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The April meeting will be in Dickinson, Texas on Saturday, April 18, 2009 at 10:00 A.M., **Note Change from second Saturday due to Easter.** The meeting will be at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall, 4613 Highway 3 in Dickinson . From I-45 South of Houston, take Highway 517 East (Exit 19) toward Dickinson to Highway 3 – approximately 2 miles. Turn right on Highway 3 and go approximately ½ mile to the church on the right. Take the first street to the right after the DISD Administration Building . The Fellowship Hall is the first building on the left. Breakfast will be served at 9:00 A.M. The program will be presented by Threats Investigator Detective Anna Herman with the Ft. Bend I.S.D. Police Department. The subject will be Terrorism Awareness.

**The May meeting will be on May 9, 2009 in Santa Fe, Texas.**

***Please make plans to attend as many Region One meetings as possible. Exciting things are happening in Region One and in Texas. Attendance at meetings and participation in activities is the lifeblood of any organization. Please make an extra effort.***

**Members in good standing.** Members who have paid 2009 dues are Brenham, Galveston, Galveston Sheriff, Harris County Constable Precinct 4, Houston, Humble, Kemah, Lake Jackson, Liberty County, Pasadena, Pearland, Richmond, Santa Fe, Sugar Land, Texas City, Webster and Individuals Calvin Walker and LaVonne Walker. Members who have not paid are: Alvin, Angleton, Dickinson, League City and Montgomery County. Your Association's dues are \$30.00 for 2009. You may pay at the April 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday)

May 9 – Santa Fe

June 13 - Pearland

July 11 – Galveston

August 8 – Sugar Land

September 12 – Montgomery County

October 10 - Brenham

November 14 – Texas City

December 12 –

***We don't have a host for the December meeting date. If you are not already hosting this year and would be willing to host December, e-mail [Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com](mailto:Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com) or call Charles Billingsley at 713-729-1546.***

**The next TCPAAA state board meeting is in Buffalo, Texas on April 25, 2009. State Vice President Dave Miller, Pearland, urges every member of Region One who can attend the meeting. This is a very important meeting. It is at the Buffalo Housing Authority, 304 North Center Street in Buffalo at 10:30 A.M. Members are also urged to e-mail the board members to urge them to attend. The directors are listed on the state web site.**

## *Convention in San Marcos – An Outstanding Opportunity*

*The convention will be on July 30, 31 & August 1, 2009 at the brand new Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center. The room rate is only \$119.00 which includes a full breakfast, a free open bar with food from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. each evening and free parking. Information about the convention and registration forms are on the web site – <http://TCPAAconvention.org>.*

*Following is an excerpt from the State Board Dispatch:*

*“Get ready for a great time at this 2009 Annual Training/Convention. The San Marcos Police Department, Hays County Sheriff Department, and Texas State University are teaming up to host our 2009 annual event. This is sure to be one for the yearbooks. These folks in San Marcos have been full speed ahead since they decided to take on this event.*

*They have worked with lightening speed to prepare in a short time and give us a stellar memory of their city. You will be treated to a “down town” BBQ on the town square, classes we have not seen before. This entire event is being done with the care and precision of the great professional organization we have begun to know very well.*

*San Marcos is also the home of the famous Outlet Mall. You will be treated to lunch, compliments of Hector Trevino, Operations Manager for the mall, and a chance to get in some shopping.*

*We so appreciate the San Marcos Police Department with Chief Williams and his entire CPAAA crew, and everyone involved are busy at work to make our visit to their city a great one.*

*The Embassy Suites furnishes a full breakfast, open bar with food from 5:-00 until 7:00 p.m. This is one of the premier Embassy Suites not only in the state of Texas but the country. Get ready for a real hotel treat!!”*

*So you can see, this is to be a great convention. Make your hotel reservations and send in your Registration now!! You will have a great time!!*

### **Treasurer’s Report** (submitted by Georgie Benavides):

Balance 1-31-09	\$1,916.16
Receipts:	
Dues	210.00
Disbursements:	
Printing and Postage	<u>114,50</u>
Balance 2-28-09	<u>\$2,011.66</u>
Scholarship Fund:	
Balance 1-31-09	\$1,958.48
No Receipts or Disbursements	
Balance 2-28-09	<u>\$1,958.48</u>

### Picture of the Month



*Members of Congress should be compelled to wear uniforms just like NASCAR drivers so we could identify their corporate sponsors.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Send your upcoming events to [Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com](mailto:Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com) and they will be published.

