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POST COMMANDER  
VICTORIA GLOVER



## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Happy July! The Flag Disposal and Officer Installations were held last month. To all our surprise, it was a very low turnout for the meeting. Congratulations to all the officers new and old! I look forward to a successful year.

We have several activities this month. On July 1<sup>st</sup> Saddle River Firearms & Archery Range on FM 1488 is holding a patriotic event and flag raising starting around 8-8:30 AM. The July 4<sup>th</sup> parade meeting at the Methodist church on the corner of Grogan's Mill and Lake Woodlands, be there no later than 8:30 AM. Our Rummage Sale will be held on July 21-22 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Robinson Road Community Center. We need help with it. We need muscles and workers! Donations are being accepted for it.

I am reiterating the same goals: Membership, Service, and Increasing Our Fund Raising. Membership growth is vital to all

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

## GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON CROSSING THE DELAWARE RIVER IN AN ASSAULT ON HESSIAN MERCENARIES AT TRENTON



veterans' organizations, as is service. I still plan on getting the membership active with training. Between 2010 and 2017, the Department of Texas lost 15.5% of its membership and has not been to replace those gone. Get active with Membership and involved with the Color Guard. The more folks we have the more activities we can accept!

Speaking of fund-raising, **Jim Bolin** just received the Birdies-For-Charity check from The Houston Golf Association for \$1,966.27. The Post's share is \$946.27 and the Unit gets \$1,020.00.

And again, I want to see the July 4<sup>th</sup> turnout full of our members for the parade! Let us work with our ladies in the Auxiliary and make this Post work for everyone!

If you need a ride tell us; we will pick you up. If you need help tell us; we will help. The American Legion is here to help ALL our veterans in our Post and in our area! Let's all work together to make this Post better!

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

**Victoria Glover  
Commander**

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (June 15, 2017)

As announced, the membership meeting was preceded by the unserviceable flag retirement ceremony, held indoors at the

usual meeting place. The 6:30 PM start was delayed by the absence of a few participants, but proceeded at about 7:00 PM. Substitutes handled the roles of late and missing members. Present as observers (and later installation officers) were, **Ed Jarvis, Commander, 7th District**, and **Larry Decker, Jarvis' Vice Commander**.

Once space was cleared for the ceremony and worn, torn, faded and tired old flags were at hand, **Commander Victoria Glover** led the procedure. Other participants included **Pickens Jones (Adjutant)**, **Bruce Carter (Sergeant-at-Arms)**, **Lacey Homan (stand-in)**, **Charlie Siragusa (stand-in)**, **Harlen Thornhill (stand-in)**, and **Carl Smith (stand-in)**. **Emery Heuermann** blew Taps on his smartphone as the ceremony concluded. The room then was restored to normal.



The membership meeting was called to order by the **Commander** and opened with the usual ritual, including the POW/MIA remembrance ceremony. The **Sergeant-at-Arms** was called on to cite any guests present. There were two – the two District 7 officers. The next order of business was the acceptance of minutes by motion and voice vote. Copies of the minutes of the May 18 membership meeting and the June 12 Executive Committee meeting had been distributed previously. Both motions carried with no changes.

**Finance Officer Emery Heuermann** gave his financial report, referencing a one-page summary which had been distributed. In summary, the General Fund was at \$7,810.09; the Investment Fund held \$32,614.84; for Total Assets (Liquid) of \$40,424.93

**Commander Glover** reported that **Chaplain-elect Bill Houghton** had suffered a fall and broke his shoulder. His treadmill bucked him off. **Emery Heuermann** reported that **Joe Hammond's** status was quo. In the absence of **Program Manager Dayton Denton**, the **Commander** reported that the Boys State convocation was in progress now. Continuing and covering for the absence **Jim Bolin**, she reminded all that The Woodlands Fourth of July Parade will be history before we meet again. In response, **Emery Heuermann** stated that he and his wife will be away most of July, including on the Fourth, touring or cruising Alaska. He said he could not help with decorating the "float", but offered either of two trailers – big and smaller for Post use. One of the 2016 participants commented "let's not do that again", which seemed to reference the use of pick-up trucks in lieu of a low-boy trailer. No one present seemed to have any information on what the Post planned for a parade appearance – permit, VIP vehicles, trailer transformation, color guard, Boys State grads, handout flags, bottled water, etc. In answer to a question of who was in charge, the **Commander** replied "**Jim Bolin as Acting Second Vice Commander**".

