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Think not of the price of your dues. Think of the price you paid to be eligible to pay them.

Notice of March 21, 2019 Meeting

The March 21, 2019 meeting will be held at the ministry building at St Simon and Jude Church. Be sure and arrive early, say 6:30 to 7:00 if you would like to partake of the monthly munchies. The Auxiliary led by presiding officer **Kathy Carroll** does a great job in preparing dishes to snack on. Meet, greet and munch starts about 6:30. Meeting starts promptly at 7:30.

All non member war time veterans and or their mother, female spouse, daughters and grand daughters are invited to visit and consider becoming a member.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Bruce Carter



I completed my eighth month as Commander in February 2019. We had our February 2019 meeting in the Event Center (Domec Hall). Below is the schedule for the Post meetings for March and April. Please note the March 21, 2019 meeting location has been changed from Domec Hall to the Ministry House:

Post Meetings –

Ministry House (rooms A & B) (2019) March 21, April 18

Event Center (Domec Hall for Post meetings and room 10 for the Auxiliary)
(2019) - 5/16, 6/20, 7/18

There are directions to the church on our website, www.alpost305.org

MIA news: One of the topics I am interested in is news about our MIAs. Rather than recount information I've found I will continue to post the following website that documents recovery of MIAs: <https://www.dpaa.mil/News-Stories/Recent-News-Stories/>

This is an impressive listing that shows the diligence of our Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency.

Membership: As I mentioned last month, we have 293 paid up members, many of whom are Paid Up for Life (PUFL). Despite this significant membership we have less than 10% who actually come to meetings or otherwise participate in activities. I know that the community is very supportive of our organization and our Post. But we need more active participation from Post members in order to continue the services we provide to our veterans and community. Please endeavor to come to our meetings and see how you can help.

That is all . . . For God and Country,
Bruce Carter, Commanding Officer

STORIES

by Commander Bruce Carter

Here's an interesting story about the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to five members of the 101st Airborne Division for heroic service in Afghanistan. I'm especially interested in these awards since my father received the DFC for his service as a Navy flier during WWII in the South Pacific.

Five members of the 101st Airborne Division have received the Distinguished Flying Cross for rescuing a wounded soldier from a battlefield in Afghanistan and returning to save another even though their aircraft was damaged.

Capt. Benjamin Krzeczowski, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jonathan Cole, Sgt. 1st Class Andrew Six, Sgt. Armando Yanez and Cpl. Emmanuel Bynum were given the award at a Jan. 5 ceremony held at Resolute Support Headquarters in Kabul, Afghanistan.



The Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded to service members who distinguish themselves by heroic or extraordinary actions in flight while supporting combat operations.

“You are a special breed,” said Col. Matthew R. Weinshel told the soldiers during the medal ceremony, according to an [Army release](#). “You’re the only airframe we put out there with absolutely zero protection in the worst possible conditions. Nonetheless, you go in each and every time and you do your job professionally, competently and with valor, and I am proud of you all.”

The Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded to service members for heroic or extraordinary achievement in support of combat operations while in aerial flight.

On July 12, 2018, the five soldiers were part of the DUSTOFF 24 medevac crew attempting to rescue a wounded soldier. As they landed their HH-60 Black Hawk helicopter, they came under small-arms fire. Six, a combat medic, and Bynum, a helicopter repairer, provided security for the Black Hawk while Yanez brought the wounded soldier onboard. Yanez, also a combat medic, returned to the aircraft with more soldiers for backup while the wounded soldier was loaded on board.

Then as the Black Hawk was leaving the site, Bynum saw another soldier fall after taking fire. Pilot Krzeczowski maneuvered the helicopter behind a building and landed so the team could rescue the second soldier. They took off again, and then pilot Cole reported damage to the aircraft and advised landing as soon as possible. Gunfire had ripped into the helicopter’s hydraulic system modules, and fluid was leaking.

With both patients in critical condition, Krzeczowski decided to keep flying and get them to a medical facility, according to the release.

“The flight was my third or fourth mission with the medevac crew,” Bynum said at the ceremony. “The training I received helped me to be situationally aware of the surroundings of the landing zone.”

“As a medic in the Army, you are expected to handle situations such these,” Six said. “It’s no different from any other job that operates within a high-stress environment.”

