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POST COMMANDER
VICTORIA GLOVER



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

What a way to end August! Hope everyone is staying cool with the heat and was safe throughout the week with Hurricane Harvey. August is a slow month for us.

We held our financial audit on Thursday August 24. We came out good. Next is to get the budget taken care of. We have been slowly getting new members signing up and transferring in, which is great!

I am waiting on a reply from a museum about group cost for veterans. It is the Museum of the American GI, in College Station. As soon I hear from them, I will let you know date, time and cost. Also, I will check with Saddle River Range to see about group pricing there as well. They have archery and shooting ranges.

Congratulations to the incoming American Legion National Officers : Commander: Denise Rohan, Vice Commanders: Paula Stephenson (Utah), Bobby Bryant (Oklahoma), Larry Marcouillier (Delaware), William Flanagan (Illinois), and Byron

Callies (South Dakota) for 2017-2018.

We have the Fall Rummage Sale on October 20-21. It will be at the Robinson Road Community Center. We will need help with moving items large and small from the storage unit to the Center and back. Plus volunteers to set-up, and sell the items. Donations of goods are always accepted in clean, serviceable and working condition. Plus, we will have our Annual Picnic at Shadowbend Park on October 19, preceded by a brief membership meeting.

I know most everyone has been through a few storms, but it never hurts to reiterate preparedness and safety. Make sure you have plenty of food and water stocked up, batteries for all your radios and flashlights, and other electronics charged up, and candles too. Top off your gas tank just in case you need to evacuate and know where you can safely evacuate to. Don't wait 'til the last minute either. If you need help with anything contact somebody! If Legion members sustain any storm damage you can contact our **Post Service Officer Toby Carroll** for assistance and also FEMA. If you have to be on the roads, be careful to avoid high water. If you come to an area that you are not sure about turn around and don't drown.

Remember to invite your veteran family and friends to our activities and meetings! The more the merrier! We will always welcome them with open arms!

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

Victoria Glover
Commander

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
(August 17, 2017)

Commander Victoria Glover called the meeting to order following the prescribed ritual, assisted by **Chaplain Bill Houghton** and **Sergeant-at-Arms Bruce Carter**. She was assured by **Sergeant Carter** that the Post was secure and that those present were Post members or invited guests. A quorum was present. The **Commander** was informed that two guests were among us: **Thomas Mardik**, a member of Congressman Brady's staff, and **Lloyd Plourde**, an Army veteran and potential Post member.

Before taking up business, the **Commander** turned the floor over to **Mr. Mardik**, who had requested a chance to address the attendees. He spoke as a representative of the Congressman, stating he is forming an "army" of volunteer supporters

and would be circulating a sign-up sheet. And, that he did.

The first order of business was approval of the minutes of the July 20, 2017, membership meeting and of the August 14, 2017, Executive Committee meeting. Copies had been distributed. There was some modest discussion and explanation about the Committee minutes wherein a motion and vote were recorded when no quorum was present. That was corrected by reference and a minor correction was made to the membership meeting minutes. Both were approved by motion and vote.

The next agenda item was the Financial Report. **Finance Officer Emery Heuermann** gave his report orally, but had bound copies for the record. As to the finances for the period ending July 31, 2017, the General Fund held \$8,176.24; the Investment Fund was at \$32,916.91; for a Total Assets (liquid) of \$41,093.15. He went on to describe the reports he handed to the **Adjutant**. One was the year-end report for 2016-2017 and the other was an interim report on the current year, plus a first attempt at a budget for 2017-2018. The financial reports were accepted, subject to audit. In that respect, **Emery** asked that an Audit Committee be formed under **Judge Advocate Everett Ison** and a date and place be agreed when it would meet. **Emery** indicated he was available on Tuesday, August 22, at 7:00 PM at the community center.

First Vice Commander Jim Bolin reported on 'membership', but said it was too soon in the year to have meaningful totals. We have been given a total goal of 322, the Post's goal for the year, same as last year.

Adjutant Pickens Jones had nothing to report and neither had **Sergeant-at-Arms Carter**.

