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POST COMMANDER VICTORIA GLOVER



April is here! It is Springtime already! I want to thank each and everyone of this year's and previous year's officers for all their hard work. Without them the Post cannot run smoothly. I know they don't always feel appreciated, but they truly are.

Jim Bolin presided over the March meeting due to my needing to tend to family business. **Art Eipper** stepped down from his Member-at-Large position for personal reasons, but he did say that he enjoyed being with us. **Harlen Thornhill** has volunteered to step up to the plate as Member-at-Large to serve out **Eipper's** term. I have made that appointment. That leaves us with one unfilled Member-at-Large position. Thank you **Harlen!** We do have the Post elections coming up in May! All positions are available for you to run for!

I have completed the Boys State interviews and selected two more boys to go to Austin. If you would like to sponsor a boy, get with me and **Emery**

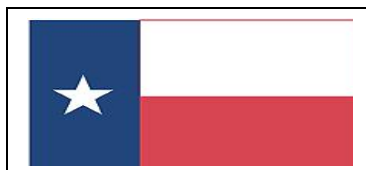
THINK NOT OF THE PRICE OF YOUR DUES; THINK OF THE
PRICE YOU PAID TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PAY THEM

Heuermann, our Finance Officer. We have 12 boys already sponsored out of the 29 interviewed. I still have a couple of schools which are going to sponsor a boy each. Your sponsorship is greatly appreciated and goes to a worthy cause.

Throughout our great nation folks honor all Vietnam veterans on March 29th as the proclaimed day of such appreciation. Though I was not of that generation, I truly do thank you who served then, in country and in that war zone. I thank each and every one of our military veterans of ALL wars and conflicts. We need to continue to appreciate each other and help each other. Check on friends and family that are vets. Don't let them go by the wayside. I know we talk at the social time, but let's not forget those that do not get to come out.

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

Victoria Glover
Commander



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (March 15, 2018)

With **Jim Bolin** acting as Commander, in the unexpected absence of **Victoria Glover**, the membership meeting got underway following the stipulated ritual. Then, it was immediately put into recess for a joint session with the Auxiliary to witness the Four Chaplains Memorial Service, as conducted by the Post and Unit chaplains; **Bill Houghton** and **Geri Mulvihill**. This traditional service, held usually during each February meeting, had been postponed this year due to the absence of both chaplains in February. The service was begun by singing of "America the Beautiful" and a recitation by **Chaplain Houghton** of the story of the February 2, 1943, sinking by enemy action of the troop transport *USAT Dorchester* enroute to Greenland. Four newly-commissioned, US Army chaplains were aboard, and they sacrificed their own lives to help other soldiers and crewmen to abandon the doomed ship. As witnessed by survivors in lifeboats and in the cold sea. The four chaplains gave up their own lifejackets to others, stayed on board and found watery graves. The memorial service was finely done by **Bill** and **Geri**, alternating the parts. It was much appreciated. That done, the Post's recess status

was reversed and the meeting called to order.

Minutes of the 2/15/2018 membership meeting and the 3/12/2018 Executive Committee meeting had been prepared and distributed by **Adjutant Pickens Jones**. Those were taken up for approval. One significant omission was not found in the latter set by **Everett Ison**: At that meeting, **Committeeman Art Eipper** announced he was resigning his position and transferring his membership to Post 618 in Willis. He then left that meeting, but the Committee took no action in response. Now, the minutes were amended to reflect the acceptance of **Eipper's** resignation. Otherwise, the two sets of minutes were adopted by voice vote.

Finance Officer Emery Heuermann was called on for his report. He had distributed a summary report to those present, and the essence of the financials as of 2/28/2018 were: General Fund: \$8,492.35; Investment Fund: \$ 33,451.34; Total Assets: \$41,943.69. **Emery** cautioned that spread between the two funds were "untouchable" monies dedicated to a special use such as "Boys State" and "Building Fund". These are earmarked funds and are tracked as a separate matter.