This is another instance of the heroism of our soldiers performed in the finest tradition of U.S. military service.

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“Here’s another interesting WWI story. During my working career I spent a lot of time in Japan and am amazed at how our former enemies are now our allies and friends. Here is an article to demonstrate.”
Bruce

An airman traveled to Japan to personally return a [Japanese battle flag](#) that was captured by his grandfather during [World War II](#). Senior Master Sgt. William Lowell Armstrong, a flight superintendent stationed at [Kunsan Air Base, South Korea](#), returned his grandfather's war trophy to the Gunma Gokoku Shrine, which honors deceased veterans, in Takasaki, Japan, on Feb. 14. His grandfather, Cpl. Lowell Armstrong, gained possession of the flag while serving in Japan during the war, according to a U.S. Pacific Air Forces [news release](#).

“I am truly grateful that my grandfather kept the flag safe and in great condition all those years and my family decided to return it to its rightful owners, as we know how much it means to the family,” Armstrong said in the [release](#). “My grandfather would be happy that this flag is being returned to its home.”

The captured flag was known as a “Good Luck Flag” among the Japanese. The flag is typically signed by a service member’s loved ones and presented to them prior to entry into the military or before a deployment, according to the PACAF release.

As part of the ceremony, Armstrong put on a pair of white gloves, unfolded the well-maintained flag and presented it to the relatives of Masashi Ito, the Japanese soldier who originally owned it. “It was a great surprise to have it returned like this out of millions of those that died,” Michio Miki, one of Ito’s nephews, said in the release. “I am thankful for the thoughtfulness of Mr. Armstrong’s grandson to return it like this.”

Armstrong's grandfather never disclosed how he came to own the flag, as he never spoke about his time serving in the Pacific theater.

Photos of Masashi Ito (left) and Cpl. Lowell Armstrong (right) sit on display with a Japanese war flag during a flag return ceremony in Takasaki, Japan, Feb. 14. (Obon Society)



U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sgt. William Armstrong (left) hands a Japanese Good Luck Flag to Michio Miki (middle) and Hideo Ito, Masashi Ito's nephews, during a flag return ceremony in Takasaki, Japan, Feb. 14. (Obon Society)

Armstrong only learned of the flag's existence roughly two and a half years ago. His uncle came to own the flag after his grandfather passed away, and reached out to the Obon Society, a non-profit organization dedicated to returning Good Luck Flags to the family members of the original owner.

According to the group, Armstrong is the first active-duty grandson to participate in one of the flag repatriation ceremonies, the PACAF release read.

"It's an honor to represent my family at the event," Armstrong said. "My father, uncle and aunt regret they are unable to attend; however, I am honored to represent my family in this return ceremony. I was named after my grandfather and I am proud to carry his namesake. He was one of the kindest, hardworking men anyone would ever meet. He would do anything for anyone."

**That is all,
Bruce Carter, Commander**

THE AUXILIARY UNIT 305 *PROGRAMS & NEWS*



Presidents' Corner

Kathy Carroll

March 2019

March is finally here which means if we are lucky, we will have less rain and more sunshine and flowers. I know that I am ready for good weather especially since Red, White and Bike is this month. If you are not familiar with this organization, their aim is to provide bicycles for the children of service personnel who are wounded or killed in action. Our Unit will be manning a rest stop during this race. The race is on Sunday, March 24, 2019, and if you have never been there, I can tell you that it is a rewarding way to spend a Sunday morning. With many hands to help it doesn't take very long to get the food and drinks set up. Last year some of the families who received bikes attended the race and stopped to talk to the workers. If you are interested in helping out on the 24th, please contact Dayna Salter at 281-229-1365 to get directions.

March is also the month that our National President, **Kathy Dungan**, is visiting our Department. She will be in Houston the weekend of March 15 and 16. Unit 521 in Pasadena will be hosting a dinner in her honor on Saturday, March 16th and they are hoping that there will be a good turn out to welcome her. If you are interested in attending, please contact **Rosalie Fryer** at 936-520-8895. They want RSVPs and you also have a dinner choice of brisket or chicken.

We have spent a lot of time in February interviewing potential candidates for Girls State. We are working with 7 schools and I am happy to say that the young ladies that we have talked to are poised, well-spoken and anxious to be chosen to attend. I wish we could send all of them, but we are limited to choosing only 6 girls from each school. It is really exciting to see their enthusiasm and I know that I will be anxious to hear about their experience when they return.