Judge Advocate Ison was next to report and his topic was the new Standing Rules, Post-specific guidelines in matters beyond coverage and in interpretation of the Constitution & By-Laws. He distributed copies of a final draft for adoption by motion and vote. (Earlier drafts had been circulated and commented on, so the final version was not new.) **Ison** pointed out one significant revision from the previous draft: In Section G, the wording was revised to not require the Post to sponsor of a minimum number of boys to Boys State. Any such sponsorship becomes optional. **Emery Heuermann** questioned which of the provisions, if any, were directly copied from the Legion's *Post Operations Manual*. That led to a walk-through of the eight-page document by **Ison**, explaining the purposes and responding to the question posed. That produced added questions, which **Ison** satisfied. There was one change requested, by **Heuermann**: To allow 45 days from fiscal year end to completion of an audit report. (The draft had said the report was to be completed as of the year-end.) With that, the motion was called and the document was adopted, as amended, by voice vote. It became the Post's first set of Standing Rules.

Ison, still on his feet, commented on the poor understanding young Americans had of the provisions of the US Constitution, especially the basic document and the Bill of Rights. This was triggered by the current news and misquotes of Article 1. He opined that in Texas, the Constitution was not taught until the 11th grade; when



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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.

it should be taught much earlier

Historian Win Salter had nothing to report. **Service Officer Toby Carroll** cited "You Tube" (Internet) where more and more videos of the VA benefits are appearing, explaining entitlement, access and coverage. **Committeeman Art Eipper** had no report and **Committeeman Dayton Denton** was absent.

The **Commander**, resuming, cited the need for more and better fundraising methods. She then reminded all of the Fall Rummage Sale and the need to work this one to produce more revenue, last year being a disappointment. It takes place on October 20-21, the days following our Annual Picnic, the al fresco membership meeting in Shadowbend Park. The **Commander**, continuing, said she was seeking ideas for social day-trips for Post members, mentioning the Museum of the American GI in College Station, which is a living (active) place of interest.

Everett Ison took the floor to state the The Woodlands Flea Market & Garage Sale will take place on Saturday, October 28th at Woodlands Pavilion Parking Garage. As usual, vendors are required to register for space starting on October 7th at a fee of \$50 per two-car slot. (It was later learned that the Auxiliary will be a vendor, selling crafts and baked goods.)

Under New Business, **Finance Officer Heuermann** spoke to the matter of revising the Investment Fund to produce better earnings, a topic stirred up by **Win Salter**. **Emery** said he concurred with such change and will call a meeting of the Finance Committee to discuss. He asked the **Commander** to

appoint **John Sparks** and **Win Salter** to the committee. Both men were present and agreed to so serve. So, those appointments were made. **Chairman Heuerman** said he would notify all committee members by e-mail of the next meeting (TBD).

There being no other business to come before the membership, the **Commander** closed the meeting in the customary manner. The Auxiliary and Post members joined for the pot-luck supper of sandwiches and sweets.

ALERT: THE WOODLANDS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The community neighborhood assemblies basic to National Night Out are scheduled for Sunday, October 8th, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM (or whenever). The advance event, the Community Safety Expo, will take place on Saturday, September 23rd, from Noon to 3:00 PM in Northshore Park. If the Post or Unit intend to be present and occupy a booth, those plans and registration need to move ahead before the September 21st membership meetings.



VETERANS ADVOCATE

MARINE CORPS DEVELOPING SUPPLY SYSTEM TO LIGHTEN PACK LOADS

A Marine staff sergeant, who was one of the winners of the Innovation Challenge in 2016,

has proposed a personal combat assistant and reporting device by which squad leaders and platoon commanders could lighten the packs of their troops. The electronic device would streamline logistics of resupply for getting food, water and ammunition to an individual fire-team member, thus permitting lighter packs. The device is smaller than a playing card and about as thick as a thumb. Staff Sergeant Alexander Long V is an ammunition technician, currently serving at Systems Command at Quantico as Action Officer for an Ammunition Logistics Focus Team. He is working with a civilian contractor to advance his proposal to reality. A prototype was tested this summer and further field testing is scheduled at Camp Pendleton. Quoting Sergeant Long: "The common problem is the war-fighter is too heavy. We spend a lot of money just trying to make the equipment lighter. Units go out with three days of supplies even if they're just walking a kilometer on patrol". Long hopes his wearable electronic device will allow commanders to be aware of resupply needs, then deliver those when they are needed, where they are needed and in the right amount. [Source: *Marine Corps Times*; Todd South (July 31, 2017.)]

