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The August Region One meeting will be in Sugar Land on Saturday, August 8, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. at the Sugar Land Police Department, 1200 Highway 6, Sugar Land. The Police Department is located on Highway 6 in Sugar Land between US 59 and US 90A. Going South on US 59 (Southwest Freeway) from Houston, turn right on Highway 6. Going South on US 90A from Houston, turn left on Highway 6. Going West on Highway 6 to Sugar Land, go past US 59 to the Police Station.. The speaker will be Sergeant Rudy Ramirez on Internet Child Porn. Call Deb Smith at 713-254-4292 if you get lost. Come early for refreshments and fellowship. The September meeting will be at Montgomery County Sheriff (Conroe) on September 12th.

Please make plans to attend as many Region One meetings as possible. Exciting things are happening in Region One and in Texas. Please make an extra effort.

Members in good standing. Members who have paid 2009 dues are Angleton, Brenham, Dickinson, Galveston, Galveston Sheriff, Harris County Constable Precinct 4, Houston, Humble, Kemah, Lake Jackson, Liberty County, Montgomery County Sheriff, Pasadena, Pearland, Richmond, Santa Fe, Sugar Land, Texas City, Webster and Individuals Calvin Walker, LaVonne Walker and Jeanne Canales. Your Association's dues are \$30.00 for 2009. You may pay at any Region One meeting or mail to Georgie Benavides, 522 Cole Ave. W., Webster, Texas 77598-4902. Individual memberships are available for \$10.00 a year. If you haven't paid your 2009 dues, you will not be in good standing and will not be eligible to vote.

Schedule for 2009:

January 10 - Angleton

February 14 – Lake Jackson

March 14 - Houston

April 18 - Dickinson (Note change from 2nd Saturday)

May 9 – Santa Fe

June 13 - Pearland

July 18 – Galveston (Note change from 2nd Saturday)

August 8 – Sugar Land

September 12 – Montgomery County

October 10 - Brenham

November 14 – Texas City

December 12 – Humble

UPCOMING EVENTS Send your upcoming events to Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com and they will be published. Somebody out there must be doing something. Send it in!!!

Per Jeff Foxworthy:

If someone in a Lowe's store offers you assistance and they don't work there, you may live in Texas.

If you've worn shorts and a parka at the same time, you may live in Texas.

If you've had a lengthy telephone conversation with someone who dialed a wrong number, you may live in Texas.

If 'Vacation' means going anywhere south of Dallas for the weekend, you may live in Texas.

Treasurer's Report (submitted by Georgie Benavides):

Balance 5-31-09	\$2,161.66
No Receipts	
Disbursements:	
Raffle Tickets and Postage	<u>63.27</u>
Balance 6-30-09	<u>\$2,098.39</u>
Scholarship Fund:	
Balance 5-31-09	\$1,979.62
Receipts:	
Interest	<u>.98</u>
No Disbursement	
Balance 6-30-09	<u>\$1,980.60</u>

From Church Bulletins:

“Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm- prayer and medication to follow”.

“The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon”.

“Low self esteem group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door”.

“The Rev. Merriweather spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience”.

“Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community”.

“This afternoon there will be a meeting at the north and south ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends”.

“A new loudspeaker system has been installed. It was given by one of our members in honor of his wife”.

ALUMNI NEWS

Send news to m-deal@sbcglobal.net and to charl.bill@yahoo.com via e-mail. You can send your news in for publication even if you aren't able to attend the meeting and present it there. We would like to know what is going on in your alumni association, but if you don't send it in, we won't know.

Galveston. Held our first annual Blue Bucket Brigade on Saturday, June 20th, 2009. Event raised over \$1800 towards our Officers personal safety vest replacement fund, Our newest CPAAA members graduated on July1, 2009. All 11 members signed up as members of the CPAAA! At our membership meeting on July 14th, opened discussions on becoming a formed a committee to start the planning process for our Policeman's Ball to be held in the fall of 2010. Membership is planning a Bingo night sometime in the early Fall. In the planning stages now. Tammy Harper (CSA), Sgt. John Courtney and I gave a 1 hour talk for the Police News on KGBC radio. To air on July 27th, 2009 at 5:30. on 1540AM. *Reported by Cindi Rose*

Many Thanks to Breck Porter and the Police News for the following story.

GALVESTON - Nearly 100 members of police and sheriff's police academy alumni associations from throughout southeast Texas and the Gulf Coast area gathered in Galveston Saturday for the Region One meeting of the Texas Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association.