April will be a very busy month for us. Our District 7 Convention will be at Post 84 in Madisonville on Saturday, April 13, 2019. All Auxiliary members are invited to attend. This will be an important meeting because we will be electing new District officers. I do need to register our delegates, so if you are interested in attending please let me know as soon as possible.

This month I also need to write all the end of year narratives and report them to our District President and the Department Chairmen of each committee. If you have any ideas of things to include in these reports or pictures to add please get them to me. It is our time to brag about all the things we have done this year and pictures say a lot. I also need your hours of service to veterans and the community and the number of miles you have driven doing Auxiliary business and service. Remember that whatever number you think covers your hours, you are probably under estimating your real time.

God bless our veterans, our men and women in uniform, and God Bless the United States of America.
Kathy Carroll, President ALA Unit 305

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1. There are 58,267 names now listed on that polished black wall, including those added in 2010.
2. The names are arranged in the order in which they were taken from us by date and within each date the names are alphabetized.
3. The first known casualty was Richard B. Fitzgibbon, of North Weymouth, Mass. Listed by the U.S. Department of Defense as having been killed on June 8, 1956. His name is listed on the Wall with that of his son, Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Richard B. Fitzgibbon III, who was killed on Sept. 7, 1965.
4. There are three sets of fathers and sons on the Wall.
5. 39,996 on the Wall were just 22 or younger.
6. 8,283 were just 19 years old.
7. The largest age group, 33,103 were 18 years old.
8. 12 soldiers on the Wall were 17 years old.
9. 5 soldiers on the Wall were 16 years old.
10. One soldier, PFC Dan Bullock was 15 years old.
11. 997 soldiers were killed on their first day in Vietnam.

12. 1,448 soldiers were killed on their last day in Vietnam.
13. 31 sets of brothers are on the Wall.
14. Thirty-one sets of parents lost two of their sons.
15. 54 soldiers on the wall attended Thomas Edison High School in Philadelphia.
16. 8 Women are on the Wall. Nursing the wounded.
17. 244 soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War; 153 of them are on the Wall.
18. Beallsville, Ohio with a population of 475 lost 6 of her sons.
19. West Virginia had the highest casualty rate per capita in the nation. There are 711 West Virginians on the Wall.
20. The most casualty deaths for a single day was January 31, 1968 ~ 245 deaths.
21. The most casualty deaths for a single month was May 1968 - 2,415 casualties were incurred.

The Marines of Morenci - They led some of the scrappiest high school football and basketball teams that the little Arizona copper town of Morenci (pop. 5,058) had ever known and cheered. They enjoyed roaring beer busts. In quieter moments, they rode horses along the Coronado Trail, stalked deer in the Apache National Forest. And in the patriotic camaraderie typical of Morenci's mining families, the nine graduates of Morenci High enlisted as a group in the Marine Corps. Their service began on Independence Day, 1966. Only 3 returned home.

The Buddies of Midvale - LeRoy Tafoya, Jimmy Martinez, Tom Gonzales were all boyhood friends and lived on three consecutive streets in Midvale, Utah on Fifth, Sixth and Seventh avenues. They lived only a few yards apart. They played ball at the adjacent sandlot ball field. And they all went to Vietnam. In a span of 16 dark days in late 1967, all three would be killed. LeRoy was killed on Wednesday, Nov. 22, the fourth anniversary of John F. Kennedy's assassination. Jimmy died less than 24 hours later on Thanksgiving Day. Tom was shot dead assaulting the enemy on Dec. 7, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

Many who read this will only see the numbers that the Vietnam War created. To those of us who survived the war, and to the families of those who did not, we see the faces, we feel the pain that these numbers created. We are, until we too pass away, haunted with these numbers, because they were our friends, fathers, husbands, wives, sons and daughters.

There are no noble wars, just noble warriors.

Jim Bolin

American Legion Post 305

February 21, 2019 Post Meeting highlights

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 pm , Headcount: 15

Opening Ceremony: 1 rap, all stand, Cover, Post the colors, Uncover, Prayer, Pledge, Pow/Mia remembrance, Recover, Recite Preamble, Welcome Members and Guests, 3 Raps, Be Seated.