TARGET: GUAM

The US possession of Guam has been in the news lately, more so than ever, thanks to the madman controlling North Korea. So, here is a bit about that island in the Pacific.

The US acquired Guam from Spain following the 1898 Spanish-American War, as a spoil of war under the Treaty of Paris. It was soon put under the control of the US Navy and

served as a waystation for American ships traveling to and from the Philippines. Much later, it became a stop on Pan Am's transpacific clipper flights.

It is the largest and southernmost of the Marianas Islands and the largest island in Micronesia. It is 212 square miles in size, and its highest elevation (Mount Lamiam) reaches 1,332 feet above sea level. It is the tip of an ancient volcano long dormant. Its resident population is 162,742 – a wide mix of ethnic groups, the dominant being Chamorro (37.3%) and Filipino (26.3%). Caucasians are only 7.1% of the total. Guam inhabitants are called Guamanians and are US citizens by birth. The economy depends on two sources of income: tourism and the military.



bases on Guam: Andersen Air Force Base in the north and Naval Base Guam in the south. They are both managed under Joint Base Marianas. The tourist district of Tumon, home to many of Guam's hotels and resorts, is in between. The naval base dates from 1898, when the US took over Guam. The air base was built in 1944, when the US was preparing to send bombers over Japan during WWII. Today, the naval base is the home port of four nuclear-powered, fast attack submarines and two submarine tenders. Andersen Air Force Base hosts a navy helicopter squadron and USAF bombers that rotate to Guam from the US mainland. It has

two, two-mile long runways and large fuel and munitions storage facilities. Altogether, 7,000 military personnel are stationed on Guam. Most are sailors and airmen. The military plans to move thousands of Marines to Guam from Okinawa.

Guam is strategically located a short flight from the Korean peninsula and other flashpoints in East Asia. Seoul is 2,000 miles to the northwest; Tokyo is 1,500 miles north, and Taipei is 1,700 miles west. The naval base is an important outpost for the submarines there which are a key means of gathering intelligence in the region. The USAF began rotating long-range bombers – B-52's, B-1's and B-2's – to Andersen in 2004 to compensate for diverted units sent to the Middle East. Later rotations came as North Korea upped the ante with its devel-

opment of nuclear weapons and long-range missiles. In 2013, the Army sent a missile defense system to Guam, designed to destroy ballistic missiles in their first phase of flight. [Source: The Associated Press; Audrey McAvoy (August 9, 2017)]

OPERATION DOWNFALL: THE INVASION OF JAPAN

By 1943, the tide of war had turned in the Pacific in favor of the US. Our island-hopping campaign was rolling northward, defeating or bypassing islands occupied by Imperial Japan. We overcame the outlying possessions of Japan itself; Iwo Jima was receiving returning B-29's who could not make it back to base. Okinawa was in the mopping-up stages and being occupied. It became clear that an invasion of the Japanese homeland islands was going to be necessary.

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At first, there was hope such invasion could be avoided altogether if the Japanese could be induced to surrender. Admiral Ernest King, the Navy's Pacific commander, advocated attacking and capturing additional Asian bases west of Japan to tighten the stranglehold. But, the suicidal resistance of the Japanese at Iwo Jima and Okinawa discouraged such hopes. At their first formal planning session, the Joint Chiefs were given a first look at the plan of invasion, called "Operation Downfall". Staff planners pointed out that the Japanese honor code would make unconditional surrender very difficult to obtain. During the entire war, for example, not a single Japanese unit had surrendered. Intensified naval blockade and air bombardment might result in a negotiated peace at best. If surrender was to remain the goal, there was no

real alternative: Japan had to be invaded.