Jointly hosted by the Galveston Police and Galveston County Sheriff's Alumni Associations, the event was staged at the McGuire-Dent Recreation Center and featured guest speaker, United States Deputy Marshal Alfredo Perez of the Southern District of Texas Marshal's Office in Houston.

Attendee's were given a display of police equipment used by the Galveston Police Department's SWAT Teams, Marine & Dive Teams. The Marine & Dive Teams were called away during the event in response to a man who jumped from the Galveston Causeway to Galveston Bay.

Sheriff Freddie Poor introduced some of his top commanders and displayed the recently introduced new uniform for Sheriff's deputies.

Perez gave a slide presentation covering the many and varied duties of U.S. Marshal's. Many were astonished to learn of the vast duties and jurisdiction of the Marshal's Service, the enforcement arm of the federal government,

Perez served as Southern District Task Force Commander for the recently completed Operation Falcon, a nationwide sweep which resulted in the arrested of over 30,000 wanted fugitives nationwide. Dozens of those arrests were made in the Houston-Galveston area involving local and area law enforcement agencies. Many of these arrests were reported on this website and in The Police News print edition. *Contributed by Amelia Collins*

After the 24/7 Media frenzy over the death of a popular musician/dancer recently, we thought it appropriate to reflect on the death of two real American heroes.

Contributed by Amelia Collins, Galveston I'm sorry to say I didn't hear of the death of Shifty Powers until today, when a friend sent me an e-mail:

"We're hearing a lot today about big splashy memorial services. I want a nationwide memorial service for Darrell "Shifty" Powers.

Shifty volunteered for the airborne in WWII and served with Easy Company of the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, part of the 101st Airborne Infantry. If you've seen Band of Brothers on HBO or the History Channel, you know Shifty. His character appears in all 10 episodes, and Shifty himself is interviewed in several of them.

I met Shifty in the Philadelphia airport several years ago. I didn't know who he was at the time. I just saw an elderly gentleman having trouble reading his ticket. I offered to help, assured him that he was at the right gate, and noticed the "Screaming Eagle", the symbol of the 101st Airborne, on his hat.

Making conversation, I asked him if he'd been in the 101st Airborne or if his son was serving. He said quietly that he had been in the 101st. I thanked him for his service, then asked him when he served, and how many jumps he made.

Quietly and humbly, he said "Well, I guess I signed up in 1941 or so, and was in until sometime in 1945..." at which point my heart skipped..

At that point, again, very humbly, he said "I made the 5 training jumps at Toccoa, and then jumped into Normandy. Do you know where Normandy is?" At this point my heart stopped.

I told him yes, I know exactly where Normandy was, and I know what D-Day was.

At that point he said "I also made a second jump into Holland, into Arnheim."

I was standing with a genuine war hero, and then I realized that it was June, just after the anniversary of D-Day.

I asked Shifty if he was on his way back from France, and he said "Yes. And it's real sad because these days so few of the guys are left, and those that are, lots of them can't make the trip."

My heart was in my throat and I didn't know what to say.

I helped Shifty get onto the plane and then realized he was back in Coach, while I was in First Class. I sent the flight attendant back to get him and said that I wanted to switch seats. When Shifty came forward, I got up out of the seat and told him I wanted him to have it, that I'd take his in coach.

He said "No, son, you enjoy that seat. Just knowing that there are still some who remember what we did and still care is enough to make an old man very happy." His eyes were filling up as he said it. And mine are brimming up now as I write this.

Shifty died on June 17 after fighting cancer.

There was no parade.

No big event in Staples Center.

No wall to wall back to back 24x7 news coverage.

No weeping fans on television.

And that's not right.

Let's give Shifty his own Memorial Service, in our own quiet way.

Ed Freeman

Also contributed by Amelia Collins

You're a 19 year old kid. You're critically wounded and dying in the jungle in the Ia Drang Valley, 11-14-1965, LZ X-ray, Vietnam. Your infantry unit is outnumbered 8 to 1 and the enemy fire is so intense, from 100 or 200 yards away, that your own Infantry Commander has ordered the MediVac helicopters to stop coming in. You're lying there, listening to the enemy machine guns and you know you're not getting out. Your family is 1/2 way around the world, 12,000 miles away and you'll never see them again. As the world starts to fade in and out, you know this is the day. Then - over the machine gun noise - you faintly hear that sound of a helicopter..!! You look up to see an un-armed Huey!! But.... it doesn't seem real because no Medi-Vac markings are on it. Ed Freeman is coming for you..!! He's not Medi-Vac so it's not his job, but he's flying his Huey down into the machine gun fire anyway. Even after the Medi-Vacs were ordered not to come. He's coming anyway. And he drops it in and sits there in the machine gun fire, as they load 2 or 3 of you on board. Then he flies you up and out through the gunfire to the Doctors and Nurses. And, he kept coming back..!! 13 more times..!!