Roll call of Officers, new members and Guests recognized.

Four Chaplains Ceremony: Jointly conducted by Auxiliary and Post 305. Auxiliary Chaplain **Barbara Foret** and Post 305 Chaplain **Bill Houghton** conducted the ceremony. Handouts passed out, God Bless America song sang by all, Remembrance ceremony of the Four Chaplains and their brave actions on the night of February 3, 1943 when the USS Dorchester was torpedoed by the enemy and sank in the North Atlantic Ocean. 940 on board, 230 survived.



Guest Speaker: Commander Carter recognized guest **Steve Merrill**.

Mr. Merrill, a candidate for District 7 Commander, presented his ideas for an improved District, highlighting the need for utilizing existing technology to improve communication throughout the District, such as email, newsletters, facebook and a need for a website to keep everyone informed. **Mr. Merrill** concluded his remarks by asking that Post 305 pass a resolution supporting his Candidacy for District 7 Commander.

Accept Minutes of Previous Meeting(s): The minutes of the January Executive Committee meeting and Post 305 meeting were reviewed, corrected and subsequently accepted by the membership.

Reports

1. Finance Officer **Emery Heuermann** gave the finance report, ending January 31, 2019. Bank Balance is \$6,081.81; Fidelity Mutual Fund FAMRX is \$31,995.99. Total Cash Assets \$38,077.80. Trust Fund Liabilities are \$5,804.98, Account Payables \$0.00. A motion to accept the finance report subject to audit was made by **Victoria Glover**, seconded by **Daniel Foret**. Motion carried. **Emery Heuermann** abstained from the vote.
2. Chaplain **Bill Houghton** reported that he had sent a sympathy card to the family of **Syd Ulmer**. Commander Carter reported that he went to the funeral for Syd Ulmer and that the honor guard did an excellent job.
3. Service Officer **Toby Carroll** reported that he now has an ample supply of the Federal Benefits booklet for Veterans. The booklets are available as asked for.
4. Boys State: **Victoria Glover** reported that 24 boys have been interviewed so far. Most of the boys have sponsors but some do not. She is soliciting sponsors at \$295 per student. Boys State takes place in Austin and occurs in June.
5. Membership: **Jim Bolin** reported our quota goal is 255 members. We have 200 paid members so far for 2019.

New Business:

1. **Everett Ison** reported:
 - a. **Bill Howell**, past District 7 commander, passed away.
 - b. District 7 Commander **Ed Jarvis** is doing much better after his very serious vehicle accident last month. Sadly, the lady in the other vehicle passed away.
2. **Emery Heuermann** reported that we may have to find a new software program and hosting service for our post 305 website. The existing company says the software we are using is outdated and caused a security problem with Windows 10 and Windows 7. At the moment, we cannot update the website. The hosting company is working on the problem. If you see something outdated on the website, now you know why.
3. General discussion about moving back to the Community Center for our meetings. A committee, chaired by **Pete Koch**, was appointed by Commander Carter to investigate and report back next month.

Old Business - None

Good of the American Legion and As May Arise”:

1. Emery Heuermann reported that he has learned that his brother **Tony Heuermann**; and fellow Post 305 Legionnaire, volunteers daily as a greeter at the Tomball VA clinic.
2. **Everett Ison** reported that a Division 2, Post 159 Boy Stater from 2018 went to National.

Adjournment

1. The March meeting will be the third Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 7:30 pm at the Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church. We will be meeting in the Ministry building.
2. Commander **Bruce Carter** adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

2019 Post Membership Regular Meeting Dates and location:

March 21, Ministry House (Legionnaires in Room A ~ Auxiliary in room B)

April 18., Ministry House (Legionnaires in rooms A ~ Auxiliary in room B)

May 16, Legionnaires – Event Center ~ Auxiliary – Room 10

June 20, Legionnaires – Event Center ~ Auxiliary – Room 10

July 18, Legionnaires – Event Center ~ Auxiliary – Room 10

August 15, Legionnaires – Event Center ~ Auxiliary – Room 10

September 19, Ministry House (Legionnaires in rooms A ~ Auxiliary in room B)

October 17, Ministry House (Legionnaires in rooms A ~ Auxiliary in room B)

November 21, Ministry House (Legionnaires in rooms A ~ Auxiliary in room B)