Acting Commander Bolin called on any other officers for reports, and **Service Officer Toby Carroll** took the floor. He stated that March 29th had been proclaimed "Vietnam Veterans' Appreciation Day" and suggested that the Post do something to show its appreciation to the majority of its members. Because March 29th, a Thursday, is not a Post

meeting day, we could show appreciation at the April 19th meeting, better late than never. **Toby** also proposed having a VA representative from DeBakey Medical Center as a speaker at a joint Post/Auxiliary session – say, 30 minutes talk, plus Q&A. Many of the veteran problems he finds pertain to the spouse or widow of a veteran. If we need to hold a special session outside of a regular meeting, that can be done, **Toby** expected. **Emery Heuermann** endorsed the Vietnam veterans appreciation event and proposed it be a "homemade ice cream social" at the April meeting. That prompted the question of who were we expecting? All 'Nam vets in the Post (190)? All 'Nam vets in Montgomery County? All 'Nam vets in the Post's "pond"? Is this a recruiting effort? If we expect more than the 13 members now present, some notice must go out. There was no clear answer.

Acting Commander Bolin then ran through a batch of incoming mail for which he had no advance notice he would be in charge. It was difficult to understand the sender, the purpose and the issue. He reminded all of the District 7 Convention on Saturday, April 21 at Post 33 in Beaumont. This Post will as usual buy raffle tickets, contribute toward filling the Spirits Wagon and send a delegate or two. It was assumed that **Commander Glover** would be there.

With regard to the Spring Rummage Sale, our usual venue – the Robinson Road Community Center – is still "closed until further notice", so that leaves us once again with no sales site. At that, **Everett Ison** rose to the occasion and,



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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 at Henry's Home Horse and Human Sanctuary in Conroe.

once again offered the Post one trailer slot at The Woodlands Flea Market & Garage Sale, which takes place early, early on April 14th. **Jim Bolin**, who managed the Fall booth at the same event, said he could not do so this time. No other member present was heard to offer to be there, so the **Ison** offer died from disinterest. [Later, it was determined that the Auxiliary will setup and man a booth, selling baked goodies and crafty arts.]

In other news, the Post has signed on for a slot in The Woodlands Fourth of July Parade. **Emery Heuermann** stated he would help turn a flat, low-boy trailer into a coach, as the time approached. The Nominating Committee, comprised of **Jim Bolin** and **Emery Heuermann**, is at work seeking nominees for the election and service as an officer during 2018-2019.

There being no other business to come before the membership, **Acting Commander Bolin** adjourned the meeting in the customary manner. All Post and Auxiliary members present joined together to enjoy a traditional St. Patrick's Day supper – corned beef, boiled 'taters and cabbage, deviled eggs and Irish soda bread, plus green-frosted cupcakes,



VETERANS ADVOCATE

VA TRICARE SNAFU NO.
2017-92

As many as 45,000 Tricare households or beneficiaries could be dis-enrolled from Tricare coverage because their payment information was not updated when the agency changed regional contractors early this year. Affected users are retirees who use Tricare Prime and do not pay their annual fee through paycheck allotment and those who use the purchased Tricare Reserve Select, Retired Reserve and Young Adult plans. Other Tricare users, including Tricare for Life beneficiaries and active-duty families, are not impacted.

Tricare had previously been managed by three contractors in three regions: United Healthcare in the West, Health Net in the North, and Humana in the South. On January 1st, the system's South and North regions combined into Tricare East; the contractors changed to Health Net Federal Services in the West and Humana over the entire East region. As a result of the changes, purchased plan users and some Tricare Prime retirees in the former North and West regions were required to update their annual or monthly payment information or face disenrollment. Letters from Health Net dated November 18th and from Humana dated November 28th told those users that they had until December 20th and 24th respectively, to submit their payment information to the new contractors. At about the same time, Tricare announced that all enrollment updates had to be made by November 20th, in preparation for an update blackout period scheduled for December 1st to 23rd.

