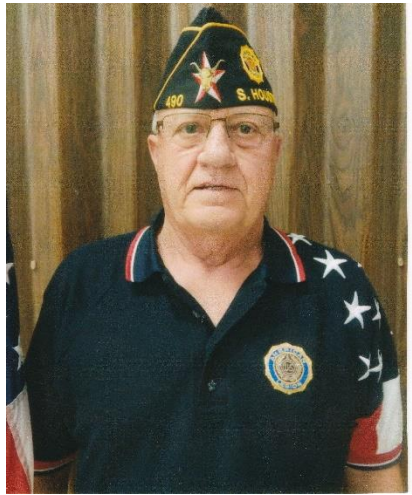


## **American Legion Post 490**



**Terry Contella, Commander**

**Blast for Oct 22, 2020**

*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:

Let me start by saying thank you to everyone for all the participation over the past couple of months. We had our school supply drive and donated 75 backpacks to the Bridge, our membership drive was a huge success with over 200 participants, our tailgating cook-off and 1<sup>st</sup> cornhole tournament had over 200 participants and an outstanding show of support for our Hurricane Laura drive and the Air Show.

We have a busy few weeks ahead of us. The Garage Sale is Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> and Joe and Rob are hosting a Corn Hole Tournament in the back yard that day as well.

The **Return of the Queen of Hearts is on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>** – drawing is at 8:00 pm. That day we also have Trunk or Treat and that night we have our own DJ Kemlite playing in the clubroom for a Halloween Party.

Move on to November and we are planning a weeklong celebration for Veterans Week. Free food every day that week. We will be honoring veterans and 1<sup>st</sup> responders. We are mailing out 2,200 flyers to our members for this event. See flyer for more details.

A huge thank you to the group who worked on renovating the hall. It turned out amazing and we continue to get compliments on it. The membership has voted to reduce the cost of hall rentals to \$600 for non-members and \$300 for members in hopes of keeping the hall rented. We will be working on a special pricing for business meetings during the day which will include purchasing food from us. A marketing brochure will be coming out soon! **Please spread the word to your family and friends.**

A quick reminder that it is time to renew your dues. We will be changing out the key cards soon. I cannot express my appreciation to each of you for all the volunteers, ideas, and progress we are making. **There is no doubt that Post 490 is leading the way across the State of Texas and you all should be proud of our progress thus far!!**

**Terry Contella**  
**Commander**

## **From the Service Officer:**

### **VA Caregiver Program**

Veterans who were injured or experienced illness because of military service may require the help of a caregiver for activities of daily living. This is also true for veterans experiencing mental disorders like PTSD.

Caregivers of veterans are often family members who assist with home care, transportation to health care appointments, and other daily tasks. They often take on the role of a home health aide but lack the financial support.

To help support these family caregivers, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs offers the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers. This program provides VA health care benefits, monthly stipends, coverage of travel expenses, and other types of financial support to the caregivers of eligible veterans.

Please contact me for further information.

**Pat lake**

**Service Officer**

# AMERICAN LEGION 490 FAMILY

## CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

I pray and hope this BLAST finds all well during these times. The issues that we are dealing have affected many in various ways due to isolation. Please continue to reach with "Buddy Checks". A few words of kindness and concern go a long way.

I am happy to report that activities are returning to the Post which allows us to be in the company of our Legion Family. Please make efforts to be involved if you can do so.

The following comrades have transferred to the POST EVERLASTING:

September 19, 2020; Henrey Matula USMC, Vietnam

September 29, 2020; Julian Villerreal US Army, Vietnam

Please keep the families in prayer for the loss of their loved ones who sacrificed so much for our great nation.

Mike Clay is still dealing with his therapy from his accident. Please pray for healing.

God never sends you into a situation alone. God goes before you. He stands beside you. He walks behind you. Whatever situation you have right now, be confident. God is with you.

Should you need to contact me, please send email to [chaplin@legion490.com](mailto:chaplin@legion490.com). Be blessed!

**Chaplin-American Legion Post 490**  
**Rick Smith**



**Mark Your Calendars**  
more details to come!



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(Across from Ellington Field)

# Veterans Appreciation Week

## November 7 -14, 2020



### Daily Events

***FREE FOOD*** for Veterans, Active Duty & 1<sup>st</sup> Responders

***Daily Tournaments*** - Corn Hole, Pool, Shuffleboard & more...

### Saturday, November 7 & 14

- American Legion Service Officer On-site
- Veteran Service Organizations On-site
- Blood Drive
- Free Flu Shots
- Vendors / Craft Booths
- Children's Activities
- Raffles
- Live Music – Three Wisemen



*We are looking for vendors, veteran related organizations and donations for door prizes.*

*For details contact Wendell Denney @ 281-481-1179 or email [officemanager@legion490.com](mailto:officemanager@legion490.com).*



**NEW  
IMPROVED!**

## American Legion Post 490

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South Houston, TX



**Bar & Grill Now Open**

### Kitchen Hours

Lunch	Tuesday – Friday	11 – 1 pm
Dinner	Tuesday – Saturday	5 – 10 pm

### HOME COOKED MENU ITEMS

**FRESH HANDMADE 490 BURGERS & PATTY MELTS!**

**STEAKS, CATFISH, SALADS & more...**

**WATCH FOR DAILY HOMEMADE SPECIALS**

**We are now licensed as a restaurant.**

**Served All Day: Appetizers, Fresh Made Sub Sandwiches, Meat/Cheese Trays, Cobb Salads**





A cornhole board is shown from a high angle, resting on a grassy lawn. The board has a vibrant geometric design with sections of grey, green, yellow, and blue. A circular hole is cut out in the center. Several pillows are scattered around the board: two blue ones on the left, one red one on the right, and one blue one near the center. A blue and white striped towel is partially visible on the left side of the board.

## **2 vs 2 Cornhole Tournament**

**Saturday, Oct 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 1:00pm**

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**11702 Galveston Rd**

**Houston, TX 77034**

Buy In:

1 Pack of Diapers

Or

\$10 Per Person

Bartenders will be selling  
food and some cold  
drinks!

RSVP:

Rob 832-878-0621

Joe 281-795-2516

This will be after the Garage Sale at the Post.

Garage sale hours are from 9 am to 1 pm.