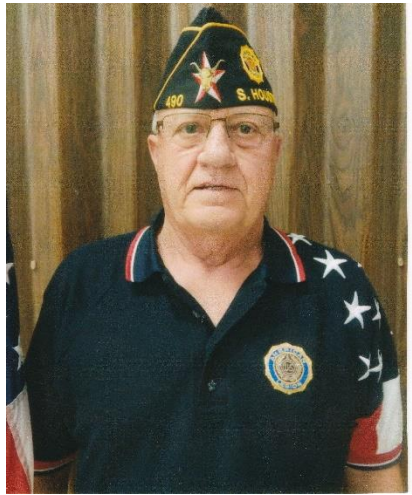


American Legion Post 490



Terry Contella, Commander

Blast for March 22, 2021

The American Legion South Houston Post 490

11702 Old Galveston Road, Houston, Texas 77034

Club Room (281) 481-5686, Office (281) 481-1179, Fax (281) 481-0257



The American Legion Family

From the Commander:

Spring is here and we have lots of events coming up in the next few months. I am asking everyone to come together as a "Legion Family" to make these events a success. An event may be sponsored by a specific group, but we are all in this together and it takes all of us to make this post successful. We hit a few setbacks with the freeze, but our trustees are working diligently to get the repairs made and get us back up and running at 100%.

It feels like we are rounding the corner with the Covid virus. Many of our members have received their covid shots and we are posting dates/time for future shot opportunities as we get them. We are still encouraging social distancing, the wearing of masks and requiring everyone to sign in when visiting the post. Our staff are continuing to clean and disinfect the facilities on a regular basis, and we have hand sanitizer and masks available. We are starting to see members we have not seen in a while. We encourage you to come out and rejoin us for one or all the upcoming events we have planned.

Terry Contella
Commander

Office of the Judge Advocate:

Have you ever gotten tired of the endless drone of discussing a motion during a meeting? There is a way to stop this if you understand how meetings are supposed to work.

Most people (including me on occasion) just blurt out “Call the question”. While occasionally effective, this is not how it is supposed to work. First, anyone speaking in a meeting must be recognized by the Chair. If you are in a Legion meeting, that means raising your hand or standing up and waiting to be called upon by the Commander. Once recognized, say your name and state “I move the previous question”. This is the proper phrase, not “call the question”. Once you made your motion, it will need to be seconded before it can be voted on. After a second, the effect is that no further debate can happen until we vote on your motion to stop debate and vote on the motions. It does take a 2/3 yes vote to pass your motion to close the debate and start voting on the motion under discussion. Assuming your motion passes, the Presiding Officer (the Commander for the Legion) will then work their way in reverse order back to the original motion. For instance, if there was 1) a motion and 2) a motion to amend the original motion before 3) you move the previous question, the order of voting would be 3 (to close debate), 2 (to amend the motion), 1 (to approve the original motion as rewritten with the amendment). If you have question, see section 16, paragraph 15 of the 11th edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

Next time the debate starts going in circles, instead of being more frustrated, move the previous question. Most if your fellow members will appreciate it.

Ben Edwards

Post 490 Judge Advocate

From the Service Officer:

LET'S TALK MEMBERSHIP: Every membership makes us a stronger organization locally through the national level. Our membership numbers are a very loud voice for veterans' rights and benefits. We have veterans throughout the Greater Houston area from all conflicts and with the passage of the Legion Act last year, eligibility has broadened for more to become members. The local post for many veterans is the start point for them to learn what they are eligible for and can receive in terms of benefits and support from the Veterans Administration. By coming by the post, and speaking to one of our officers, or the Post Service Officer a veteran can learn what is out there for them – in terms of medical and educational benefits and assistance; as well as finding a familiar and welcoming community with many common and shared experiences. Coming to the Post, we often refer to our club room as your “alternate living room”. It is a warm and friendly place and always with great food and wonderful camaraderie.

Pat Lake
Service Officer

From the Board of Trustees:

Dear Post, 490 Family Members,

Many of you are aware that the Post building suffered water damage during the recent Artic blast. The Trustees oversaw emergency repairs to both the plumbing and electrical systems within the building. We are fortunate that most of the damage was not in the public spaces and generally confined to the office and restrooms in the Hall.