Now, Tricare officials say they are missing payment information for as many as 45,000

of those accounts across the two regions. Because of the December enrollment blackout, some of those users may have updated their information when instructed, only to have it lost during the transition, officials said. "It's possible that if they updated during the blackout period it may not have processed correctly, and they should check their payment information," said Kevin Dwyer, a Tricare spokesman. "It's a good idea for beneficiaries who live in the former Tricare North or West regions who pay their Tricare enrollment fees or premiums through electronic funds transfer, or via debit or credit card, to check their bank or credit card statement to make sure their Tricare fees for January and February have been paid," he said. "If not, they should contact their new regional contractor to provide payment information."

Tricare officials said both Humana and Health Net are sending new letters to those who have not updated their accounts. As many as 20,000 people in Tricare East already updated their information after a new letter went out from Humana to 41,000 households early in March, Dwyer said. If payment is not received before the last paid-through date, which in many cases was January 1st, coverage will be canceled within 150 days. That means thousands of Tricare users will be dropped from the coverage books by the end of May -- 150 days from January 1st -- if the information is not updated. "If payment isn't received by the new contractor within 150 days from the last paid-through date, the beneficiary will lose Tricare coverage," Dwyer said in a statement.

Because more than one beneficiary may be in each plan, information is not readily available on how many actual Tricare users may be without coverage if the payment updates are not made. About 20,000 accounts receive disenrollment letters each month as a matter of regular business due to rejected credit cards or other problems, Tricare officials stated. They said that up to half of the current problems could be a result of those issues. "Bottom line: notices for delinquent accounts is a recurring, fairly high volume, task," Dwyer said. To check if their payment option has been updated, beneficiaries in the East should contact Humana, while those in the West should contact Health Net.

All users who pay by credit or debit card must update their information by postal mail or fax. Humana users who pay through electronic funds transfer can update their information online, while HealthNet users must use a mail or fax form for that process as well.

Officials with military support organizations that represent Tricare beneficiaries said the system needs to work to make sure no one is dropped in the wake of the January 1st changes, including purchased plan users and Prime retirees. "We don't need to be disenrolling people from their earned benefits," said Kathy Beasley, a director of health affairs at the Military Officers Association of America. "We do need to do everything possible to bring people to change their payment options, but the last thing we need to be doing in the midst of this is threatening them and disenrolling from their care."

Frank Yoakum, who directs the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS), said the failure to update is likely due to a lack of communication for Guard and reservists. Those members see their units only a few days a month, and are often not dialed into changes within the military community. If units didn't give specific briefings about the need to update, or provided the briefings after the changes, troops may not know they are happening. "I really think there's a contributory thing between Tricare not getting the information out and the units doing the right thing," he said. [Source: Military.com | Amy Bushatz | March 22, 2018 ++]

PUBLIC COMMENT DUE NOW ON PLACEMENT OF DESERT STORM MEMORIAL IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

The National Desert Storm War Memorial Association, in cooperation with the National Park Service, is looking for comments from the public on a potential design of a memorial for Operation Desert Storm. The memorial, which Congress has authorized to be built by 2021, will honor the soldiers who served and the 383 who died in operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. "As a Marine Corps veteran of Operation Desert Storm, I came to the startling realization six years ago that ODS was becoming a footnote in history, an insignificant speed bump as recollected by many," wrote Scott Stump, CEO and president of NDSWMA, in an op-ed published by the Military Times in 2016. "We also had more than 600,000 Americans answer the call to serve, all of whom were ready to lay down

their lives if required to do so. The service and sacrifice of this generation should never be forgotten."

The initial design reflects the "unique environmental and battle conditions" of the war with a curved Kuwaiti limestone wall that shields visitors from their urban surroundings and mimics the successful "left-hook" maneuver that coalition forces used, according to the NDSWMA website <http://www.ndswm.org>.