The **Commander** covered a few matters "for the good of the Post". The postponed Spring



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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.

Rummage Sale is now scheduled for July 21-22, the days following our July meeting. **Emery** raised the question: "Is the Auxiliary going to participate?" Unit members have in the past been of great help by organizing and displaying the stock arriving from the storage room on Set-up Day. No one could answer, although the **Commander** had attended a "girls night out" the day before (aka the Unit's Executive Committee meeting). Apparently, it was not an agenda item. The assumption was "yes", it will help work the sale as usual. **Emery** reported that he carried two trailer loads of donations to the storage locker and that there is no more room for more. Donors should bring items directly to the sale site on Friday or bring them to the July meeting.

The **Commander**, reading from incoming mail, cited the race for Department Commander to be voted on at the coming convention. There are two candidates so far: John Hince, who had been Department Vice Commander in 2015-2016, and declared himself a contender in 2016; and Brian Coleman, currently the Department's Judge Advocate and formally Division 2 Commander, who is a late entry. As to the election, **Commander Jarvis** reminded the Post that to be eligible to vote in the convention, the Post must have at least one delegate present. Posts thus represented control one vote for every 15 Post members. So, if Post 305 wants to participate, it must send one delegate to Killeen for the convention (July 12-16). (No Post delegates were appointed by the **Commander** at this meeting.) Later, **Emery Heuermann** moved that the Post endorse no candidate for

Department Commander at this time. The motion passed.

The **Commander** continued with reading mail items, including an announcement of a patriotic and ceremonial flag-raising on July 1<sup>st</sup> at Conroe's Saddle River Firearms & Archery Range. **Lacey Homan**, in response heartedly endorsed the venue as where a good time could be had by all.

The **Commander** then turned the meeting over to **Commander Jarvis** for the purpose of installing the officers for 2017-2018. **Jarvis** had the **Sergeant-at-Arms** array the elected before him in a rank. He then intoned the ceremony of installation to the incoming officers, and charged the **Commander**, in particular, with her duties. [Note that of the eleven officers elected, only five were present. Absent were **Jim Bolin (First Vice)**, **Everett Ison (Judge Advocate)**, **Bill Houghton (Chaplain)**, **Toby Carroll (Service Officer)** and **Committeemen Dayton Denton** and **Art Eipper.**]



**Commander Jarvis** turned the gavel over to the incoming **Commander**. She determined there was no other business to come before the membership and closed the meeting by the established ritual and adjourned.

A salad-based pot luck supper was provided by the Auxiliary after it too adjourned.



### MEDICARE I.D. CHANGES

Changes are coming to your Medicare card so keep you mailing address updated. By April 2019, your card will be replaced with one that no longer shows your Social Security number. Instead, your card will have a new Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI) that will be used for billing and for checking your eligibility and claim status. And, it will all happen automatically – you won't have to pay anyone or give anyone information, no matter what someone might tell you. Having your Social Security number removed from your Medicare card helps fight medical identity theft and protects your medical and financial information. But, even with these changes, scammers will still look for ways to take what doesn't belong to them. Here are some ways to avoid Medicare scams:

~ Is someone calling, claiming to be from Medicare, and asking for your Social Security number or bank information? Hang up. That's a scam. First, Medicare won't call you. Second, Medicare will never ask for your Social Security number or bank information.

~ Is someone asking you to pay for your new card? That's a scam. Your new Medicare card is free.

~ Is someone threatening to cancel your benefits if you don't

give up information or money? Also a scam. New Medicare cards will be mailed out to you automatically. There won't be any changes to your benefits.