More active planning of the invasion got underway. In January 1945, Admiral William F. (“Bull”) Halsey, Commander of the Third Fleet, flew back to Pearl Harbor to confer with fellow admirals. From Manila, General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Commander of the Southwest Pacific, weighed in with his opinions. The consensus was that there would have to be two separate invasions. The first, code named “Operation Olympic”, would secure a foothold on Kyushu, the southernmost of Japan’s four main islands. Scheduled for November 1, 1945, Operation Olympic would pave the way for Operation Coronet, the final, all-out attack against the largest island, Honshu – with its capital city, Tokyo – scheduled for March 1, 1946.



The plan for Operation Olympic sliced a 250-mile coast of the southern end of Kyushu into seven “Beach Zones” and within those, specific beaches, code named for different makes of automobiles, in alphabetic order within each zone. “Town Car Beach Zone”, for example, included seven separate beaches: Austin, Buick, Cadillac, Chevrolet, Chrysler, Cord

and Dort. The small island group west of Kyushu had to be included, and its beaches were code named auto parts – Hubcap; Spark Plug, etc. In all, Operation Olympia had 36 designated beach landing sites on Kyushu itself, 13 of which were inland along the inlet leading to Kagoshima.

The designation of a leader to command this great invasion became an issue. MacArthur yearned for the job. As he saw it, Operation Downfall was primarily a land campaign, with the amphibious landings mere curtain risers. He argued for an Army general to be in charge. But, the Navy was not about to put its celebrated amphibious forces in the hands of an Army general. This dispute dragged on for months, so occupying the Joint Chiefs that it threatened to interfere with other planning. A compromise was reached, putting MacArthur in overall charge of the invasion, but the amphibious landings, upon which the entire endeavor depended, would remain a Navy responsibility under Admiral Raymond Spruance.

The critical initial landings received the planners’ most anxious attention. Despite intelligence efforts, they were unaware of the full extent of Japan’s defense measures; two million well-fed, well-equipped troops stationed around Japan; a force of some 10 million able-bodied civilians mobilized into a guerilla force; and thousands of kamikaze pilots and planes secretly hoarded for such invasion. Further, there was the terrain itself; an invaders nightmare of wild ravines riddled with caves and tunnels.

US planners aimed to counter these dangers with an overwhelming combination of force,

speed and expertise, on a scale which would dwarf the Normandy landings. Hundreds of thousands of Marine and Sixth Army infantrymen would storm ashore simultaneously at the dozens of beaches. The goal was to sweep inland and secure 8,000 square miles of occupied territory, creating a staging area for Operation Coronet – twice the size of Olympic, with as many as 28 divisions aimed at Honshu. Projections were as high as a million casualties among US forces alone, plus an equal or greater number of Japanese deaths.

On May 25, 1945, seven weeks before the first atomic device was exploded at Alamogordo, NM, the Joint Chiefs ordered the first part of Operation Olympic to proceed. Staffs immediately went to work on the staggering job of drawing together the men, equipment and supplies needed. No one in the Pacific theatre, even at the highest levels, was aware that an atomic bomb existed until two weeks before Paul Tibbets climbed into the Enola Gay and set a course for targets in Japan. From private to general, all assumed they would be taking part in the invasion. In Europe, where the fighting had ended, soldiers were waiting transfer to the Pacific to support the inevitable attack on Japan.

On June 18, 1945, President Truman added his own approval to the invasion plans. Less than a month later, however, he knew that he had another option. Late in July, the Fifth Fleet was busy raiding the Japanese coast in preparation for the coming invasion, when it was inexplicably ordered to withdraw. Soon after, on August 6th, the Enola Gay with its fateful atomic payload, left Tinian for Japan. Operation Downfall became

buried in the National Archives, downgraded to “Confidential – Modified Handling Authorized” late in 1945.

Source: LIFE magazine, special issue; Vol. 8, No. 6; article by Edward Kern, Reporter. (1985)

EDITORIAL: WAR AND CAPABILITY TO WAR

The above article describes what America was preparing to do to end World War II, but it found another means. Of all US wars from the Revolution to Persian Gulf operations, no war was as total and global as WWII. In those four years – from Pearl Harbor to Hiroshima – the US went from an ill-prepared nation to the strongest, most dedicated military and populace, with total devotion to the defeat of the Axis Powers. Which brings us to today. Could we do it again, if necessary?