Through wall carvings and statues, it will also serve to educate people about the historical events of Desert Storm, identify the 34 coalition countries, and memorialize the names of all the Americans who sacrificed their lives in the war, according to the website for the Association, which is led by Honorary Board Chairman and former President George H.W. Bush, and a board of directors made up of Desert Storm veterans.

The proposed design varies for each of the three locations being considered, according to Stump. All are close to the National Mall, and the first two are near the Lincoln Memorial. The three locations are: the end of Constitution Avenue near 23rd Street NW; the Constitution Avenue Belvedere, near Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway NW; and Walt Whitman Park on E Street NW. The Association prefers the location at Constitution and 23rd for its proximity to the other war memorials and to the Lincoln Memorial, as both speak of liberation, according to Stump. "We feel that it's very important to have a memorial that's very easily accessed by pedestrians who are visiting the other war

memorials, or commemorative memorials, in West Potomac Park,” Stump told the Military Times. The location is also close to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, an important connection as many of the military’s leaders in 1991 were veterans of the Vietnam War, said Stump. “In many ways this is the antithesis to Vietnam. This is their victory, their vindication as well,” he said. The public is invited to submit comments through the National Park Service: <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?parkID=427&projectID=62216&documentID=86414>. The comment period closes on April 13, 2018 [Source: Army Times | Nicole Bauke | March 21, 2018 ++]

SOME VETERAN AND GI DISCOUNTS YOU MAY NOT BE AWARE OF

To celebrate and show their gratitude to the nation’s service members and veterans, many companies and organizations offer discounts and freebies throughout the year. Visit the websites listed below to ensure eligibility. Plenty of other organizations and companies offer discounts for members of the military, so be sure to always inquire about deals at the time of purchase. Here are six military deals to check out:

1. Custom Banners -- Are you looking for the perfect way to welcome home your loved one? [Build A Sign](#) offers free, 100-percent customizable banners for families celebrating the homecoming of their deployed service member. This is the perfect way to show your loved one how much you have missed them.

2. Amusement Parks -- Many amusement parks across the country offer discounts for military families. Places like [Busch Gardens](#), [Sea World](#), and [Sesame Place](#) provide military members one free admission a year. Learn more at [waves of honor.com](http://wavesofhonor.com). Find additional attractions and vacation ideas for your family — all with military discounts — in [“Kid-Friendly Vacations.”](#)

3. Cellphone Discounts -- Most major cellphone providers — including AT&T, Boost Mobile, Sprint, U.S. Cellular, and Verizon — offer military discounts on wireless plans to current and former service members. To find the best deal for your family, do some shopping and focus on the plan that is right for you.

4. Athletic Apparel and Shoes -- Nike offers a 10-percent discount to service members. Registration is quick and easy. All you need is a valid military ID card. To find how you can get your discount, visit nike.com.

5. Wedding Dresses -- [Brides Across America](#) is a nonprofit that is committed to gifting weddings and wedding gowns to military and first-responder brides. Founded in 2008, the organization has gifted over 20,000 dresses. Their “Operation Wedding Gown Event” is held twice a year: in July (around Independence Day) and in November (around Veterans Day). Check out more deals for your big day in [“Discounts on Wedding Packages.”](#)

6. Event Tickets -- The [Veteran Tickets Foundation](#) offers free tickets to currently serving military members of all

branches of service and veterans. The Foundation’s goal is to support troops by providing positive family and life experiences. Tickets are provided for events, concerts, performing arts, and educational and family activities across the nation. To receive your free tickets, sign up at vettix.org. [Source: MOAA Newsletter | March 22, 2018 ++]

BEWARE! THERE’S A NEW SCAM RUNNING AROUND

Con artists are using something called a **porting scam** (or sometimes **port-out scam**) to gain access to victims’ personal and financial accounts and logins.