For more on the new changes to your Medicare card, visit: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services at: <http://www.cms.gov/medicare/ssnri/index.html>. Also, report scams to the Federal Trade Commission at <http://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov/#&panel1-1>. [Source: FTC | May 18, 2017 ++]

### **MARINE CORPS BASE TO GET IWO JIMA MONUMENT REPLICA**

Camp Pendleton, California, will receive a monument of the famous World War II flag-raising at Iwo Jima. The monument's design by Curt Fentress, designer of the National Museum of the Marine Corps Quantico base in Virginia, will replicate the version found at Quantico, while also protecting the monument from weather damage, according to a press release. The bronze design and cast will be done by Tom Bollinger, whose uncle was killed at Iwo Jima. Currently, the goal is to complete the monument by the Marine Corps' birthday on November 10, 2018. The budget was set for \$10.7 million with a 15 percent contingency and must be secured before the construction begins. Founder and Trustee of "Iwo Jima Monument West" Laura B. Dietz said that the Iwo Jima battle is not mentioned enough. "It was an all-American force of 75,000-plus that secured that small island for its airstrips," she said in a news release. "The Marine Corps' bloodiest battle (with casualty rates of up to 80 to 90 percent)

saved the lives of as many as 26,000 US airmen." "We are thrilled that this very important American symbol of courage will be on each coast for all Americans to see and acknowledge the sacrifices made," Dietz said in the release.

The replica will be enclosed in a glass shelter, which will be lighted at night and visible from Interstate 5, from ships at sea and from aircraft passing overhead. For more information about the monument's creation, design or how to donate, refer to <http://www.marinesoniwojima.com>. [Source: *Marine Corps Times* | Rachael Kalinyak | May 19, 2017++]

### **VA SPECIAL MONTHLY COMPENSATION UPDATE**

Special Monthly Compensation (SMC) is an additional tax-free benefit that can be paid to veterans, their spouses, surviving spouses and parents. For veterans, Special Monthly Compensation is a higher rate of compensation paid due to special circumstances such as the need of aid and attendance by another person or a specific disability, such as loss of use of one hand or leg. For spouses and surviving spouses, this benefit is commonly referred to as aid and attendance and is paid based on the need of aid and attendance by another person. Learn about special monthly compensation benefit rates

The majority of service-connected disabilities are defined by a percentage ranging from 0 to 100 percent to reflect the severity of the condition(s) and the disabling effects they have on the veteran. These percentages are explicitly defined by Federal Regulations under the Schedule for Rating

Disabilities and are assigned a monetary compensation award based on the vocational limitations that these injuries or disorders cause and subsequently the effect they may have on monetary earnings.

Some injuries and disorders are more severe in nature and result in several additional debilitating residual conditions that can have additional adverse effects on an individual's socio-economic state. To better assist with meeting the specialized needs of these individuals, additional benefits are available under Special Monthly Compensation (SMC) ratings provided under Title 38 of U.S.C. 1114. These ratings are in addition to the numerical ratings established under the standard rating schedule and are identified by letters such as SMC (k), SMC (l), SMC (m), SMC (n), SMC (o), SMC(p), SMC (r), SMC (s), and SMC (t). These rates are simply named after the subsections of the Code of Federal Regulations that outline the required eligibility requirements for each level of SMC.

SMC provides additional monetary compensation awards and where applicable can establish entitlement to additional ancillary benefits such as the VA's Specially Adapted Housing Grant and the Automobile and Adaptive Equipment Grants. The basic elements of Special Monthly Compensation Ratings include anatomical (or physical) loss or the loss of use of limbs, hands, feet and/or reproductive organs; aphonia; deafness; blindness; loss of bowel and bladder control; being permanently housebound; and a need for regular aid and attendance with activities of daily living or a

higher level of care – all of which must be a result of the veteran’s service-connected disabilities. Each level of SMC ratings are successive and are preceded by an entitlement to certain conditions included under SMC level (k).