**K-9 GOLF TOURNAMENT, June 9, 2009, Montgomery Sheriff CPAAA.** Write Tom Bach at [tommyray1935@yahoo.com](mailto:tommyray1935@yahoo.com) for further information.

**TEXAS CITIZENS ON PATROL 2009 CONFERENCE, June 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Granbury Resort Conference Center, Granbury, Texas.** Go to [www.TLOFT.org](http://www.TLOFT.org) for further information.

**TEXAS POLICE GAMES, June 24<sup>th</sup>-June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Conroe Texas.** Go to [www.texaspolicegames.org](http://www.texaspolicegames.org) for further information.

### **ALUMNI NEWS**

Send news to [m-deal@sbcglobal.net](mailto:m-deal@sbcglobal.net) and to [charl.bill@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

**Brenham.** Class 23 is still going strong. During March they participated in mock traffic stops, spent an evening at the Fire Department and learned about Investigations and Narcotics. Class graduation will be on April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Blinn College Student Center. Our next fundraiser will be a bake sale on May 9<sup>th</sup> in front of Hallmark. The COPs helped with traffic control at the First Baptist Church School fundraiser on March 6<sup>th</sup> and also directed traffic at another train/vehicle accident on the same day.

*Reported by Chris Pieper*

**Houston.** On Thursday, April 16, 2009, The Houston CPAAA will present the Lynn Clooney Memorial Award to Senior Police Officer Paul Lassalle III who is the HPD Traffic Enforcement DWI task force administrative officer. The ceremony will take place at the ARAMCO Services Building, 9009 West Loop South at 7:00 P.M. This award is named in honor of Lynn Clooney who was a graduate of HCPA Class 1 and passed away from cancer while serving as president of HCPAAA in 1992. She was one of the founders of HCPAAA. The officer is chosen by the board of directors from generic recommendations submitted by the various HPD divisions. All members of Region One are invited to attend. On Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, CPA Class 40 will graduate.

*Reported by Charles Billingsley*

**Montgomery County Sheriff.** March was a pretty busy month for us. Several of us worked the annual East County Officers Appreciation Banquet. It was time again for annual Bass Tournament for the kids at the burn center. This had to be put on hold due to the strong winds, the sudden drop in the temperature, and the very choppy water. This all made it unsafe for these kids. We sponsor 2 boys and 2 girls each year for this event. We did 2 Shattered Lives Programs during the month. Several helped at the annual Seniors Day at the Fairgrounds. We had a great time as usual with over 1300 seniors. April we will be doing 2 more Shattered Lives Programs and will help with the CASA Kids Picnic. Hope that everyone has a nice Easter.

*Reported by Jeanette Gtaff*

**Santa Fe.** The last two months have been a time to rest and re-group for our up coming fundraising year. We are gearing up to get started with our first **garage sale** that will be held on April 4th in front of **Big Chief** Grocery off Hwy 6. We are hoping for great weather so all can come by and say hello and buy some small treasures. We are one step closer to making our Citizen's On Patrol Car a reality instead of a dream. We are looking forward to hosting our 1st Region One meeting on May 9th at Amegy Bank on Hwy 6.

*Reported by Laura Lindsey*

***Recalling our forefathers, we have fallen a long way since adults ran this nation.***

Don't take life too seriously. No One gets out alive.

**March Meeting.** The March Region One meeting was sponsored by the Houston CPAAA at the Bayland Park Community Center. The speaker was FBI Agent Arthur Pineda who is the head of the joint task force on Domestic Terrorism for this area. He gave an excellent overview of his task force and their scope. There were 47 people at the meeting including 29 from Houston and 18 from Region One organizations. Alumnis represented were Dickinson, Galveston, Harris County Constable Precinct 4, Houston, Humble, Liberty County Sheriff, Montgomery County Sheriff, Santa Fe, Sugar Land and Webster. Thanks for all the Houston folks for coming out to support Region One. A tip of the Alumni Cap to Marcy Williams who did her usual excellent job coordinating the refreshments.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:sdmillers@yahoo.com).