The building is open for use. We ask for your understanding as we move forward with repairs and any temporary disruptions to Post activities. We are trying to arrange repairs during hours we are normally closed but this may not always be possible.

As part of the repair process, we are gathering quotes to file with our insurance claim. Like many of you though who experienced damage during the freeze, we are having some difficulty locating contractors able to submit bids and perform the work.

We are reaching out to you for help. We need bonded and licensed contractors for mold remediation, sheetrock repair, and painting. Our hope is one contractor can oversee all these activities, so we do not need to schedule individual contractors.

If you know of any contractors who may be able to help, please email the Board of Trustees at trustees@legion490.com with their contact information.

POST WIDE BEAUTIFICATION DAY



Post 490 Beautification on SAT, 27 March 2021 from 9:00am 'til Noon. Come one come all. We will have something for you to do! Here is to "Seeing You There!" Cheers! Lunch will be provided by The Sons of The American Legion!





Sons of the American Legion

Post 490 RIFLE RAFFLE



Spectre Model 5.56

with free floated rail with m-lock slots, dedicated QD mounts, ergo grip, houg enhanced over molded stock with built in QD's, cryogenically treated barrel 1/7 twist chrome lined M-15 F/A rated BCG, ALG, ACT trigger, holosun red dot sight, tactical rifle bag & magazine.

Made by:



1 Ticket - \$10.00

3 Tickets - \$25.00

Drawing will take place on Saturday, May 29th

All proceeds will go to the Sons of the American Legion to support their programs.



American Legion Post 490
11702 Old Galveston Road (Across from Ellington Field)

COME GET YOUR CRAWFISH ON

All Proceeds benefit our veterans, active military, 1st responders and community programs

Saturday, March 27
11 am til gone!

Public & Families Welcome

Seasoning donated by:



Competition Style Crawfish / Cooked by: Sgt Scuby

2 lbs - \$14 / 3 lbs - \$20

Includes 2 potatoes / 2 corn – Additional pieces extra .50 each

Outdoor & Indoor Seating / Masks Required

Music, Raffles, 50/50 Drawings & Drink Specials

Car Clubs / Motorcycle Clubs Welcome

Orders To-Go Available!!

FREE FOR ALL!
DONT FORGET YOUR
EASTER BASKET

Join us for an

Easter EGG HUNT

Sat. April 3
11AM-2PM

COME TAKE A
PICTURE WITH THE
EASTER BUNNY

AMERICAN LEGION POST 490

11702 Old Galveston Rd

SERVING HOT DOGS • CHIPS • DRINKS

MASK REQUIRED FOR ANYONE OVER 6YRS OLD

FOR INFO. CONTACT

Lisa Bodden (713)751-9080

Joyce Ortega (832)259-5501

YARD SALE

American Legion Post 490 is hosting a **community wide yard sale.**

April 17th – 9 am until 1 pm

Rain day – April 24

Set up starts at 8 am

For the small sum of \$25 you may participate as a seller. The allows access to a parking spot for your items for the day along with a table provided by the Post.

Pre-register by emailing trustees@legion490.org. This will guarantee you a space. You may also register at the Post that morning starting at 8 am.

**The public is invited to shop
or sell.**

We hope to see you there.

11702 Galveston Rd

Look for the plane on a stick across from Ellington Field.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 490

Community Service Fundraiser

I Dream, I Believe, I Receive Program

Saturday, April 17, 2021

Time: Noon till ?????

American Legion Post 490

11702 Galveston Rd, Houston, TX 77034 (Across from Ellington Field JRB)



I Dream, I Believe, I Receive

Community Program to help our
Underprivileged 16 and Up & Foster Kids
Aging out of Foster Care with career support
to help them succeed after graduation.

Event:

BBQ Plates - \$10 ea - Chicken & sausage, potato salad, beans, bread

- Orders of 10 or more plates can be delivered in local area
- Presold ToGo orders delivered between 11:30 - 12:00
- Plates at Legion available from 12 - ???

Scavenger Hunt - \$10 Driver & \$5 per passenger

Registration 9-10 am, Last Vehicle Back by 1:00 pm

Prizes awarded

Corn Hole Tournament - \$ 10 each - \$20 Team

Registration 12:30-1:30, Tournament starts at 2:00 pm

Live Entertainment - Details to Follow

Auctions, Raffles and much more!

