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Brenham Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

THE INFORMANT

Remembrance Issue



Left: **Sgt. Steven Eilert** and COP Lt. **Rob Aguilar** flank former Cpl. **Ron Upchurch** and former Sgt. **Bob Cothorn**. They gave up their stripes to give other deserving members of our group a chance to serve in another capacity and a chance to shine. Ron and Bob were presented Certificates of Appreciation for their hard work and dedication to bettering our organization. They say that they will still be working hard and helping their successors.

Dates to remember

General Meeting 7pm	9/9
Wash Cnty Fair Parade	9/14
Nat'l Night. Out	10/1
Halloween Drive Thru	10/31
Drive-thru fundraiser	11/4



Left: **Sgt. Steven Eilert** presents former Cpl. **Stan Ford** with his Sergeants' Stripes. Stan will still be over the Gun Range and head up special projects. Stan will have plenty of help at the Gun Range; as Albert Green and Doug Feist have been assisting there for quite a while. And as far as special projects, Doug Feist has helped with this in the past.

we remember
9.11.01



Left: **Sgt. Eilert** says a few embarrassing words of praise about our two newest Corporals - **Doug Feist** and **Albert Green**. Cpl. Feist will be taking Bob Cothorn's place and will be in charge of our fleet. Cpl. Albert Green will take over from Ron Upchurch the duties of Coordinator of Office Personnel. We will see how bright they will shine. We needed sunglasses around Bob & Ron!

Below and on page 4 *We Remember September 11th, 2001*

September Birthdays

Sgt. Justin Schiller	9/3
Sgt. Joe Merkley	9/20
Lt. Kelvin Raven	9/26



August Events



THANKS to the following COPs for their help on 8-9-19 with the Brenham High School Band March-a-Thon: Richard Jares, Albert Green, Ron Upchurch, Tex Davis, Julie Wilson, and Rob Aguilar.



Thanks to the following COPs for their help on 8-10-19 for the Fireman's Fiesta Parking & Traffic Assignment: Annette Tiemann, Ron Upchurch, Tex Davis, Richard Jares, Kathleen Siemsglusz, Jon Siemsglusz, Mark Smith, Corina Smith, Cob Cothorn, and Laura Sparks.



Thanks to the following COPs for their help on 8-17-19 for "Clear the Shelter" Pet Adoption Day: Richard Jares, and Jerry Jares.



Thanks to the following COPs for their help at the Guns and Hoses Blood Drive on Friday 8-23-19: Rob Aguilar **Saturday 8-24-19:** Rob Aguilar, Wanda Aguilar, Annette Tiemann, Richard Jares, Patricia Badough, Kathleen Siemsglusz, Jon Siemsglusz, Catharine Wood, Doug Feist, and Kay Reichwein.



August COP Hours

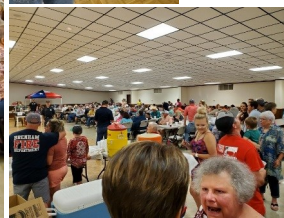
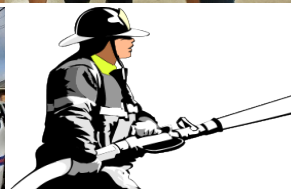
Rob Aguilar	74
Wanda Aguilar	19.5
Dorothy Antkowiak	10
Patricia Badough	9.25
Sue Braun	7.5
Willie Brown	4
Bob Cothorn	41.75
Michael Cowan	12
Tex Davis	289.5
Peter Emerson	2
Doug Feist	35
Stan Ford	25.5
Albert Green	67
Dale Green	7
David Holloway	9.25
Jerry Jares	57.75
Richard Jares	157.25
Harry Jones	2
Dick Klein	5.25
Howard Mead	2
Kay Reichwein	43.5
Merlene Schmacher	2
Jerry Schwake	2
Jon Siemsglusz	11
Kathleen Siemsglusz	22.5
Corina Smith	4.5
Mark Smith	7
Tony Smith	11
Laura Sparks	3.5
Clarence Steinfeld	2
Annette Tiemann	15
Ron Upchurch	86
Lori Walker	23
Darrell Weed	4
Julie Wilson	41.5
Catharine Wood	20

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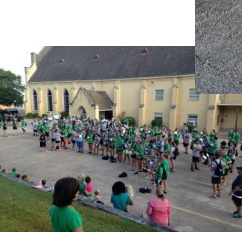
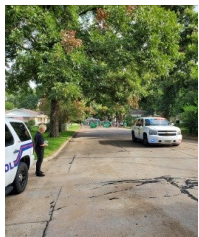
Above: New COPs **Julie Wilson** and **Kay Reichwein** receive their COP Caps 8-9-19. NICE!!