He took about 30 of you and your buddies out who would never have gotten out.

Medal of Honor Recipient, Ed Freeman, died recently at the age of 80 in Boise, Idaho. No Media Coverage.

Boring but important!

The following items have been in the Flash almost every issue and the reason we keep repeating them is because they are important, so pay attention if they apply to or affect you.

If anyone has any ideas for obtaining funds for the **scholarship fund**, please contact one of the officers or directors.

Don't miss a communication! *If you change your e-mail address and don't notify us causing delivery of the Flash to be denied, you are dropped from our e-mail list. Be sure to notify us at Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com immediately if your e-mail address changes or if you don't get a Flash each month..*

Region One Officers and Directors always welcome suggestions about how to make the **Region One meetings better and more interesting.** Call any of them with your suggestions.

When you sign in at a meeting, please print your name. There are always names on the sign in sheet that are unreadable and you don't get credit for attending.

WEB SITES AND ADDRESSES.

The state convention web site is <http://tcpaaconvention.org>.

The Texas CPAAA state web site is <http://TexasCPAAA.org>. Dues are **\$10.00 per year (included in Convention Registration).**

Region One is a link on the Texas CPAAA state web site.

The web site for the National CPAA is www.nationalcpaa.org. Dues are **\$25.00 per year.**

The Web Master's e-mail is Leo@TexasCPAAA.org.

The address for the 2011 Convention is Convention 2011, P.O. Drawer V, Dickinson, Texas 77539-2022. The co-chairs for the convention (for which we are eternally thankful and grateful) are Charles Suderman, Dickinson, csud2@comcast.net and David Miller, Pearland, sdmillers@yahoo.com.

IF YOU HAVE A FUNCTION COMING UP, OR HAVE SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO REGION ONE MEMBERS, SUBMIT IT AND IT WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE FLASH. SEND TO CHARL.BILL@YAHOO.COM.

If you are unable to open the Flash or have trouble doing so, it is posted immediately on the Region One web site as a PDF File and can be printed from there.

That wasn't so bad, was it?

Galveston Joke

A young woman in the sleazy part of the old Galveston Strand was so depressed that she decided to end her life by throwing herself into the harbor. She went down to the docks and was about to leap into the water when a handsome young sailor saw her tottering on the edge of the pier. He took pity on her and said, "Look, you have so much to live for. I'm off to Europe in the morning and if you like, I can stow you away on my ship. I'll take good care of you and bring you food every day." Moving closer, he slipped his arm around her shoulder and added, "I'll keep you happy, and you'll keep me happy." The girl nodded yes. After all, what did she have to lose? Perhaps a fresh start in Europe would give her life new meaning. That night, the sailor brought her aboard and hid her in a lifeboat. From then on, every night he brought her three sandwiches and a piece of fruit, and they made passionate love until dawn. Three weeks later, during a routine inspection, she was discovered by the captain. "What are you doing here?" the captain asked. "I have an arrangement with one of the sailors," she explained. "I get food and a trip to Europe, and he's having his way with me".

"He certainly is," the captain said. "This is the **Bolivar Ferry**"...

Contributed by Amelia Collins, Galveston CPAAA

Sign up to be a 2011 Convention Volunteer. See next page.



Region One Meeting
 Left –
 Galveston Sheriff
 president Tammy
 Harper (center) and
 Galveston president
 Cindi Rose (right).
 Right –
 U.S. Marshall
 Alfredo Perez and
 Amelia Collins,
 Galveston CPAAA.



HONOR ROLL OF 2011 GALVESTON CONVENTION VOLUNTEERS

Although the Convention has been postponed until 2011, we will still take names of volunteers. We realize that circumstances may change and no one will be faulted if they cannot volunteer even though they signed up. So don't let that hold you back. **Sign up now so when we get there we can get off to a running start.** It will be here before you know it. Following is a list of the committees and those signed up which makes up the honor roll. You can see that some of the committees don't have any volunteers. If your name is not listed, you can change that by sending an e-mail to Charles Billingsley (volunteer coordinator) at Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com. If you don't have access to e-mail, you can call Charles Billingsley at 713-729-1546. Please copy e-mails to Dave Miller at sdmillers@yahoo.com.

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