

Guest Speaker for June 13th Meeting

Norman Bearden, W. Tx. State Veterans' Cemetery, gave a thorough presentation of what it is, where it is, and who can be interred there. **Norm** said he was in the Key Club and his father was a Past President of the Plainview Kiwanis Club! (gotta get **Norm** to join our club!!) He is a 23 yr. Navy Vet, with Senior Tech rank on nuclear subs, and worked as an aircraft assembler of Ospreys at Bell!

The cemetery is currently under construction 4614 E. 50th St., past the Loop, and \$13.2 million has been appropriated for Phase 1, which will accommodate 4,110 spaces. The cemetery will have a 21,000 capacity. 600+ veterans have already pre-registered for interment in Phase I, with sections for Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines and the new Space Force.

Three ways to be interred: cremation vaults: 14" x 9" x 20" deep; in ground with head stone; and in ground with spouse "stacked" at grave site, with a 2-sided grave stone.

Administration building will be brick with red metal roof and the outdoor pavilion will have wind panels and shade. The cemetery will have its own Honor Guard Service. Commemorative Paving Stones will be available. Please remember you can pre-register for the cemetery on-line here: <https://vlb.texas.gov/forms/cemeteries/pre-registration.pdf> Or call: (800) 252-8387 Mobile; E-mail is: vlbinfo@glo.texas.gov

June 20, 2024

Our June Birthdays! WOW!

Reed Hitch – 6/1
Jill Ramsey – 6/6
Marjorie Manning – 6/13
Joel Howard – 6/22
Paul Rostad – 6/22
Wayne Kohout – 6/23

Reed Hitch has quit our club! Call him!

I obtained 6 more new Kiwanis Safety Vests. If you need one, I have them! Will have Route Sheets & Items 6/27!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR AFP

Independence Day-Thursday, July 4th;
Labor Day-Monday September 2nd;
and Veterans Day-Monday November 11th.

Volunteer Center helped: Christian Curtis said he would help again on July 4th!
We had 3 Junior League volunteers for Flag Day! Hopefully, some will help us on July 4th!

PLEASE volunteer if you possibly can!

Flag Route Captain Responsibilities

CPTS. contact route members before each flag event and contact **alternate** club members to fill absences. **CPTS.** ensure their Route has a truck/trailer for their flags.

Wayne Kohout is the liaison for **route lists, material, tools, vests and complaints!**

Route 1: CPT: Cindy Ham-Trk., 2. Tim Upp; 3. Mary Wallace; Alternate: _____?

Route 2: CPT: Tom Andrews, 2. Steve Jones-Trk. 3. David Cook, 4. Paul Rostad-Trk. Altrs.: Jill Ramsey, Cheryl Jones.

Route 3: CPT: Wayne Kohout, 2. Roger Mahan-Trk.; 3. Lequice; Altr.: Paige Kohout

Route 4: CPT: James Dugger, 2. David Medrano; 3. John Gast, Altr. _____?

Route 5: CPT: Dianah Ascencio-Trk, 2. Debbie Conn, 3. Ashley Torrez; Alter. Raul A

Route 6: CPT: Luke Mason-Trk., 2. David Mallard, 3. Mary Hernandez, Altr.: ___?

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 Bits & Pieces

DID YOU KNOW?

Though **Juneteenth** has been celebrated nationwide for more than 150 years, many non-Black Americans were largely unfamiliar with its origins until recently. The holiday, otherwise known as **Emancipation Day** or **Freedom Day**, is an annual commemoration of June 19, 1865, the day that **General Gordon Granger** arrived in Galveston to inform its citizens that all enslaved people were officially free. (The last western Confederate troops, in Galveston, surrendered on June 2nd.)

General Granger read aloud, in part: "The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a **Proclamation from the Executive of the United States**, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired laborer." (CW ended May 26)

PLEASE bring any historical Kiwanis Stuff to our meetings so it can be placed in our new Kiwanis storeroom for safe keeping & 'posterity'. See **Debby Conn** for explanation of 'Historical'!

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2023-2025: Sandra Andrews, Cindy Ham, David Medrano, Carmen Vige

TODAY

Thur. June 20: Brandi Couch, College Success Advisor, Talkington School for Young Women

ALSO...COMING SOON:

Thur. June 27: FBI Agent, Keith Quigley & Asst. U.S. Atty, Callie Woolam

Thur. July 4th – we'll be putting up/taking down our flags! Then we're going to watch the fireworks!!