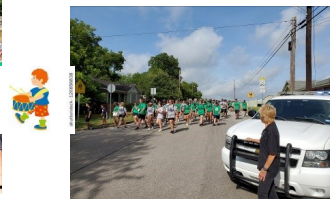
Fireman's Fiesta Photos



Everyone Loves a Parade!



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We Remember

By Rob Aguilar



We vowed to remember; we made an oath to ourselves, never to forget. Never to forget what we saw, never to forget how we felt; the outrage, the sorrow, the suffering and the aftermath. It's been eighteen years since the 9/11 Attacks, but it seems like yesterday; those images still fresh in our minds.

On September 11, 2001, 19 militants associated with the Islamic extremist group al-Qaeda hijacked four airliners and carried out suicide attacks against targets in the United States. Two of the airliners were flown into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, one plane hit the Pentagon in Washington D.C., and the fourth plane crashed in a field in rural Pennsylvania.

It was a clear day that Tuesday morning about 8:45 a.m. when that American Airlines Boeing 767 crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center. The plane hit the 80th Floor of the 110 story structure. I was watching the breaking news on TV and thought, what a terrible accident, how could that have happened ; when a second plane hit the South Tower around the 60th Floor(United Airlines Flight 175), it became clear, we were under attack. While we were watching this horrific event, about an hour had passed when we learned that Flight 77, a Boeing 757 had slammed into the Pentagon. We would later learn that Flight 93 out of Newark, New Jersey had also been hijacked. However, the passengers and crew on that Flight had heard of the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks before their departure. A few of the passengers and crew members fought the four hijackers in an effort to foil their plot. The plot was foiled, but the plane crashed in a rural field in western Pennsylvania; all 45 persons on board were killed. The intended target was never revealed, but it is theorized that the White House, the Capitol, Camp David or one of several nuclear power plants in the area may have been the target.

It was the deadliest day in our history, loss of life was devastating; especially sad were losses to "first responders". Close to 3,000 people were killed at the World Trade Center attack. A staggering 343 Firefighters, 23 New York City Police Officers and 37 Port Authority Police Officers and 15 EMTs lost their lives trying to save civilians from the Towers. Almost 10,000 people were treated for injuries, many were severe; of those approximately 2,000 were first responders. 125 military and civilian deaths were reported at the Pentagon attack, along with the 64 people aboard the airliner. And all 45 persons on board Flight 93 died in that field in western Pennsylvania.

Remembering isn't enough, we need to pass on this tragic part of our history to our children and grandchildren. Then, we truly will **never forget September 11th 2001.**



Thank You!



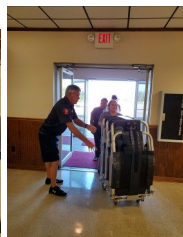
A **Big Thank You** goes out to all the COPs that came out on August 24th to help with the Guns and Hoses Blood Drive. **Rob's Crew:** Wanda Aguilar, Annette Tiemann, Richard Jares, Kay Reichwein, Kathleen Siemsglusz, Jon Siemsglusz, Patricia Badough, Catharine Wood and Doug Feist.

But a **Special Thanks** to those that donated the Gift of Life!

Friday's Totals : **34** Total Blood Units

Saturday's Totals : **50** Total Blood Units

Which translates to @ **218** Lives Saved !



The photos show that we had a good time at the Guns & Hoses

Blood Drive on Saturday 8-24-19. We gathered for food, fellowship and fun; but, above all that we were there to Give the Gift of Life. Thanks to all who came out!

See pages 8 and 9 for more about our Guns and Hoses Blood Drives and pictures.



Left: Patrol isn't all hard work as **Julie Wilson** and **Kay Reichwein** found out. You can take a lunch break when your not too busy. Rob made a stop at K-Bob's while the ladies were on their last ride-a-long with him. Yumm!

Below: Our COP Pickup Unit 234 has been ours for 1 year now. Richard Jares broke-it-in for us quite nicely!





A lot of things happened at our August CPAAA Meeting as per page 1 of this newsletter. Bob and Ron were given Certificates of Appreciation for all of their hard work. And (above 2 photos) CPAAA member Carol Holloway presented the Citizens On Patrol group an "Official Superheroes" Certificate for all that we do. And, of course, Stan Ford was promoted to Sergeant and Albert Green and Doug Feist were made Corporals!



Left: At a distance this looks like a Handicapped Parking placard (same color and size) hanging from the rear view mirror. But, it was just somebody's idea of a joke. It may be illegal, but looks cool!!