#### **Registration and Bags**

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Tom Lane, 713-771-0016

#### **Class Speakers and Topics**

Tammy Harper, Galveston, 713-724-3250, [tharper@yahoo.com](mailto:tharper@yahoo.com)  
Carol Cowan, Galveston, 409-692-7744

#### **Audio and Video**

#### **Meals and Ticket Takers**

#### **Guest Speakers**

Ben Hernandez, Dickinson and TCPAAA, 281-837-3368

#### **Open and Closing Ceremonies and Speakers**

#### **Sponsors**

#### **Officer Certification (T-Close)**

Thomas Bach, Montgomery County Sheriff, 936-443-6535, [tommyray1935@yahoo.com](mailto:tommyray1935@yahoo.com)  
Rita Crosby, Montgomery County Sheriff, 936-264-2338

#### **Decorations (Meals, Opening and Closing Ceremonies)**

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#### **Unassigned**

Madeline Volek, Houston, 281-847-2163, [volekmadeline@yahoo.com](mailto:volekmadeline@yahoo.com)

A DEA officer stops at a ranch in Montana and talks with an old rancher. He tells the rancher, "I need to inspect your ranch for illegally grown drugs." The old rancher says, "Okay, but do not go in that field over there," as he points out the location. The DEA officer verbally explodes, saying, "Mister, I have the authority of the federal government with me." Reaching into his rear pants pocket, he removes his badge and proudly displays it to the farmer. "See this badge? This badge means I am allowed to go wherever I wish, on any land. No questions asked or answers given. Have I made myself clear? Do you understand?" The old rancher nods politely, apologizes, and goes about his chores. A short time later, the old rancher hears loud screams and sees the DEA officer running for his life, chased close behind by the rancher's prize bull. With every step, the bull is gaining ground on the officer, and it seems likely that he'll get "horned" before he reaches safety. The officer is clearly terrified. The old rancher throws down his tools, runs to the fence, and yells at the top of his lungs, "Your badge! Show him your badge!"

## IS IT NBA OR NFL?

- 36 have been accused of spousal abuse
- 7 Have been arrested for fraud
- 19 Have been accused of writing bad checks
- 117 Have directly or indirectly bankrupted at least two businesses
- 3 Have done time for assault
- 71 Cannot get a credit card due to bad credit
- 14 Have been arrested on drug related charges
- 8 Have been arrested for shoplifting
- 21 Currently are defendants in law suits
- 84 have been arrested for drunk driving in the past year.

Have you figured out which group it is? It's neither. It's the 435 members of the U.S. Congress.

*Contributed by Amelia Collins, Galveston CPAAA*

### **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](mailto: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.

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

The web site for the National CPAA is [www.nationalcpaa.org](http://www.nationalcpaa.org). Dues are \$25.00 per year.

The Web Master's e-mail is [Leo@TexasCPAAA.org](mailto: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](mailto:csud2@comcast.net) and David Miller, Pearland, [sdmillers@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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?**

## **NEW DIRECTION FOR THE WAR ON TERRORISTS.**

Send Service Vets over 60.

I am over 60 and the Armed Forces think I'm too old to track down terrorists. You can't be older than 42 to join the military. They've got the whole thing backwards. Instead of sending 18-year olds off to fight, they ought to take us old guys.. You shouldn't be able to join a military unit until you're at least 35.

*For starters:*

Researchers say 18-year-olds think about sex every 10 seconds.. Old guys only think about sex a couple of times a day, leaving us more than 28,000 additional seconds per day to concentrate on the enemy..

Young guys haven't lived long enough to be cranky, and a cranky soldier is a dangerous soldier. My back hurts! I can't sleep, I'm tired and hungry. We are impatient and maybe letting us kill some terrorist that desperately deserves it will make us feel better and shut us up for a while.

An 18 -year-old doesn't even like to get up before 10 a.m. Old guys always get up early to pee so what the hell. Besides, like I said, I'm tired and can't sleep and since I'm already up, I may as well be up killing some fanatical SOB..

If captured, we couldn't spill the beans because we'd forget where we put them. In fact, name, rank, and serial number would be a real brainteaser.

Boot camp would be easier for old guys. We're used to getting screamed and yelled at, and we're used to soft food. We've also developed an appreciation for guns. We've been using them for years as an excuse to get out of the house, away from the screaming and yelling.

They could lighten up on the obstacle course, however. I've been in combat and didn't see a single 20-foot wall with rope hanging over the side, nor did I ever do any pushups after completing basic training. I can hear the Drill Sgt. In the New army now, Get down and give me ..... One.

Actually, the running part is kind of a waste of energy, too. I've never seen anyone outrun a bullet.

An 18-year-old has the whole world ahead of him. He's still learning to shave, to start up a conversation with a pretty girl. He still hasn't figured out that a baseball cap has a brim to shade his eyes, not the back of his head.

These are all great reasons to keep our kids at home to learn a little more about life before sending them off into harm's way.

Let us old guys track down those dirty rotten coward terrorists. The last thing an enemy would want to see right now is a couple of million teed-off old fogies with attitude and automatic weapons who know that their best years are already behind them.

If nothing else, put us on border patrol...we will have it secured the first night!