Follow us on Facebook - ALA Unit 490 for updates

Contact: Diana Aguilar - Community Service Chairperson

Community@ALASUnit490.org

832-338-6255

Corn Hole Boards are handmade by AL Post 490 Family members



Searching for Vendors



As part of the American Legion Post 490 Armed Forces Day Celebration, we are hosting a

CRAFT FAIR

May 15 from 11am to 5 pm (set up starts at 8:00 am)

Rain date May 22

We are searching for interested vendors for our Armed Forces Day Craft Fair

The Post is planning other events for Armed Forces Day that should help draw a crowd.

The Craft Fair will be on our expansive lawn.

Wi-Fi is available.

Vendor spots are either 10'x10' (\$25) or 10'x20' (\$50).

Vendors may bring a pop-up cover if they chose. Vendors must supply their own tables/chairs.

Because the Post offers food for sale, no ready to eat food is allowed.

Packaged food preparations such as rubs, spices, boils, jellies, and various types of mixes are allowed.

The Post is located at 11702 Galveston Rd (Old Hwy 3) Houston. It is across from Ellington Field near Dixie Farm Road. Look for the plane on a stick in the parking lot.

If you are unable to attend this event but would like information on future craft shows, please send your contact info so we may keep it on file.

Check for updates at www.legion490.com

VENDOR REGISTRATION

Name	
Phone number	
email	
Website (if applicable)	
Merchandise	
I would like a 10x10 area (\$25)	
I would like a 10x20 area (\$50)	

To register, please complete and detach the lower section and mail with payment to

Make checks payable to: AL Post 490 Craft Fair

Submit application and payment to:

or you may bring it by the

American Legion Post 490

Ben Edwards

American Legion Post 490

11702 Galveston Rd

Houston, TX 77034

The Vendor agrees that AL Post 490 is not responsible for any loss or damage of property that may occur as a result of bringing his/her property to ALP 490 Craft Fair to be held on May 15th 2021, 11am-5pm. The Vendor waives all claims for damages to person or property sustained by Vendors' employees, agents, invites and customers, while in or about the premises. AL Post 490 requires the above information be accepted, by signature below, as participation in the ALP 490 Craft Fair.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

If you have any questions, contact Ben Edwards at Trustees@legion490.com.



As part of our
Armed Forces Day
Celebration



American Legion Post 490

Is hosting a



May 15 from 11 to 5 pm

(Rain date May 22)

The Post is located at 11702 Highway 3 (Old Galveston Rd)

Across from Ellington Field, near Hwy 3 and Dixie Farm Rd



More details at <http://legion490.com>



From National Security Committee:

There are two things in life that are certain, death and hurricane season in Houston. Neither one is pleasant topic, but they are necessary topics.

We will deal with hurricane season first. Most of have seen the preparedness checklist that say to bring “your important documents”. I am sure like many of you, I am supposed to call my supervisor after the hurricane to check in. Without looking at your phone (because it is likely dead in a hurricane), how many of you know your supervisors phone number. Personally, I must think about my kid’s numbers and have no idea what my supervisors’ number is. How many know their bank account numbers or passwords to log into them? These questions are not meant to make you feel bad but to offer you hope in being better prepared.

The Emergency Financial First Aid Kit (EFFAK) from FEMA provides a structured format to capture contact and financial information in one location. The latest booklet is a fillable PDF file. If you do not have access to a computer, you can print the file and fill it in by hand. If you have difficulty reading the booklet, it will read itself to you. The booklet has tables for important documents; contact info for work, family, and professional advisors; info for your financial institutions; and medical information.

If you complete the booklet, keep it updated, and print it out, you will be much better prepared to deal with a hurricane.

I have had friends who suddenly became executors of estates. One of their biggest challenges was just locating information. Most of the time it is scattered to the four winds. You wait for the monthly bills or quarterly investment statement to arrive so you can make a list of bills and assets. Wouldn’t it be much easier if you wrote all that down in one location where they had access to it?

The EFFAK lets you deal with hurricanes and death at the same time. For your sake and the sake of your loved ones, please download the booklet from

[https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-08/effak Toolkit 20190904.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-08/effak_Toolkit_20190904.pdf).

This one booklet can help you prepare for hurricanes and your loved one’s better cope after your gone.