Photos in this publication were taken by: **Richard Jares, Alyson Tofel, Doug Feist, Wanda Aguilar and Rob Aguilar**
THANKS SHUTTERBUGS!!

Ofc. Armando Guerra at the Early Childhood Learning Center being a great role model for the kids, but I think he is having a little too much fun! Think I'll join him next time!



8-17-19 Clear the Shelter Event 39 animals (21 dogs and 18 cats) found their forever homes. For more, see article by COP Jerry Jares on page 11.



Above: **COP Michael Cowan** is presented a patriotic quilt from the Friendship Quilt Guild of Brenham. The quilt was presented by Sandra Schwenke and Rola Doelitsch. The Friendship Quilt Guild is focusing on veterans in our community to let them know they are appreciated and not forgotten. Michael served in the Air Force during the Vietnam Era for four years. He is from CPA Class 26.



Above: **Cpl. Jose Perez** and **Ofc. Tina Bruno** are out assisting with a "child in a locked car" call on Market Street. The child was out upon their arrival, but it could have been much worse. Even our Game Warden made the scene; along with BFD and EMS.



2019 National Night Out

Make plans to join forces with us on **October 1st** for the **36th Annual** crime and drug prevention event.

This year's theme will be **Fiesta**.

Anatomy of a Blood Drive

By Rob Aguilar

The Brenham Police Department has been participating in the Guns and Hoses Blood Drive for almost 15 years. I have been the Department's Blood Drive Coordinator since I was asked by COP Sgt. Bob Armour to help lighten his work load by taking it over in 2010. Bob and myself worked that first drive in 2010 together. Bob showed me step by step his procedures to prepare for the event; the dates for that year were already set and the locations were secured. We then put up posters, announcing the drive, all over town; as well as put a blurb in the Banner-Press' "Daily Briefs". Being a member of the Brenham Fire Department as well, I coordinated the event with their chief, Ricky Boeker. Later the Fire Chief relegated that duty to Captain Tank Neinstead; and a year ago he said that I was the coordinator for the Fire Department. Well that first drive went smoothly and I accepted the reigns from Sgt. Armour.

Over the years the procedure has changed a bit; or I just tweaked it to suit my style. With the advent of emails and texts I don't speak with the area representative from the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center (GCRBC) very much anymore. By the way, the representatives from the GCRBC that set up our drives seem to change biennially, so I don't bother to remember their names; however, they have all been very nice and quite helpful. Everyone at the GCRBC is very professional and they try and do a good job; my only complaint is that they seem to always get something wrong on the posters and they have to get reprinted.

Well here are the steps that I take to prepare for a Blood Drive. First, I secure the locations for the drives a year in advance. The Donor Coach is used for all 3 of our Guns and Hoses Blood Drives; we have a drive in January, a drive in April and one in August. The January and August drives are Two-Day Events, which means we have the Donor Coach one day and then we move into a building the next day (not necessarily consecutive days) and that building is usually the Fireman's Training Center. We used to have 4 drives a year, but, much to my surprise and glee, the GCRBC changed it to 3 drives about 4 years ago. I have a standing order that I can use the City Hall parking lot for all drives; unless told otherwise. We try to use the Fireman's Training Center because of its size and location. The Fire Department is very gracious in letting us use their facility which could be rented out and making them money; but instead it is used for the public good.

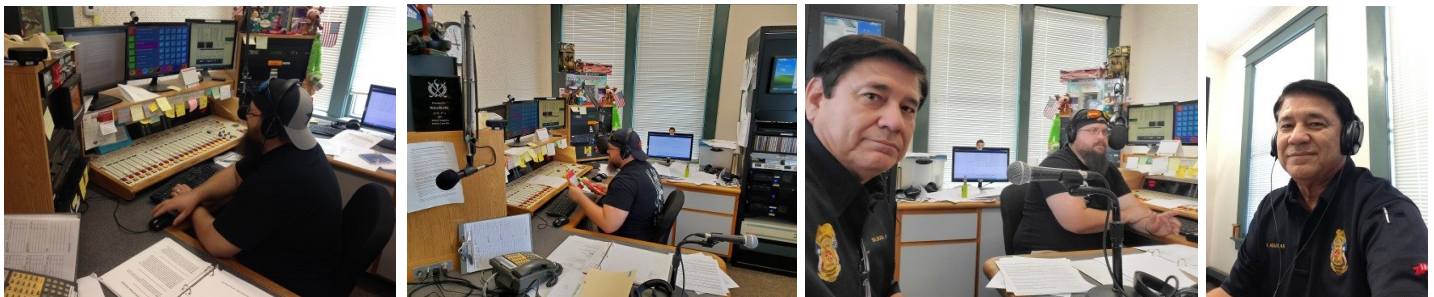
Secondly, I prepare a Public Service Announcement (PSA) in writing, that I deliver to the Brenham Banner-Press, KWHI, KTEX and KLTR. Arthur Hahn at the Banner-Press usually gives me a couple of paragraphs on the "front page" which is great. The radio stations are extremely gracious; they usually tweak my PSA and announce it several times daily. Further, KWHI and KTEX invite me into their studio to talk to them live. They later replay and blog the live broadcast several times in the days leading up to the drive. KWHI and KTEX have on many occasions showed up to our drives and broadcast live. Our latest August Drive had radio personality, "Trailboss Troy" broadcasting live the first few hours of our drive; he also asked me for live interviews during his live broadcast. And, at last year's August drive we had radio personality "Cactus Ken Murray" broadcast live from our event and when he finished his live broadcast he stayed and donated double red cell plasma. Our radio personalities go above and beyond to make our drives successful, and make things easier on me.