### **VA 2018 BUDGET UPDATE**

Like other advocacy groups, Concerned Veterans for America have problems with the president’s proposed Veterans Affairs budget. But unlike most of the veterans’ community, they think it doesn’t cut enough. The conservative group, which has ties to prominent Republican donors and several members of President Donald Trump’s administration, is releasing a policy memo this week calling for more belt tightening and increased scrutiny of the president’s \$186.5 billion budget proposal, which has already drawn criticism from groups like the American Legion for too many trims. “We recommend that Congress aggressively seek out more savings within the VA’s budget, especially in its construction, medical facility operations, personnel, and medical compliance accounts.” The document states; “Cutting waste and passing systemic reforms, not throwing money at the current system, are what will make the VA more efficient and effective in delivering our veterans the care they have earned.” The stance is in line with the group’s message of fiscal restraint and bureaucratic reductions, but it puts them at odds with much of the rest of the veterans’ community. Most have attacked Trump’s proposal for cutting several benefits programs, including rounding down beneficiaries of cost-of-living increases to the nearest dollar and ending Individual

unemployability assistance for retirement-age veterans. Dan Caldwell, policy director for CVA, said his group supports the IU move as reforming a benefit that was intended only for working-age veterans, but would support phasing in the change over several years to ease the impact on individual veterans. More concerning to him are increases in VA construction and staffing funding. He said VA should be working towards a smaller footprint using more partnerships with private-sector resources than building up VA facilities. “This budget seems to be conflicting with the vision that (VA Secretary David) Shulkin is laying out,” he said. He is promising to reduce administrative staff, but then we see more added in the budget.”

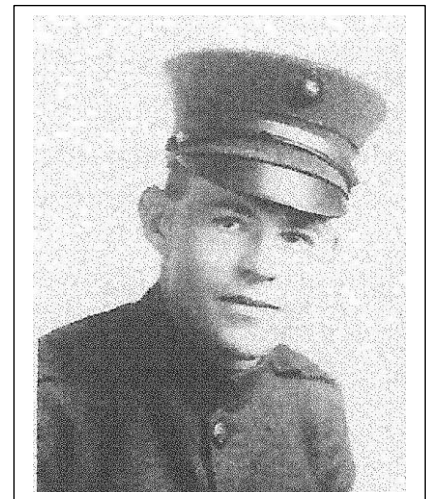
CVA has been a strong proponent of expanding outside care offerings for veterans, a move that critics have derided as a step towards privatization of VA but one that Shulkin has said has to be considered for more routine medical care. Legion officials last week attacked Trump plans to expand those programs — paid for in part with benefits cuts — as breaking faith with veterans. Caldwell rejected that, saying “simply increasing funding to VA hasn’t helped veterans in the past.” They’re pushing lawmakers to further tighten the budget, trimming back some of the \$800 million in new construction funding and \$6.5 billion for medical facility leases in the budget proposal in favor of more private care flexibility. The VA budget has grown dramatically in recent years, nearly doubling since fiscal 2009 (\$93.7 billion) and almost four times the total when the war in Afghanistan began in fiscal 2001

(\$48.7 billion). [Source: Military Times | Leo Shane III | June 1, 2017 ++]

### **THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK**

**By W. O. Salter  
Post Historian**

Ralph Edmin Newton was born on October 16, 1896, in Baker, Oregon, the seventh son of George W. Newton and Lucinda Ellen Newton. By the time he was in high school, the family had moved to Seattle, and Newton attended Queen Anne High. He was 21 years old when he enlisted in the Marine Corps on April 16, 1917. The U.S. had joined the UK and France in World War I. Newton went through boot camp at the Mare Island Naval Base in California. From there, he was assigned to the 18<sup>th</sup> Company, 5<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment, and reached France on August 20, 1917. His regiment was put on military police duty at Bordeaux, then to a training camp near Nancy. His unit became a part of the Army’s



Second Division, alongside the 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiments. There he was trained by experienced French officers and NCO’s in the Verdun trenches from March 12 to May 10, 1918. His unit started for Normandy when a German drive changed that, and it was diverted to Belleau Wood where strong resistance halted any advance.