If circumstances required total mobilization, would such incentive erase the division which splits us today? Would it allow another Selective Service Act? Would the Armed Forces find the volunteers, and would those young men and women be fit to serve? Fit in terms of physical, mental and medical condition, at least able to survive basic training or boot camp? Is our industry ready to drop everything and turn to making the tools of war? Is the government prepared to put aside some civil rights and environmental concerns to mobilize quickly for war? Few of these requirements were present for the Korean War, the Vietnam War or the Persian Gulf operations.

Total war footing would not be like the 1940's. Technology is much advanced in all respects – in weapons, armor, aircraft, ships, communications, intelli-

gence, field medicine, etc., but there should be concern about attitude and willingness to make the sacrifices made then; the willingness to rain wholesale death on the enemy. Response to Pearl Harbor was almost instant in firing up the US war machine. Could we do it again, if needed? Think about it!

OUR PURPOSE IN BEING AND ITS LIMITS

It does not hurt to remind ourselves on occasion of the purposes of an American Legion Post. Those are stated in general terms in the Preamble to the Constitution, the recitation of which opens each membership meeting, hopefully with some understanding of the meaning of those words. Public Law 767 (77th Congress) begins with the words of the Preamble. Legion purposes and objectives are further displayed and defined by the Four Pillars which support our “roof”:

- ~ Strong National Security
- ~ Taking Care of Veterans
- ~ Mentoring Youth
- ~ Patriotism and Honor

American Legion units are obliged to conform to another set of defined purposes – those which allow Legion Posts (and other veteran associations) to be “not-for-profit” under IRS Regulation 1.501(c). Therein, eight purposes of “war veterans’ associations” are stated:

“1. Promoting the social welfare needs of the community.

“2. Assisting needy and disabled veterans and widows and orphans of deceased veterans.

“3. Providing entertainment, care, and assistance to hospitalized veterans or members of the Armed Forces of the United States.

“4. Perpetuating the memory of veterans and comforting their survivors.

“5. Conducting programs for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes.

“6. Sponsoring or participating in patriotic activities.

“7. Providing insurance benefits to members and/or their dependents.

“8. Providing social and recreational activities for members.”

To not jeopardize its non-profit status, a Legion Post must operate within these purposes, which pertain to how its financial resources are spent. However, if any of the IRS purposes is in conflict with the American Legion Constitution or By-Laws, the Legion document is tighter and prevails.

An obvious conflict and violation would be a Post entering into a business, like a fast-food franchise, where it was in competition with private enterprise. There does not seem to be much risk of Post 305 becoming a profit-making business. All Posts, as warned by Legion guidelines, cannot exist on dues alone; they must raise added funds by some other means. The Legion suggests 23 money-raising projects “which have proven highly successful”. Those include Amateur Shows, Ice Carnivals and Minstrel Shows! It also states three categories of fundraising: “(1) operation of club rooms and dining facilities for its members; (2) sponsorship of miscellaneous fund-raising projects, and (3) direct appeal to the public”. Our Post has to stay in the box of categories (2) and (3).

Amateur Show? Now, that's something we haven't tried. Does Post 305 have talent?

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 305 NEWS

President Kathy Carroll



As I sit here writing this article, I know that all of us are still experiencing the wrath of Hurricane Harvey. Although we were spared a direct hit, this flooding rain can be just as devastating and destructive. I hope that each of you and your families are safe and dry. However, I want to remind you that if Harvey has caused you losses and you need some extra help, you are entitled to apply to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund for assistance. This is a benefit of belonging to this great organization. Go online for instructions at www.ALAFOR-Veterans.org.

At our August meeting we presented **Rosalie Fryer** with her 40-year pin and a certificate recognizing her many contributions to the Auxiliary. **Rosalie** is a charter member of Unit #305; she served multiple terms as Unit President, and she served as District 7 President and Division 2 President. She has served on too many committees for me to list, and she is recognized Department-wide for her wealth of knowledge and her willingness to share her information and to help whenever asked. Realizing how lucky we are to have **Rosalie** as a member of our Unit, we voted to make **Rosalie** a Life Member and presented her the Life Member pin and certificate. Thank you again, **Rosalie**, for everything you do. You are a treasure!