Next, I put up posters all over town and distribute them to our FD, PD and COP members to place at other locations. I also urge people to donate. While we are supposed to call or email previous donors: I found that the GCRBC already does that, so I don't bother. My phone number is on the posters and on the website, so I may get called upon to set up an appointment or to cancel and or reschedule appointments. I also get our 911 Dispatchers to text all county first responders on the date of the drives as a reminder to give blood at our Guns and Hoses Blood Drives.

Then I line up volunteers to work the events that we have at the Training Center, which is not hard to do. We have several COP members that always work this event and we had 10 COP and 3 FD members help at our last event. Not to mention the members that came by to donate. We actually have a lot of fun at these events; we visit with each other, we visit with the donors, many of which we know personally, and the other donors we get to know.

We have lots of refreshments on hand including soft drinks, juices, sandwiches, chili, hot dogs, frito-pie, chips, dips and deserts. I have to arrange for the refreshments, with the help of several COP and FD members, we get most of the items donated and the FD and CPAAA split the bill for purchased items. Dale Green from Max Donuts always comes thru with donuts for the event and we often get donated sandwiches from Subway or we just buy items and split the cost. I think that all the donors and workers enjoy the fact that we feed them before and after their donations or on their breaks.

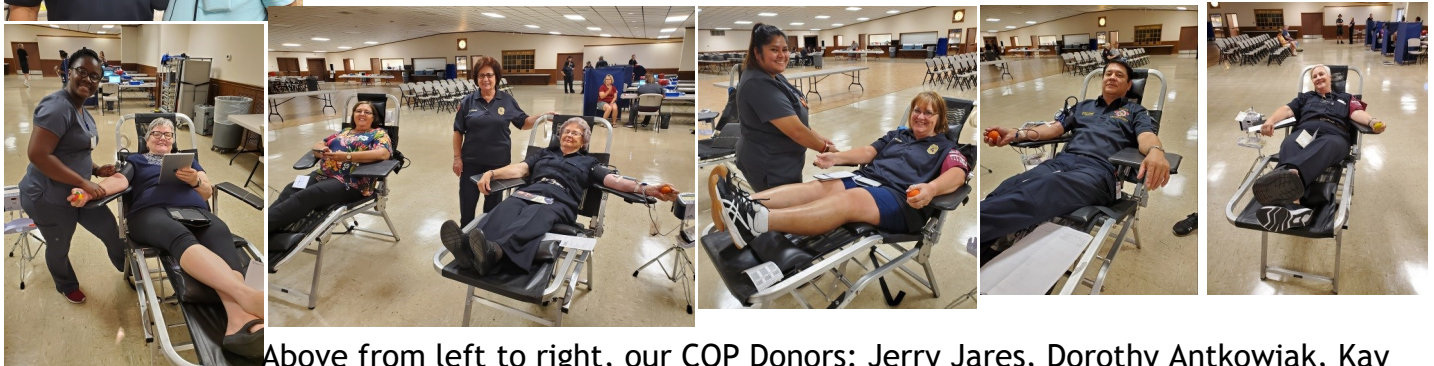
There are a few other things that I have to do like putting up traffic cones to ensure the donor coach will have a parking spot and putting out signs that point to the drive and let people know that a blood drive is in progress. I also take a tally of the blood donations and report that to the CPAAA and BFD. Why am I dissecting my procedures and relaying them to you, one might ask? It's simple, ***I am wondering if anyone would like to become the BPD's Official Blood Drive Coordinator.*** Wouldn't you like to do extra work a few times a year. Write a PSA for publication and for the airwaves. Get the Dispatch Office to text all first responders and ask them to donate. Go on a radio program or two and talk about the Gift of Life, as well as, live interviews during the drive. Spend quality time with your fellow COPs and mingle with the public. Public Relations isn't for just anyone, ***but I'll bet YOU would be good at it!***



Above pics: In the studio with Craig Montana to talk about our Blood Drive. Also in the studio with Trail-Boss Troy and Holly Ryder; both sessions were live.



