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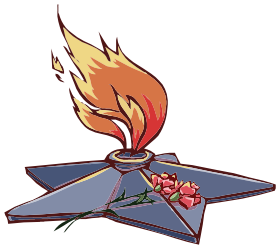
Legislative Report, Darrell Wilson, Director

Ladies and gentlemen, a very important issue we have before us is the Texas budget deficit (27 billion dollars). Simply put, we are about to lose serious funding that supports every facet of our human health and community services. Dennis Borel, the Executive Director of the CTD/Coalition of Texans with Disabilities, is looking for real people with real consequences to give their story and how these cuts will personally affect them and their families and friends. For further information please contact me (cell 210-896-6146) or Dennis Borel. This is a very important issue, please pass this on to everyone you know because this affects us all.

If you have any questions either call my cell at 210-896-6146 or through the Texas Chapter PVA at 800-933-4261.



**MEMORIAL DAY
Wreath Presentation
Houston National Cemetery
10410 Veterans Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77038
May 30th at 8:30 a.m.
Please feel free to join us**



Election Committee, Kate Callahan, Chair Election ballots have been mailed to your homes with a due date of May 31st. I hope you all take advantage of this opportunity to cast your vote for Vice President, Treasurer, Board Member #2 and Board Member #3. If you have any questions about the ballots, please feel free to contact me.

Note from David Fowler, President - Memorial Day is May 30th. You may want to visit your local Veterans Cemetery to show your appreciation for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. If you can't attend, please take a moment to pause and reflect on the day's true meaning.

Please be aware that June 1st starts Hurricane Season. Are you ready? So many of us procrastinate concerning developing a plan in case of an emergency. There have been several meetings across the country, state and city regarding the implementation of a plan in case there is a natural disaster. If we learned one thing from history, it should be that we get prepared. Some of the most important things to have ready are a full month's worth of medical supplies and prescriptions, a list of emergency contacts, and a place to evacuate to before a disaster occurs.

On May 5th, the TPVA staff and I attended along with some of our Houston Members and volunteers a Cinco de Mayo celebration at the Michael E. DeBakey SCI Unit. We fed in-patients, out-patients, and SCI staff. It looked like everyone had a great time and I vision next year's luncheon to be just as successful. Please watch next month's Speedy Gazette newsletter for pictures from May 5th.

I'd like to state that our election is going on at this time. Please make sure that you have your ballots mailed back in time so that your vote counts. It is important that you take the time to read the bios and elect the person that you believe will best serve your interests as a member.

We are working on the budget as we speak and will have it finalized at our July Board Meeting in Corpus. Now is the time to speak up about events, programs or other services you would like the chapter to consider.

June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	San Antonio Satellite Member Forum 5 dinner/6 mtg	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	Flag Day Fishing	Flag Day Fishing
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19	20	Houston Member Forum @ noon SCI Dayroom	Austin Satellite Member Forum Noon @ the Satellite Office	So TX Satellite Member Forum, contact John Taylor 361-225-2360	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

2nd ANNUAL WET 'N' WILD DAY IN AUSTIN- Sept 17, 2011

The event will consist of boating, fishing, food, and events for our Paralyzed Veterans in the Austin and outlying areas.

Get out of the house! Come out for the day, bring your family, meet people and enjoy yourselves!

More details to follow / contact Cathy Bourget @ 512-677-8163 or e-mail: tpvaaustin@hotmail.com

Flag Day Fishing is coming up June 12-14th. Please contact Alvin Guerrero at 210-488-3472 to register.

Bluff Landing Marina & Lodge

4242 Laguna Shores Drive

Corpus Christi, TX 78418

Deadline June 1st

TPVA point system will be used.

July 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	PVA & TPVA closed	PVA & TPVA closed	6	San Antonio Satellite Member Forum 5 dinner/6 mtg	8	9
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FUNDRAISER
If you golf or someone you know does, please register for our Third Annual Texas Chapter Paralyzed Veterans of America Golf Tournament Monday, October 10, 2011 The Quarry Golf Club
210-824-4500
444 E. Basse Road
San Antonio, TX 78209