Days and nights of slaughter followed, but on June 11, the U.S. and French forces mounted a major offensive to push the Germans back. Newton received his first wound, a shell splinter. He was carried to a first aid station, thence to a field hospital. He was patched up and rejoined his Company on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Three days later, his Company advanced to Soissons, where a major battle took place on July 18<sup>th</sup>. In Newton's own words: "To our right was a French outfit and then came our First Division. Back of us was a regiment of Algerians, with several squadrons of French cavalry in reserve. We all piled in, for we had not got there any too soon. It was the most curious battle imaginable, for presently several nationalities and an extraordinary number of uniforms were merged together. Our Company, having suffered heavy losses in the early fighting, was more than three-quarters gone, replacements taking their places, and here we got the hottest fighting of all. Our captain was killed and all of the officers were either killed or wounded. I had gone about a mile forward when, to take cover from machine-gun fire, I leaped into a shell hole. It was filled with gas, and that finished my fighting. I have never seen my Company since."

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#### **Fast forward to March 1946:**

After high school graduation and a freshman year at M.I.T., I joined the Marines for a two year hitch. (The shooting war was over on V-J Day, but the services needed new recruits so wartime veterans could be released from occupation duty in Germany, Korea and Japan.) My father, a WWI veteran (26<sup>th</sup> Division) was a member of The American Legion, and I was an

SAL member. When a friend of my father's, and a Post 291 member (Department of Massachusetts), learned of my enlistment, he gave me a souvenir of his time in the AEF. He had been a sergeant in the Fifth Marines, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 20<sup>th</sup> Company. That souvenir was a little black book – a leather-bound, pocket edition of the New Testament. He said that he had "taken it from a dead Marine" in France. I thanked him but wondered why he removed a personal effect from a KIA. I found inscriptions in the little black book, telling me it had been a Christmas gift from a Pearl Skidmore to Ralph Newton. I put it aside and headed for Parris Island MCRD in South Carolina. I virtually forgot about the little black book, but protected it, as I served my time in the Regulars, joined the Reserves, went back to college, found my lifelong love, was called up for Korea, got released, started a career and raised a family. As we moved from the Metro NYC area to the San Francisco Bay Area to Atlanta, then to Texas, 50 years had passed, but the little black book reappeared again and again. After I retired in 2000, I became more interested in locating the heirs of "the dead Marine" and returning the book to them. That quest became an off-and-on matter, but it was always there.

In December 2001, I wrote a letter to George C. Clark of Pike, NH. Clark was a historian and author of several books about WWI and Marines in the AEF. I had just read Warren R. Jackson's published memoir "His Time In Hell". Clark had evaluated the manuscript and urged or facilitated its publication. I told him of the little black book and my quest to find the heirs of Ralph Newton. I

asked for any feedback which might be helpful. That letter triggered an exchange of e-mails and phone calls about Clark's own book, "Devil Dogs: Fighting Marines of World War I" and my father's unpublished memoirs. But, those exchanges in 2001-2002 told me that Newton was not killed, but wounded and had been in the Fifth Marines, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 18<sup>th</sup> Company. On Clark's advice, I filed a Standard Form 180 - "Request Pertaining to Military Records", seeking any clue that might add to my knowledge, but the response was that I had not provided enough information. I tried the Internet and Ancestry.com and found a copy of Newton's WWII Selective Service Card, which told me he was a Seattle resident employed by the U.S. Postal Service. So, my focus became the Northwest and Washington. I considered looking for help from a Seattle newspaper, an American Legion Post or a Marine Corps League Detachment, when I noticed in the March 2017 issue of Leatherneck magazine, under "In Memoriam", that George C. Clark had died. I wrote to the editor, lamenting his passing and mentioned my quest for locating the heirs of Newton. My letter was included in the "Sound Off" section of the June 2017 issue. By now, both of my daughters joined the hunt, and found added historic material on Newton, including a 1919 newspaper article from which the opening narrative was drawn. But, before I could act on the new information, I received a phone call from a researcher of Leatherneck, Cpl. Ed Walsh. He had read my letter and found Newton's family member – in Spokane, WA. He had called the number and verified it was the correct Newtons. I then phoned the number but had to leave a

message. A few days later, I got a call back from a granddaughter and grandson of Newton. They were delighted with what I had and gave me an address to send the little black book to.