Left: Rob, after a live interview at our Saturday Drive with Trail-Boss Troy.



Above from left to right, our COP Donors: Jerry Jares, Dorothy Antkowiak, Kay Reichwein, Catharine Wood, Rob Aguilar and Kathleen Siemsglusz **THANKS GUYS**



Newly appointed Corporal, Albert Green had something else to celebrate. He and his wife Julia have been married for 50 Years. That's quite an accomplishment in this day and age. They became Mr. and Mrs. Albert Charles Green on August 30th, 1969, at Eben-Ezer Lutheran Church of Berlin by the Rev. Dan Zimmermann. Their children are son Clifton and wife Marta of Brenham and daughter Carrie Green Little of Brenham. Their grandchildren are Emerald and Autumn Green of Brenham; John Wilhite of Brenham, Andrew and wife Nicole Wilhite of Missouri, and David and wife Kessi Wilhite of Katy. Great-grandchildren are Ilene Genzel of Brenham, Ariana Wilhite of Missouri, and Caleb and Lilah Wilhite. The photos below were taken at a dinner celebration at Los Cabos Grille. **CONGRATULATIONS!**



We had a great time. Congrats Albert & Julia!



A VOLUNTEER'S VIEW

by Jerry Jares



At Brenham Animal Shelter, we have a kaleidoscopic array of colorful events and scenes that happen every day at 1804 Longwood Street. The adoption process is often an emotional step for a person or family.

Happiness in Marriage

I can usually tell how long a couple have been together with just one question. She asks, "Can't we just take this adorable pet home with us?" A seasoned spouse understands that he has already lost and gives in quietly. The couple takes the animal home.

Now a young partner just doesn't understand yet and puts up an argument. But before she can get to #19 on her list of "101 Reasons We Need This Pet," the poor fellow already knows he's going to lose this debate. He's young yet; he'll learn.

Happiness in Parenting

At the Brenham Animal Shelter, we also see parents deploy the full array of parenting strategies to add a new family member while keeping peace in their home.

When children accompany their parents to the Adoption Center, I can hardly keep from rubbing my hands together in joy. Of course, each child will want a personal pet. I predict that any parent who walks in with more than one child will likely walk out with more than one pet. Or develop Solomon-like skills in breaking up disputes between siblings.

Happiness with All the Pets

After visiting our shelter, children often come back into the lobby and say that they want ALL the pets. I encourage them by explaining that we have a payment plan with very generous terms. When the parents frown and shuttle the children out as quickly as possible, I realize that the parents don't see the humor. I was only kidding.

Clear the Shelter Event

We adopted 19 dogs, 21 cats and a giant tarantula in mid-August. Well, not exactly a tarantula. But we could have, if we'd had one. It was a day so busy placing pets that it took two days to sleep it off. But at least we had some happy families and empty kennels.

Joining the Fun

And that brings me to the best part about being a volunteer at the Brenham Animal Shelter. While we work hard to make a love connection between pets and families, we also have a lot of fun working together. The minimum age for volunteering is 18; our volunteers do a variety of tasks, like walking dogs and loving on our feline population.

If you too would like to experience the ever-changing parade of pets (but no tarantulas), consider volunteering with us at the shelter. Contact Robin Hutchens about volunteering or pick up an application whenever we are open.



Left: Jerry Jares is assisting one of the many adopters at the Brenham Pet Adoption Center's "Clear the Shelters" event on Saturday, August 17th.

Note: Since the Animal Shelter is under the BPD umbrella; if any COP would like to volunteer at the Brenham Pet Adoption Center, they would receive COP hours for doing so.

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In Remembrance of 9-11-01



H.E.B. will be providing lunch for all 1st Responders on Wednesday, 9-11-19, including BPD, WCSO, DPS, BFD, EMS and COPs; at the Brenham Fire Department's Emergency Operations Center (101 N. Chappell Hill Street) from 11:30 am to 1 pm. Uniforms not necessary; so come by and enjoy a good meal and great fellowship with Brenham's Finest 1st Responders!

See ya'll there!!