Gene Wilson is doing a fantastic job of organizing and shipping our Care Packages to Iraq. And, through December we will also be

sending packages to Afghanistan where **Geri Mulvihill's** son is deployed. **Gene** has received donations from people she knows across the country. The Woodlands High School Student Council has agreed to work with us on this project, and we hope to involve others in the community. Two things that **Gene** wants us to remember are that some of these service people are women, so we need "female" items, and she wants to know who makes donations so everyone can be properly thanked. Once again, if you have items to donate and can't get them to **Gene**, contact any Auxiliary member and we will arrange to pick them up.

September 24th has been designated as Gold Star Mothers' Day. Gold Star mothers are a group that none of us ever want to join, so it is important that we recognize their sacrifice. Our Unit would like to send cards to as many of these mothers as possible. If you know a Gold Star mother and have contact information and would like her to receive a card from us, send the information to me at kcarroll47@sbcglobal.net as soon as possible so we can mail the cards in time.

Our General Operating Fund is running a little low but rather than having a fundraiser, we decided that we will try to fill the coffers by participating in some craft fairs this Fall. So far, we will have a table at the St. Simon and Jude Fair on October 22nd and The Woodlands Flea Market on October 28th. If you have things that we can sell and/or you would like to help on the day of the fair, please let us know.

Here are a few other dates to put on your calendar:

~ The Post will be having its Annual Fall Rummage Sale on October 20-21. The Auxiliary will be there both days to help wherever we can. The more hands we have to work, the lighter the load for everyone.

~ We will be hosting our Girls State Recognition Event on November 8th at the South County Community

Center at 6:30 PM. **Geri Mulvihill** is in charge and if you can help with food, decorations, set up and clean up, please let her know.

Also, if you are in need of some help with home repairs, our dual member **Dora Blue**, said she would be able to work with you. Contact her at dora.blue@aol.com.

Don't forget that this is membership renewal time. You should receive your renewal notice in the mail any time now. Mail it in as soon as possible so it doesn't get set aside and forgotten. You can also renew on line at www.ALAFOR-Veterans.org. Also, our new, updated membership handbook is available for all our members. Just contact **Dayna Salter** to arrange to get your copy.

I could not end this column without noting that September 11th marks the 16th anniversary of the devastating attack on our country. I was talking to my grandson this summer, who is very interested in history, and I realized that he has no concept of peacetime. We have a whole generation of young people who have only known wartime. That is very sad! So, while we continue to support our military, let us continue to pray for peace.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, September 21st at 7:00 PM at the South County Community Center. Until then, try to stay high and dry.

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

Kathy Carroll,
President, Unit #305



CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCALE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Mon.	Sept. 4	Labor Day		
Mon.	Sept. 11	Patriot Day – 9/11 Attacks (2001)		
Thur.	Sept. 18	Executive Committee Meeting	South County Community Center @ 7:00 PM	
Thur.	Sept. 21	Department's Fall Executive	Omni Austin Southpark Hotel, Austin	
	to Sun. Sept. 24	Committee Meeting		
Thur.	Sept. 21	Membership Meetings	South County Community Center @ 7:00 PM	
Sat.	Oct. 7	Afghan War Began (2001)		
Fri.	Oct. 13	U. S. Navy Established (1775)		
Mon.	Oct. 16	Executive Committee Meeting	South County Community Center @ 7:00 PM	
Thur.	Oct. 19	Annual Oktoberfest Picnic	Shadowbend Park, (Woodlands) @ 7:00 PM	
Fri.	Oct. 20	Fall Rummage Sale – Set-up Day	Robinson Road Community Ctr. @ 7:00 AM	
Sat.	Oct. 21	(Continues) – Sale Day		
Fri.	Oct. 27	Navy Day		
Tues.	Oct. 31	Halloween	Trick or treat!	
Tues.	Nov. 7	Election Day		
Fri.	Nov. 10	Marine Corps Established (1775)		
Sat.	Nov. 11	Veterans Day	Remember Our Veterans, POW's & MIA's	

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