Directions to the church is on our website, www.alpost305.org



Important Contact Information for Veterans

Post 305 Service Officer, **Toby Carroll**: Tel: 281-323-498, e-mail: toby.carroll@sbcglobal.net

Post 305 Chaplain **Bill Houghton**, 281-367-3159, <mailto:whoughcloc@aol.com>

VA Houston Regional Office: (713) 383-7842

VA Conroe Outpatient Clinic: (936) 522-4024

VA Tomball Outpatient Clinic: 1200 W Main St, Tomball, TX 77375, Phone: (281-516-1505

Texas Veterans Commission Hot Line: 1-800-252-8387 (VETS)

Texas Veterans Commission, outpost at Conroe VA Out Patient Clinic, 3rd floor.

Ms **Tracy Mathews**, Veterans Counselor, representing Texas Veterans Commission, stationed at Conroe CommunityBased Outpatient Clinic - 690 South Loop 336 West, 3A-153 - Conroe 77304-3319 - Tel #: 936-522-4024 or 936-522-4020 - M-F 8:00- 4:00

Montgomery County Veterans Service Officer: Conroe, Ms. **Kay Lee**, 936-539-7842

Harris County Veterans Service Officer: Houston: 281-876-6600

Military Veteran Peer Network: Conroe: 936-521-6132

STATE LEGISLATORS

(Note: if your district is not displayed, please drop a note to the [newsletter editor](#) .



Dist. 3: **Cecil Bell Jr.** – Magnolia (281) 259-3700

Dist. 15: **Mark Keough** – The Woodlands (281) 419-1090

Dist. 16: **Will Metcalf** – Conroe (936) 539-0068

Dist. 126: **Kevin Roberts** – Houston (281) 444-1814

Dist. 150: **Valoree Swans** –Spring (281) 257- 4222

Don't Forget

Don't forget . . . to bring your aluminum cans to the meetings. It raises funds for the Post. Hats off to **Harlen Thornhill** for volunteering to take the cans to the recycle center and trade them in for cash.



About Us

The Bugle is the monthly newsletter of The Woodlands American Legion Post 305 and Auxiliary Unit 305. Members in good standing are entitled to a copy of The Bugle.



Editor is past Commander **Emery Heuermann**, Assistant Editor is past Commander **James Bolin**. Articles from members are welcomed.

The Post 305 website is located at www.alpost305.org.

We have a Facebook page. It is administrated by past Commander **Kim Biggerstaff**, <mailto:kimbiggerstaff@icloud.com>.

“Official” Mailing Address & Telephone # of Post 305: American Legion Post 305, P. O. Box 9336, The Woodlands, Texas, 77387. Tel # (281) 298-2440.

Monthly Meetings, Location and Time

- The Post and Auxiliary meet at Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church in The Woodlands at 7:30 PM on the third Thursday of each month.
- The Church is located at 26777 Glen Loch Drive, The Woodlands TX 77380. A meeting location map is posted on the Website.
- Meetings start at 7:30pm. Meetings are preceded by a mix, mingle and munch pot-luck finger food supper at 6:30pm, provided by the Auxiliary.

Membership Dues



\$36.00 per year.

2019 Membership Dues are now due. The next to last notice for 2019 goes out in April. Pay now so as to not cause confusion when the 2020 membership campaign kicks off July 1st.

A 2019 membership / renewal application follows.



SPECIAL MESSAGE

FROM DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS ADJUTANT BILL WEST

National Commander Reistad calls for 'Buddy Check National Week of Calling'

American Legion National Commander **Brett Reistad** has designated the week leading up to the organization's **100th birthday, March 10-16**, as “Buddy Check National Week of Calling.” He’s asking departments, districts and posts to put together teams to call expired members and those who have yet to renew, and to check in with current members and let them know that “we are a



better American Legion with their involvement,” Reistad said during The American Legion’s National Membership and Post Activities Committee meeting in Indianapolis, Jan. 11-12.

“A phone script could be something I close meetings with ... ‘Thank you for your service to our country and thank you for your continued service to our communities, our veterans and youth through your membership in the American Legion Family.’”