How the Scam Works:

~ Porting scams start with scammers stealing your phone number and service. How is that even possible? First, they get your name, phone number, and as much personal information as they can get their hands on. Next, they call your phone company claiming to be you. They tell the company that your phone was stolen and request the phone number be ported to another device and provider

~ If the cell company complies, scammers gain control of your number. They begin accessing accounts that require authorization via a text message. Accounts can include email providers, social networks, invoicing software, and even online banking. Once they’ve bypassed that security, scammers can easily steal your identity and/or your money.

How to Avoid Porting Scams:

~ **Set up two-factor authentication.** In many cases, you can set up additional verification measures that would prevent a

stranger from successfully porting your phone number
~ **Contact your provider if your phone suddenly *stops working.** If you can't make or receive phone calls or text messages, don't assume there is something wrong with your phone. Use a land line or a friend's phone to report the problem immediately to your cellular service provider.

~ **Be alert to any signs of phishing.** Be wary of any suspicious alerts from your personal or financial accounts or unsolicited requests for two-factor authorization.

~ **Be cautious when sharing personal information.** Only share your full name, phone number and other personal information with people and companies that you know and trust.

PATRIOTS' DAY

The holiday known as Patriots' Day was always on April 19th, the date of the anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord in 1775. The day is principally observed in New England, the "cradle of liberty", but it is most commonly recognized by Massachusetts, Maine, Connecticut, Wisconsin and Florida.

It was first proclaimed "Lexington Day" in 1894 when the Lexington Historical Society petitioned the State Legislature to so designate April 19th. But, the Town of Concord followed suit, countering with "Concord Day". A compromise was reached and the name became "Patriots' Day". It also marked the first bloodshed of the Civil War which occurred in 1861 in the Baltimore Riot, where four members of the Massachusetts militia were slain and 36 were



Minuteman Statue

wounded. In 1938, with the generation that fought the Civil War off the voter rolls, the Massachusetts State Legislature passed a bill which established Patriots' Day in commemoration of the opening events of the American Revolution. Observance of the day has been changed to the third Monday in April to create a three-day week-end. Thus, that

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BIRDIES FOR CHARITY RESULTS ARE IN!

The Houston Golf Association Coordinator Sharon Fitzpatrick has informed the Post that there was one winner of the Birdies contest. Lela Quarles donated \$20 to "Friends of the Harris County Library" and made a single guess: 1,922. She nailed it!

day is the annual date of the Boston Marathon and is always a Red Sox home game day. The Boston Marathon bombing in 2013 was on April 15th killing three and maiming or injuring over 100 others. Otherwise, the day is filled with parades, re-enactments, band concerts and other patriotic events.

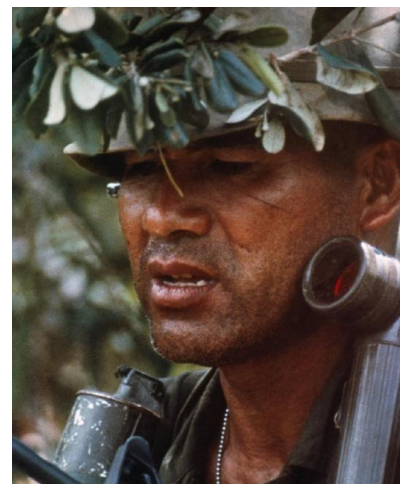
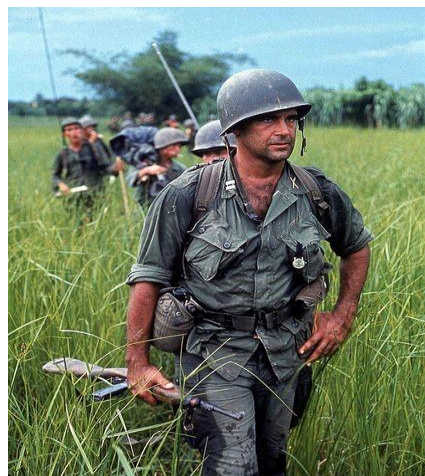


Commemorative Stamps issued in 1925



[Patriot Day is the National 9/11 day in September, not to be confused with the more regional Revolutionary War commemoration.]

