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Newsletter of the Brenham, TX Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

The Informant

The Bob Armour Memorial Edition



Robert James "Bob" Armour

9-13-31 — 2-11-20

Bob Armour was born and raised in Cranston, Rhode Island. There he met the love of his life, Emily Baptiste, they were married in 1952. Bob joined the Navy and served for 4 years, he then entered the grocery business. Bob then changed careers and entered the industrial pipe fabrication aspect of the oil industry. Advancing in his career and with his wife's support, the couple moved to several different states for his work; they even lived in Europe before moving to Houston. They had 3 children Robert Jr., Tom and Jeane. Bob and Emily had a country home in Bellville where the family enjoyed the country lifestyle including lots of family barbeques. Upon retirement, Bob and Emily moved to Brenham. He became active in the community. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, volunteered at the State School and was a proud member of the Brenham Police Departments' Citizens on Patrol. (more on pages 3 & 4)

Dates to remember this month

- CPA class 6:30pm 3/19
- CPA class 6:30pm 3/26
- CPA class 6:30pm 4/2
- General Mtg 6:30pm 3/9
- Guns&Hoses9am3pm 4/30

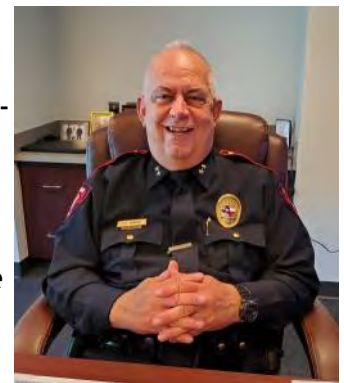
March Birthdays

- Ofc. Andrew Adams 3/3
- Ofc. Tina Bruno 3/19
- Capt. Dant Lange 3/29
- Ofc. Alex Saenz 4-7

Spring Forward
this Sunday at 2 am



Left and Right: New Police Chief Ron Parker is getting settled in here at BPD. He would like all members to attend the next Meeting of the CPAAA where he will say a few words and meet everyone!



COP NEWS

Thanks to the following COPs for their help:

February COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	55
Wanda Aguilar	12
Dorothy Antkowiak	2
Patricia Badough	18.25
Kevin Braun	3.5
Sue Braun	17.5
Willie Brown	16
Sunny Colpetzer	4
Bob Cothern	38.75
Michael Cowan	15
Tex Davis	191.5
Doug Feist	69
Stan Ford	50.25
Albert Green	33.5
Dale Green	2
David Holloway	3
Jerry Jares	3.5
Richard Jares	153.5
Harry Jones	2
Sherry Parker	8.5
Kay Reichwein	14.5
Jon Siemsglusz	7.5
Kathleen Siemsglusz	14
Corina Smith	18
Mark Smith	10.75
Tony Smith	9
Laura Sparks	8
Clarence Steinfeld	6
Annette Tiemann	23.5
Ron Upchurch	39
Lori Walker	9.5
Darrell Weed	22
Julie Wilson	2
Catherine Wood	16

TOTAL 898.5

2-1-20 Barnhill Center Event: Richard Jares, Tex Davis

2-7-20 First Friday Farmers Market & Artisan Event: Richard Jares, Tex Davis

2-8-20 Pet Adoption Event: Richard Jares

2-12-20 Pet Adoption Event at Senior Center: Richard Jares

2/13-14/20 Valentines Day Flower Delivery: Annette Tiemann, Dorothy Antkowiak, Corina Smith, Ron Upchurch, Sue Braun, Dale Green, Bob Cothern, Laura Sparks, Doug and Maria Feist, Kathleen Siemsglusz, Rob Aguilar, Wanda Aguilar

2-28-20 First Baptist Fundraiser Parking/Traffic Assignment: Dale Green, Dorothy Antkowiak, Ron Upchurch, Doug Feist, Bob Cothern, Rob Aguilar, Tex Davis, Annette Tiemann, Patricia Badough, Julie Wilson, Corina Smith, Mark Smith, Tony Smith, Laura Sparks, Richard Jares, Jon Siemsglusz. Kathleen Siemsglusz

3-1-20 Barnhill Center Event: Tex Davis, Richard Jares

3-2-20 LaVerne Crumrie Fundraiser: Rob Aguilar, Wanda Aguilar, Dorothy Antkowiak, Richard Jares, Ron Upchurch, Annette Tiemann, Bob Cothern, Doug Feist, Kathleen Siemsglusz

3-5-20 New Life Ministries/New Beginnings Parking Assignment: Dorothy Antkowiak, Doug Feist, Steve Oneill, Tony Smith, Tex Davis, Bob Cothern, Richard Jares, Wanda Aguilar, Annette Tiemann, Jon Siemsglusz, Corina Smith, Rob Aguilar

3-6-20 First Friday Farmers Market & Artisan Event: Richard Jares, Tex Davis



All these photos are from the First Baptist Parking/Traffic Assignment on 2-28-20



L & R: Doug Feist confuses drivers with his sign spinning technique!



