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ROLL CALL

May 2020 Newsletter

CORONA VIRUS UPDATE (COVID 19)

The virus has clearly impacted us all! We hope to resume luncheons this summer. June would be the earliest as of now. We have not been given the go ahead for large group gatherings yet. We hope Gov Abbott gives us the go ahead in time for the 26 June luncheon to happen! We will keep you updated.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR ROLL CALL PRESIDENT

I hope everyone is well during this time. This has certainly been a new experience for us but I'm hoping it brings the country closer together and makes us appreciate the blessings we didn't even know we had. It appears that we are on the upswing and all of us on the board are looking forward to the next time we can get together. As we roll into May, we'll see how quickly things change and plan on a luncheon as soon as is appropriate. God bless everyone and as our friend Fiske Hanley always tells me, "Keep'em flying."

WORK PROJECT! AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

This week Thursday, 14 May (Friday, 15 May if needed) we will be working to clear debris on Mr. George Cooper's property at 8015 McDaniel Rd, Benbrook.

If you are able, please bring work gloves and join us! We plan to begin about 0900. If you can give an hour, two, four, etc. it helps. Many hands make the work easier!

In the near future we will be doing some construction work on his home.

We've received this from several members! Sharing since it's an interesting & informative read that helps put our current situation into an historic perspective from those who came before us.

It's a mess out there now. Hard to discern between what's a real threat and what is just simple panic and hysteria. For a small amount of perspective at this moment, imagine you were born in 1900. On your 14th birthday, World War I starts, and ends on your 18th birthday. 22 million people perish in that war. Later in the year, a Spanish Flu epidemic hits the planet and runs until your 20th birthday. 50 million people die from it in those two years. Yes, 50 million. On your 29th birthday, the Great Depression begins. Unemployment hits 25%, the World GDP drops 27%. That runs until you are 33. The country nearly collapses along with the world economy. When you turn 39, World War II starts. You aren't even over the hill yet. And don't try to catch your breath. On your 41st birthday, the United States is fully pulled into WWII. Between your 39th and 45th birthday, 75 million people perish in the war. At 50, the Korean War starts. 5 million perish. At 55 the Vietnam War begins and doesn't end for 20 years. 4 million people perish in that conflict. On your 62nd birthday you have the Cuban Missile Crisis, a tipping point in the Cold War. Life on our planet, as we know it, could have ended Great leaders prevented that from happening. When you turn 75, the Vietnam War finally ends. Think of everyone on the planet born in 1900. How do you survive all of that? When you were a kid in 1985 and didn't think your 85 year old grandparent understood how hard school was. And how mean that kid in your class was. Yet they survived through everything listed above Perspective is an amazing art. Refined as time goes on, and enlightening like you wouldn't believe. Let's try and keep things in perspective. Let's be smart, help each other out, and we will get through all of this.



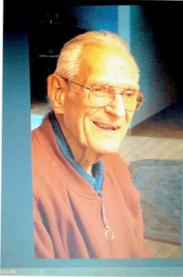
Polo shirts in Red and Navy Blue (even though the picture doesn't look like it)

New Roll Call items we will have for sale at the next luncheon! Prices to be announced soon!



**Small one is 11oz
Large one is 15oz**

WE ARE SADDENED BY OUR LOSSES



Don Kropp, 94
WWII Veteran & POW
Died April 19, 2020

He was drafted and served in the European Theater of Operation, fought in the battle of the Bulge and marched across France. He received the Bronze Star for Valor. Served in both the infantry & Artillery.

He was a former commander of the NW Arkansas POW chapter, and served his fellow veterans proudly. Went to Wayne State University where he received a bachelor's degree as a designing Engineer. Worked for several years at LTV (Lockheed Martin) in Michigan, then transferred to Grand Prairie, TX.



Kaye Prince
Beloved wife of Vic Prince

We weren't able to go to the funeral, so the funeral came to us!

The church parking lot was full and Roll Call member's card filled Vic's heart!



WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR OUR JOYOUS MOMENTS!

Many thanks to:

Wayside Middle School students for sending wonderful cards & letters to our members!

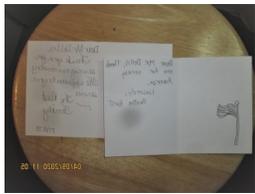
Civil Air Patrol (TX-035 Alliance Composite Squadron) members for all the phone calls & help!

The 301st First Sergeant Council for their help filling needs for our vets!



MESSAGES FROM MARY:

- ◆ Hand Sanitizer—We were able to secure quite a bit of hand sanitizer from a local distillery. With the help of several incredible volunteers it was all distributed. If you are still in need and can't find it, let me know and I will see what I can do to help.
- ◆ Masks—I've made a great many cloth masks. If you are in need, please let me know. I like to try to get 2 to each person so one can be washed while the other is worn.
- ◆ My Retirement Ceremony—As I'm sure you all are aware, the ceremony had to be cancelled due to COVID-19. I will be rescheduling for August 1st or September 12th if possible. Won't be exactly the same as it would have been but flexibility is the key to airpower!
- ◆ Last Day in Military Status! - While my official retirement date is June 24th, my last day in military status will be June 7th. I have been on orders working every day since 19 March. I will be more available after that date!



Don Graves 95th Birthday!

Might not be able to host a party but we sure can participate in a 50+ vehicle parade!



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