**TO OUR VIETNAM-ERA VETERANS,
WHEREVER YOU SERVED, WHATEVER UNIFORM YOU WORE,
REGARDLESS OF RANK,
POST 305 APPRECIATES YOUR SERVICE**



SPECIAL APRIL PHOTOGRAVURE PAGE

In an unusual shift of emphasis, the Army has ordered 6,000 new light personnel carriers dubbed “DESTROYER” while the US Coast Guard has just deployed the first of six “National Security Cutters” for drug interdiction and anti-smuggling action; home port for the first: San Diego, California.



NAS Cutter Steven H. Evans (CGC 1118)



ATTENTION: PRODUCT RECALL

By an AP release, *The Bugle* learned of a recall of a pedal-car called “Comand Geep” that a Virgil Higgins of Willis set off. We sent one of our crack reporters to interview Mr. Higgins (pictured below). His story: “Bought this sidewalk toy for the boy – he just turned six – from the Family Dollar store. ‘Some assembly required’ the box said. I got about half done when I figured something wasn’t right. The missus told me to jus’ get ‘er done and quit fussin’. Well, the toy looks OK, but I must’ve bought the wrong size! The store won’t take it back; it came from China – and I lost the sales slip. The company what made it – Silk Willies Industries – put out a recall, however, I’m keeping it, after all that work I did. My little Harry will grow into it someday!”



And this from our London Bureau: British authorities are seen here trying to complete the setting forward of Stonehenge by one hour by daybreak, an annual ritual.



MYSTERIOUS SPACECRAFT MADE FORCED LANDING ON U.S. CARRIER IN JULY 1942

Secret documents just made public included this photo of an X-wing fighter which crash landed on the USS Long Island. It was quickly hidden and later off-loaded and sent to Area 51, then known as Groom Lake in Nevada. It is unknown whether there was a pilot or crew.



PROGRAMS & NEWS OF AUXILIARY UNIT 305

Hooray! Spring is here. Personally I am glad to put the cold and rain of winter behind me and welcome the sunshine and flowers. In March, **Joan Sparks, Thars Higginson** and **Kathy Carroll** reviewed 99 essays submitted for this year's essay contest for children and youth. The topic was "What Can You Personally Do To Promote Patriotism and Americanism in Your School and Community". Many of the essays were well written, and we were able to select three essays to be sent to Department for further judging. Hopefully one of these will go on to National.

March 25th saw Red, White and Bike race day. Unit 305 once again manned the first rest stop and made sure there were snacks, drinks and a first aid kit for the riders. This year the families of the kids who received the bikes visited each rest stop so that we had a chance to meet and talk with them. It was very gratifying to see how excited the kids were and to hear how appreciative the families are for the bikes. It was also interesting to hear how many bikers do this race every year because they believe it is for such a good cause. I am very proud that our Unit supports such a good activity.

April also brings many activities for the Post and the Unit. Two "holidays" to celebrate this month are Patriots Day and National Vietnam War Veterans Day. Patriots Day was established to commemorate the battles of Lexington and Concord in 1775. It was during this time that Paul Revere's famous ride took place. Although it is not a federal holiday, it is celebrated regionally on the 3rd Monday of April. National Vietnam War Veterans Day is actually March 29th, but the Post decided to recognize our Vietnam veterans at the regularly scheduled April meeting. We are hoping for a big turnout and the Unit will be providing a spaghetti dinner and decorations.