A “Buddy Check National Week of Calling” toolkit was talked through during the meeting with committee members and members of the Legion’s 21st Century Ad Hoc Committee. The toolkit will be released soon and will contain several items such as introduction letters to departments, districts and posts detailing what the week of engagement is and their role; sample phone scripts; a buddy-check poster; ways to access expired lists through MyLegion.org; specifics to share about what The American Legion does from the national, department and post level; and incentives for conducting the week of calling.

“This is coming from our commander. When he says he wants a week of calling, we’re going to do that. This is very important,” said Membership & Post Activities Committee Chairman **Rev. Daniel J. Seehafer** of Wisconsin. “I really, truly believe that this will be the basis for our retention. It has to start somewhere.”

Past National Commander **David Rehbein** stressed that “this is important enough that we need to stop everything else (during March 10-16) and concentrate on contacting our members.”

When **Paul Dillard** of Texas, the national commander’s representative on the National Legislative Commission, called on former Legionnaires who had let their membership expire he had an 85 percent success rate. “Call on those expires, and they will rejoin,” he said.

A message **Seehafer** said that can be shared with expired members is, “Thank you for your service. Help us celebrate The American Legion’s 100th birthday and lead us into our second century strong by becoming a part of our family.”

In addition to the call for members to make personal contact in their communities, **Reistad** reiterated his new Team 100 recruitment and retention awards. A post that signs up a former Legionnaire whose membership expired in 2014, 2015 or 2016 can receive \$5 each for every one of those members who rejoins in the 2019 membership year. American Legion departments worldwide can receive \$2,500 in reward bonuses by hitting their 100 percent membership goals by May 8, 2019. Those departments who hit 105 percent by June 30, 2019, will receive an additional \$5,000 each.

Seehafer shared that a department who has been reaching out by phone to expired members said a response they are hearing is, “Now you call?” It says something doesn’t it? The intention is for this to be an annual thing. And so, when we talk about a national week of calling, it’s not just those who are expired. We want to call every single member of the American Legion Family. Every single member ... ‘How’s it going? Just want to thank you for being a member.’

“We want to take this message ... the why. Why we belong and take that to the next level.”

Bill West

State Adjutant, The American Legion, Dept of Texas

SICK CALL

1. **Gene Watz** was in the hospital recently. Released and recuperating.
2. **Joe Hammond** still in Austin at a private veteran's care facility. His mailing address is Joe Hammond, in care of Mary Ellen Mondo, 3903 Vaughn St., Austin Texas 78723. Tel # 617-763-7249.

POST EVERLASTING

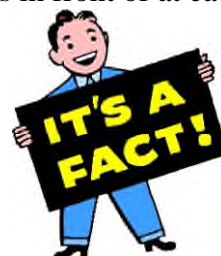


Here at Post 305, we make effort to remember our comrades that have transferred to Post Everlasting. The spotlight this month is on **Mr. Bill Walters**

Bill Walters was active in Post 305 from about 1998 to the time of his death in 2004. His wife **Shirley Walters** was also active in the Auxiliary. **Bill** had a long and storied career. Obviously, he served in the military during a time of war, but he was also a professional baseball player during his early years.

After **Bill Walters** transferred his membership to Post Everlasting, his wife, **Shirly Walters**, remained active for several years but eventually relocated to California to be nearer to their children. Let's not forget **Bill Walters** and to say Thank You for his effort to help make Post 305 the post it is today.

Here is a tid bit for this segment. The podium that Commander **Bruce Carter** stands in front of at each meeting is dedicated to Post Everlasting member and Legionnaire extraordinaire **Bill Walters**. Many of you may not remember **Bill Walters** but he was one of the stalwarts of Post 305 from about 1990 to 2004. The podium was approved by motion circa 2005 at no cost to Post 305. It was designed by and materials paid for by then Commander Emery Heuermann. The podium itself was constructed by then Finance Officer **David Lips**, a master carpenter. Stop by the front desk sometime and admire this work of beauty...**Dave** did a great job and it is still impressive after these many years.



and Now For Some Parting Humor!

Officer: "Soldier, do you have change for a dollar?"

Soldier: "Sure, buddy."

Officer: "That's no way to address an officer!"

Now let's try it again!"

Officer: "Soldier. Do you have change for a dollar?"

Soldier: "No, SIR!"



THAT Is ALL FOR THIS ISSUE . . . next month, you must read the April issue of The Bugle. Big surprise coming!