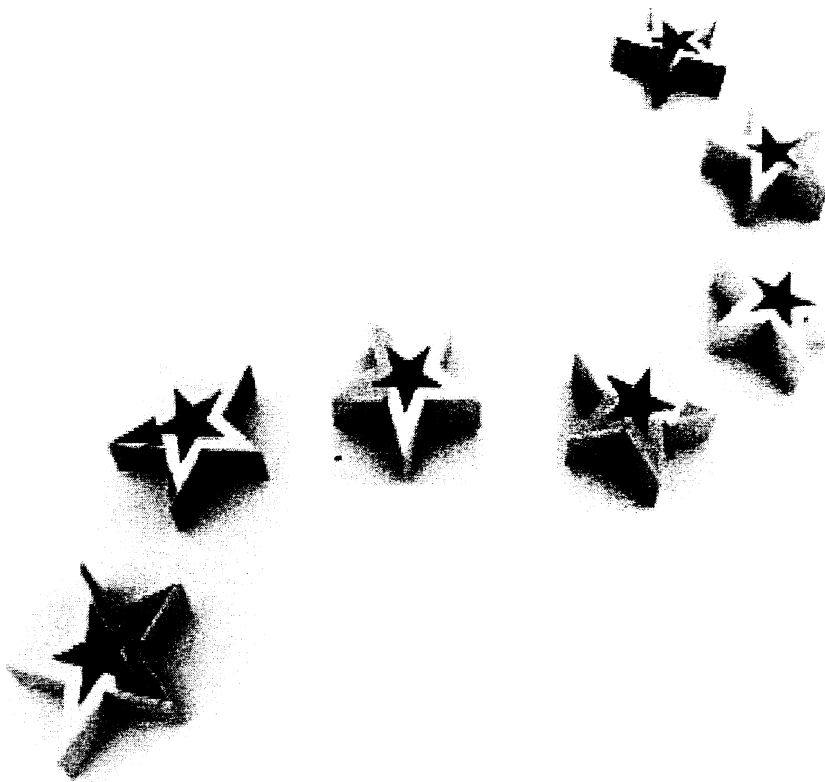
Hopefully, no one will need it any time soon, but it is always better to be prepared.

Ben Edwards

Civil Defense Subcommittee

National Security Committee

For The Good of The Legion



I Dream, I Believe, I Receive

Community Program for Our Underprivileged 16 and Up and Our Foster Kids
Aging out from Foster Program.

Program Chairperson: Diana M. Aguilar ALA 2nd. Vice
Phone Number 832 - 338 - 6255

Community@ALAUnit490.org

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 490

Community Services Program 2020-2021

Chairperson: Diana M. Aguilar

Introduction of Program Names: ** | Dream, | Believe, | Receive ** - (IDBR) Program

Mission:

Develop a sound support system for underprivileged graduating students and our Foster Care Young Adults who are aging out of the Foster Care Program in our Community and surrounding areas. To assist them in accomplishing their **Dreams**, to **Believe** in themselves and to **Receive** the rewards they deserve through their commitment to themselves and their goals, while accepting our assistance. Showing them that WE believe in them and that WE are here to assist and guide them in making their Dreams come true. Letting them know that everything and anything is possible when they apply themselves. Building their self-esteem and self-worth so they too can have a successful life. Through a variety of support including mentoring, mock interviews, resume writing, how to fill out employment forms, learning to budget, applying for scholarships, learning about various careers, and providing internships, our goal is to help them succeed in every way possible. To let them know that the

Program to Provide the following Support Services:

- Mentoring - We currently have about 9 to 10 Veterans of our own AL490 Post that will be: Teach them to Apply for Scholarships.
- Teach them to Write a Resume.
- Teach them to Complete Job Applications.
- Teach them how to have Successful Interviews (present Mock Interviews).
- Teach them how to Dress for Success.
- Provide possible Internships with different Employers.
- Provide several different Career Paths where they can be successful,
- Teach them Financials - learn how to Budget, how to take responsibilities on paying any debts. And much more.....

Event Scheduled: April 17, 2021 - Need Help in the following areas.
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Donations, Sellers to Pre-Sell BBQ Tickets, Food List of Needs for Event on Bulletin Board across ice maker. Need Helpers, Serving and Need Drivers to deliver plates.

****Making sure they know that the American Legion 490 Family will always be there for them. ****

***** We as a Family can make the 490 Legion a Legend*****