as Second Lieutenants, but the concept faced stiff opposition in the media and in Congress, where the House Committee on Military Affairs questioned the continuing need for women pilots. The need which existed in 1942 no longer was there in 1944, as the Luftwaffe was defeated and bombers had an unopposed sky over Germany. As the massive ground attack rolled back German forces, the Air Corps cut back its training of male pilots and its exemption of civilian trainers from the draft. In June 1944, a report concluded there was no further need for women pilots and recommended their training be ended, although those who were trained could continue to serve. In that same month, a bill to OK the militarization of WASP was rejected, and Arnold became convinced the day of the WASP was ending. In August, he announced that the current class of trainees would be the final class. That class graduated at Sweetwater in December 7 1944, and the program itself ended on December 20th. After the war ended, the public remembrance of WASP faded from view, as a war footing was replaced by peace. The WASP records were classified and sealed from the public.

Then, in the 1970's, as the Air Force announced that it would be accepting women for pilot training, the media stated that this would be the first time women would fly for the US military. That misstatement caused the upset of a hornets'

nest, as WASP members rose up to demand the recognition they deserved. Although opposed by the American Legion and other veterans' organizations, Public Law 95-202, Title IV, was signed into law by President Jimmy Carter in November 1977. It gave former WASP veterans' status with limited benefits. In later years, the WASP members received discharge certificates (1979), and WWII Victory Medals (1984) and, for those who served at least one year, American Theatre Campaign medals. In 2009, President Obama signed a Senate Bill which provided the WASP with the Congressional Gold Medal. The March 10, 2010 ceremony at the White House was attended by most of the surviving WASP members and many USAF women pilots.

[Sources: "A Few Good Women" by Evelyn Monahan and Rosemary Neidel-Greenlee; Alfred A. Knopf (2010). Also, National WASP-WWII Museum & Lone Star Museum; Air Force Historical Division; and Wikipedia-Internet]



AMERICAN LEGION UNIT 305 NEWS



President Jenny Hamann

Greetings and Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year! ALA Unit 305 is looking forward to a busy and productive 2017 as we continue our work for veterans, youth and the community.

January will be a busy month with two big events. First will be our membership meeting on January 19th with our Annual Chili Cook-off Contest in place of the usual Pot Luck Supper. All entries are welcome. Please bring your entry in a crockpot. Power strips will be provided.

If any of our Post competition are at a loss as to what a "bowl of red" contains, here is a suggestion which is not assured to be a winner. Why would I, the leader of the Unit, reach out to give aid and comfort to those few Post members who would dare to challenge us?

Man-O-Man Chili Con Carne

6 slices of BACON
2 lbs. ground BEEF CHUCK
1 lg. ONION, chopped
1 lg. green PEPPER, chopped
4 cloves GARLIC, chop finely
Kosher SALT
½ cup CHILI POWDER
1 tbsp. ground CUMIN
2 tsp. PAPRIKA
2 tsp. dried OREGANO
2 tbsp. TOMATO PASTE
1 12-oz. can AMBER BEER

2 tbsp. COCOA POWDER,
not sweetened
1 20-oz. can TOMATOES,
crushed
1 1/2 cups BEEF BROTH, plus
more if needed
2 15-oz. cans BLACK BEANS
1 tbsp. HOT SAUCE

Fry BACON in large skillet or Dutch oven, remove, drain and crumble. Reserve the drippings. Add the BEEF to the skillet with one tablespoon of the bacon fat. Brown over medium high heat, breaking up the meat. Transfer to a plate and wipe out the skillet.

Heat one tablespoon of bacon drippings in skillet over medium high heat. Add chopped ONION and PEPPER and cook until soft, about 5 minutes. Add GARLIC and SALT, stir and cook two minutes. Add CHILI POWDER, CUMIN, PAPRIKA, OREGANO and TOMATO PASTE and cook, stirring, about six minutes.

Add the BEER and simmer until almost completely reduced, about three minutes. Stir in the BEEF, any juices, add COCOA POWDER, TOMATOES, BEEF BROTH and BEANS. Bring to a simmer over low heat. Cook until chili thickens slightly, about 90 minutes. Stir in the HOT SAUCE and season with SALT. Add some BEEF BROTH if chili is too thick.

You are finished! Transfer to a crock pot to heat at the Contest. Bring a ladle and toppings of your choice (crumbled bacon, shredded cheddar or jack cheese, sour cream, chopped onions, crushed Fritos)

The second big event is our Open House on Saturday, January 21st from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the South County Community Center. Be sure watch your mailbox for our postcard announcement. The 2017 Open House will showcase no chili but the activities that the Post and Unit do to help our veterans and the community in general. We hope to re-engage existing members and bring in new members, as we educate the public about the American Legion.

There will be another Open House planning committee meeting in the near future, for all volunteers. If you are interested in helping with setup or the event, please contact either **Kathy Carroll** or **Dayna Salter** (contact information below.)

Your servant,
Jenny Hamann
President



CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCALE
Mon.	Jan. 16	Martin Luther King Day	
Mon.	Jan. 16	Executive Committees Meet	South County Community Ctr. @ 7:00 PM
Thur.	Jan. 19	Membership Meetings (Chili Night)	South County Community Ctr. @ 7:00 PM
Fri.	Jan. 20	Inauguration Day	
Sat.	Jan. 21	Post/Auxiliary Open House	South County Community Ctr. @ 9:00 AM
Thur.	Jan. 26 to	Department Mid-Winter Conference	Omni Austin Southpark Hotel
Sun.	Jan. 29		4140 Governors Row, Austin
Mon.	Feb. 13	Executive Committees Meet	South County Community Ctr. @ 7:00 PM
Tues.	Feb. 14	Valentine's Day	Candy and Flowers
Thur.	Feb. 16	Membership Meetings (Four Chaps)	South County Community Ctr. @ 7:00 PM
Mon.	Feb. 20	Presidents Day	
Wed.	March 1	American Legion Birthday (1919)	
Mon.	March 13	Executive Committees Meet	South County Community Ctr. @ 7:00 PM
Thur.	March 16	Membership Meetings	South County Community Ctr. @ 7:00 PM
Fri.	March 17	St. Patrick's Day	
Sun.	March 19	Iraq War Began (2003)	

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