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**Returning to 1918, Newton continues:** “They got me back to a first aid station, where I received attention, but there were so many wounded and gas cases that there was not sufficient transportation, so we lay out in a field until the next day.” While in a hospital at Lemouge, Newton fell in with a number of former schoolmates and friends from Seattle, members of the 63<sup>rd</sup> Artillery. Many Washington National Guardsmen were in training nearby. Before leaving France, he also met his brother, Bert, who had enlisted in the same Company with him and who also had been wounded in the fighting in June.

Quoting the Seattle Times of January 31, 1919: “It is the testimony of Marine Corps officers that few men of that hard-fighting Corps have had more actual fighting in the war than this modest high school lad.”

Ralph Newton recovered from his wounds and found work as a USPS mail carrier. In 1927, he married Helen O. Sprague. After she died, Newton married again, in 1948, to Bonnie B. Peace. The first marriage produced two sons, Kenneth and Gerald. The little black book was mailed to Kenneth’s son David Newton, Ralph E. Newton’s grandson, in Kenmore, WA, this past June.

Thus, the little black book was returned to its rightful heirs!

## THE FIRST INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Fourth of July – also known as Independence Day or July 4<sup>th</sup> – has been a Federal holiday since 1941, but the tradition of that day’s celebrations goes back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century and the American Revolution. On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of cutting the apron strings which bound the collective colonies to Great Britain. Two days later, delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4<sup>th</sup> has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades, and band concerts to more casual family gatherings.

Insistence on local government was a major cause of the War of Independence. Long before the Second Continental Congress declared independence, local communities stated they were ready to make that definitive move. On October 4, 1774, 21 months before the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, the town meeting of Worcester, Massachusetts, instructed its representative to the provincial congress to push for a new and independent government.

In the spring of 1776, immediately preceding the final break from British rule, local and state bodies passed at least 90 other declarations, each one stating that it was time for the United Colonies of America to rule themselves. These resolutions and declarations did not mean, however, that a new central government should call the

shots. Many of these early declarations of independence insisted that whereas Congress must assume new powers, the states must “retain the sole and exclusive right” to govern their own internal affairs. People were not about to relinquish any of their political independence, even to other Americans.

So, by 1776, Americans knew all too well the abuse rendered by a large centralized government and did not wish to replicate the proto-British, top down model. But, that was in 1776. By 1787, much had changed.

Our national Government in embryonic form began in September 1774, when delegates from 12 separate and distinct colonies assembled in Carpenters Hall in Philadelphia. We call that initial meeting the First Continental Congress, but people did not know what to call it then. Their goal was to coordinate local resistance efforts, and they passed resolutions, not laws. By the time the Second Continental Congress convened in May 1775, British soldiers had marched on Lexington and Concord, local militiamen had driven them back, and a home-grown army of New Englanders had formed a cordon around Boston to keep British officers from staging any more assaults. The Massachusetts Provincial Congress was commanding this army unwillingly. It petitioned the Continental Congress to take charge and general direction of it, and the other large colonies could hardly refuse. Thus, the Second Continental Congress adopted the army and named George Washington, a Virginian, to command it.

**The War of Independence had commenced!**

## A CONSTITUTIONAL STYLE TO BEHOLD

Napoleon once observed, "An army marches on its stomach!" If so, our Navy sailed the seas on its grog!

The USS Constitution ("Old Ironsides"), as a combat vessel, carried 46,000 gallons of fresh water for her crew of 475 officers and men. This was sufficient to last six months of sustained operations at sea. It is noted in the ship's log on July 27, 1798, that she sailed from Boston with a full complement of 475 officers and men, 46,000 gallons of fresh water, 7,400 cannon shot, 11,600 pounds of black powder and 49,400 gallons of rum. Her mission was to harass and destroy English shipping. Making port at Jamaica on October 6<sup>th</sup>, she took on 826 pounds of flour and 68,000 gallons of rum. She then headed for the Azores, arriving there on November 12<sup>th</sup>, where she was provisioned with 550 pounds of beef and 64,300 gallons of Portuguese wine. On November 18<sup>th</sup>, she set sail for English waters. In the ensuing days, she engaged and defeated five British men-of-war and captured and scuttled 12 English merchant ships, salvaging only the rum aboard each. By January 26<sup>th</sup>, her powder and shot were exhausted. Nevertheless, she proceeded unarmed north to Scotland, where she made a night raid up the Firth of Clyde. Her landing party captured a distillery and transferred 40,000 gallons of single-malt Scotch by dawn. Then, she returned home.