Signing off, your Editors, **Emery Heuermann** and **Jim Bolin**.

KOREA DEFENSE



VETERAN

VIETNAM



VETERAN



Grenada & Lebanon

Short lived operation(s) qualifies for Legion membership.

Editor's Note: I have been unable to locate a Medal for this operation.



**OPERATION
IRAQI FREEDOM**



VETERAN





AMERICAN LEGION Post 305

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2019 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

YES! I desire to become a member of The American Legion. I further certify that I served at least one day of active military duty during the dates marked below and was honorably discharged or I am still serving honorably.

Date: _____
Name: _____
Address: _____
City, ST & Zip: _____
Primary Phone Number: _____
Email address: _____

Branch of Service (please check mark your primary branch of service)

☐ U.S. Army ☐ U.S. Air Force ☐ U.S. Coast Guard
☐ U.S. Navy ☐ U.S. Marines

Eligibility Dates for membership in the American Legion

<input type="checkbox"/> Aug 2, 1990 – Persian Gulf War (until cessation of hostilities as determined by US Government)	
<i>Feb 1, 1990 – Aug 1, 1990 – not eligible</i>	<i>Feb 1, 1955 --- Feb 27, 1961 – not eligible</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Dec 20, 1989 – Jan 31, 1990 – Panama	<input type="checkbox"/> June 25, 1950 – Jan 31, 1955 – Korea
<i>Aug 1, 1984 – Dec 19, 1989 – not eligible</i>	<i>Jan 1, 1947 --- Jun 24, 1950 - not eligible</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Aug 24, 1982 – Jul 31, 1984 - Grenada/Lebanon	<input type="checkbox"/> Dec 7, 1941 – Dec 31, 1946 – WWII
<i>May 8, 1975 – Aug 23, 1982 – not eligible</i>	<i>Nov 12, 1918 – Dec 6, 1941 – not eligible</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Feb 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975 - Vietnam	<input type="checkbox"/> Apr 6, 1917 – Nov 11, 1918 - WWI

Applicants Certification

☐ I certify that I have served at least one day of active military duty during the war time era marked above and was honorably discharged or I am still serving honorably.

Printed Full Name: Mr. Ms. Mrs. _____ Sr. Jr. II. III

Sign Here: _____ Date _____

Veteran must legibly sign and date the certification by hand.

Membership Dues Annual dues are \$36.00.

Paid by: ☐ Check ☐ Money Order ☐ Bank Check ☐ Cashier's Check ☐ Company Check.

Please make the check payable to American Legion Post 305 and return it and this completed application to American Legion Post 305, P.O. Box 9336, The Woodlands TX 77387



Auxiliary Unit 305

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Date: _____
Name (First)(ML)(Last): _____
Mailing Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Primary Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____
E-mail: _____

Membership Category: _____ Senior member, age 18 or over _____ Junior, age 17 or under
Date of Birth ____/____/____ (complete birth date required for Junior members)

Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if Junior member): _____

Date of Application: _____

Eligibility Information

Name of Veteran That Makes Me Eligible for Membership: _____
Veteran is: ____ Living ____ Deceased.
Veteran is a member of Legion Post # _____ located in City _____ State: _____
His or her Member ID Number is _____

Veteran served in (please mark all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> WWI (4/6/17-11/11/18)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grenada/Lebanon (8/24/82-7/31/84)
<input type="checkbox"/> WWII (12/7/41-12/31/46)	<input type="checkbox"/> Panama (12/20/89-1/31/90)
<input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (12/7/41-8/15/45 Only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Persian Gulf War (8/2/90 until cessation of
<input type="checkbox"/> Korea (6/25/50-1/31/55)	hostilities as determined by the US
<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam (2/28/61-5/7/75)	Government)

Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran: (Step relatives are eligible)

<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Sister	<input type="checkbox"/> Grandmother
<input type="checkbox"/> Wife	<input type="checkbox"/> Granddaughter	<input type="checkbox"/> Self
<input type="checkbox"/> Daughter	<input type="checkbox"/> Great-Granddaughter	

Applicants Certification: I certify that the above-named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.

Signature: _____ Date _____

Post 305 and/or Unit 305 Concurrence of Eligibility: Post 305 Officer Membership Verification
(Or Unit 305 Secretary's Verification for Female Veterans Only): _____

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