The Nominating Committee is working diligently to fill our slate of officers for the 2018-2019 year. You still have time to volunteer for any of the positions. Don't hesitate to contact **Rosalie Fryer** at 936-520-8895 and let her know in what position you would like to serve. We also have many committees and if you are interested in working on any one or more of these, please let us know. In this age of technology and social media, we also need someone to keep up with our Facebook page. This could be a great job for someone who may not be able to get out to the meetings, since you can do this from home.

The District 7 Spring Convention will be held on April 21, 2018, at Post 618 in Willis. Registration will start at 8:00 AM and they expect to finish all business by approximately 2:00 PM, followed by lunch. The Traveling Trophy will be awarded to the Post/Unit who donates the most new white socks or briefs (not boxers). They will be given to the VA's. DeBakey Hospital. You can bring these to our next meeting or contact any of the Unit officers and we will arrange a pick-up. This is a good opportunity to attend a convention that won't take up your whole weekend and you will have a chance to meet Auxiliary members from other parts of the District and learn about their activities and maybe get some new ideas. Please let me know if you are interested in attending by April 6th because I have to register the Unit. You can call me at 281-323-4085 or email me at kcarroll47@sbcglobal.net.

Our Unit is planning on having a table at the Woodlands Flea Market Sale on April 14th in the Marriott Garage at the Woodlands Mall. We will be there from 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM. If you are interested in manning the table or have items that will be good sellers, please contact me or **Rosalie Fryer** so we know how to plan. We are also planning on having baked goods for sale.



Once again, we can arrange to pick these items up from you if you are unable to deliver them.

April also means that it is time for our Unit to submit our Narrative Reports to Department. As your President, I will write the reports but I appreciate any help you can give me. This means that if you have done any volunteer work in the community or for veterans and I have not heard about it, now is the time to tell me. No amount of hours or activity is too small to report. When all of our hours are added together, they will make an impact. Also I am looking for pictures of our Unit at work or play, and pictures of anything that you may have done or attended. Pictures always make these reports much more interesting. Please email reports and pictures to me at kcarroll47@sbcglobal.net or call me and I will pick them up.

Girls State interviews are complete. What an amazing job **Geri Mulvihill** and her committee have done. They have interviewed 40 girls and it looks like we will be sending 28 girls to Girls State.

Our next meeting will be on April 19, at the South County Community Center at 7:00 PM. As I said earlier, we will be doing a spaghetti dinner. **Betty Lips** has volunteered to keep track of what everyone is bringing so if you are planning to provide something, please contact her at 281-682-5210 or at betty@bettylips.com. Hope to see you then.

God bless our men and women in uniform, our veterans and God bless the United States of America.

Kathy Carroll, President

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCALE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Sun.	Apr. 1	Easter Sunday & April Fool's Day		
Mon.	Apr. 16	Executive Committee Meeting	South County Community Center @ 7:00 PM	
Thur.	Apr. 19	Membership Meetings	South County Community Center @ 7:00 PM	
Sat.	Apr 21	District 7 Convention	Post 618, Willis	
Tue.	May 8	VE Day (1945)	WWII Ends in Europe	
Sun.	May 13	Mother's Day		
Mon.	May 14	Executive Committee Meeting	South County Community Center @ 7:00 PM	
Thur.	May 17	Membership Meetings (Elections)	South County Community Center @ 7:00 PM	
Sat.	May 19	Armed Forces Day		
Mon	May 28	Memorial Day (Observed)	Troop the Colors at the National Cemetery	
Wed	June 6	D-Day (1944)	Normandy Beach Landings	
Thru	June 14	Flag Day	Show the Colors!	
Sun	June 17	Father's Day		
Mon.	June 18	Executive Committee Meeting	South County Community Center @ 7:00 PM	
Thur.	June 21	Membership Meetings (Installation)	South County Community Center @ 7:00 PM	
Mon.	June 25	Korean War Began (1950)		
Wed.	July 4	Independence Day	The Woodlands July 4 th Parade.	

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