The USS Constitution arrived back in Boston on February 20, 1799, with no cannon shot, no powder, no rum nor whiskey and 38,000 gallons of fresh water!

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 305 NEWS

**President Kathy Carroll**



July is here and what a busy month it will be for the Unit!

First up is the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in The Woodlands. The Post will have a float in the parade, and the Unit has been asked to help decorate and walk with the float. This gives us great exposure in the community so the more people we have, the better it will look. If you can't walk in the parade there will be plenty of room on the float to ride and wave to the crowds. We will meet at the Woodlands Methodist Church at Grogans Mills Road at 7:30 AM. Don't forget your sunscreen.

This year the Department of Texas Convention will be held at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel in Killeen, TX, July 13-16<sup>th</sup>. **Jenny Hamann, Rosalie Fryer** and I plan to attend, but if anyone else is able to attend, we can still register you at the door. This is a great time to visit with other Units in the state, get some new ideas for our Unit, and find out what the theme for the next year will be. The Department officers for 2017-2018 will also be elected that weekend.

The installation of Unit officers for 2017-2018 will take place at

the regularly scheduled meeting on July 20, 2017. **Liz Bryant**, President of District 7, will be the installing officer. Please mark your calendars to attend and show your support for our new officers.

The Post will be holding its "Spring" rummage sale this month at the Community Center at Robinson Road and Hanna Road. Setup will be at 7:00 AM on Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup> and the sale will be at 8:00 AM on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is a good opportunity to clean out your closets, garage or storage unit and donate good items to the sale. The Unit will be helping with setup and sale, so the more people, the better. Hopefully many of you will be able to help one or both days.

July 27<sup>th</sup> we commemorate the end of the Korean War. The Houston Chronicle recently ran a series of interviews with Korean War Veterans and the common theme of their comments was that this is the "forgotten war". Unfortunately I am willing to bet that what most Americans know about this war is what they have learned by watching MASH on TV. No veteran should ever feel that his or her service was not important or appreciated. So if you know a veteran who served in Korea, make a point of thanking them for their service and tell them that we will not forget what they did.

Have a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

God bless our men and women in uniform, our veterans and the USA.

**Kathy Carroll, President**



## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCALE</u>
Tues.	July 4	Independence Day	The Woodlands Fourth of July Parade
Wed.	July 12 to 16	Department Convention	Shilo Inn Hotel, Killeen
Mon.	July 17	Executive Committee Meetings	South County Community Ctr. @ 7:00 PM
Thur.	July 20	Membership Meetings	South County Community Ctr. @ 7:00 PM
Fri.	July 21	Spring Rummage Sale (Set-up Day)	Robinson Rd. Community Ctr. @ 7:00 AM
Sat.	July 22	Spring Rummage Sale (Sale Day)	Robinson Rd. Community Ctr. @ 8:00 AM
Thur.	July 27	Korean War Ended (1953)	
Fri.	July 28	World War I Began (1914)	
Mon.	Aug. 7	Vietnam War Began (1964)	
Mon.	Aug. 14	Japan Surrendered (1945)	
Mon.	Aug. 14	Executive Committees Meet	South County Community Ctr. @ 7:00 PM
Thur.	Aug. 17	Membership Meetings	South County Community Ctr. @ 7:00 PM
Mon.	Sept. 4	Labor Day	
Sat.	Sept. 9	Auxiliary National Day of Service	Henry's Home Horse & Human Sanctuary
Mon.	Sept. 11	Patriot Day – 9/11 Attacks (2001)	
Fri.	Sept. 15	POW/MIA Recognition Day	
Mon.	Sept. 18	Executive Committee Meetings	South County Community Ctr. @ 7:00 PM

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