In September of 2012 myself and Cpl. Chris Jackson received a Letter of Resignation from Sgt. Bob Armour. Bob stated that he could no longer give us a 100 percent effort and therefore wanted to resign from our organization. That was just like Bob, giving 100 percent in every endeavor. As you will read in the following article entitled “Emeritus”, we chose not to accept his resignation. Further, we included his name and phone number in our COP Handbooks, of people to call when you have questions about our organization or anything related to COP work. His name was only removed a couple of years ago, when his health became a big concern. Yes, **Sgt. Bob Armour was the epitome of what a COP should be and what we all should strive to become.** To our newer COP members, we wish that you would have known Bob the way us old timers did. Bob, we will miss you dearly. I guess you are directing traffic at St. Peter’s Gate now, we will be there soon to relieve you; save us a good parking space!

Emeritus

By Rob Aguilar

The word “emeritus” is defined by Wikipedia as “a person of importance in a given profession retires or hands over his position so that his former rank can still be used in his title. It is also commonly used in business or non-profit organizations to denote perpetual status of the founder of the organization or individuals who moved the organization to new heights”. Emeritus does not necessarily indicate that the person is retired from all the duties of his/her previous positions; he/she may continue to exercise some or all of those duties.

So why am I quoting from Wikipedia? The answer is simple; I just want everyone to know what we mean when we announce to you that our own beloved **Bob Armour** will from this date forward be known as “**Sergeant Emeritus**” of the Brenham Police Department’s Citizen on Patrol Program. Yes, that was a mouthful. And why do you suppose that we are making this announcement? Truth be told, Bob came to us and said that he felt that he could no longer give us a one hundred percent effort, and for that reason, wanted to quit the organization.

Upon hearing this news, we (Chris and I) chose not to accept his resignation. I guess that was selfish on our part, but we both felt that Bob meant too much to our organization; and even a small percentage of his talents were better than none. So we spoke with Bob and came to a compromise. Bob would retain his rank and could show up at any time and do whatever work he chose to do. We would, however, fill his current position with another member. We all know that no one can fill Bob’s shoes, but our new Sergeant will have to try his/her best.

Bob Armour has been an exemplary member of our group for quite some time. He epitomizes what a COP should be and what we all should strive to become. His work ethic, great attitude, level of energy, professionalism, and pleasant demeanor, not to mention that he knows every facet of our organization, makes me want to be just like him. Bob was called the “Godfather” of our organization by new member Ginger Bishop. She has only known Bob for a couple of years, but has seen him in action almost daily over that time. She has also heard many stories about him. Well her description hits the nail right on the head, as I was looking for a word to describe what he means to our group; and Godfather sounds just right. However, Godfather will not be on this proclamation, but rather, “**SERGEANT EMERITUS**”. (Photos on Page 4)



6 Photos above show Bob's dignified Burial with Full Military Honors as well as his viewing the night before. All the other photos are from our Informant archives and I hope they bring a smile to your face; they did to mine. Bob, hope to see you in Heaven!



Committees and You

The following is a list of the CPAAA Committees, Committee Chairperson, and what that committee does. This list is for clarification; as some may not know how certain committees function. A better understanding of these committees may lead to more participation by you, the members.

Media/Newsletter Committee - Rob Aguilar This committee is charged with public relations for our organization. It places notices, pictures and pleas in the local newspaper. It is charged with putting out our monthly newsletter, the Informant. Rob is always looking for news worthy items to place in the Informant; and for anyone willing to sit down and write articles, as well as submit pictures for publication.

Speaker Committee - Laura Sparks This committee is charged with obtaining a suitable speaker for our meetings on a quarterly basis. They will also provide the Media committee with a brief biography of the speaker so it can be published in the local paper prior to meeting night. They will also introduce the speaker to our group on meeting night.

Social Committee - Patricia Badough The social committee puts our social functions together. They secure a proper venue for the type of function we wish to have. They secure a caterer if needed, and music if desired (Band or DJ). They are also tasked with set up, which may include purchasing table cloths, silverware, etc. and making sure the venue is ready for guests. They will also have to make sure the venue is cleaned after use. They will also have to make sure that deposits and bills are paid for all items related to the event. Even the Christmas Parade Float falls under the social committee's purview.

Fundraising Committee - Albert Green and Sherry Parker The fundraising committee is in charge of our two major fundraisers: the Bake Sale (held the Saturday before Mother's Day) and the Drive Thru Fundraiser (held the first Monday in November). They are tasked with everything related to these fund raising efforts like having tickets printed, printing posters and signs and displaying them. Also, getting volunteers to help and or to bake items. They also have to secure the venues and make sure no rules are being violated as related to the venue. Lastly, they are in charge of the monies collected until which time as the Treasurer takes possession.

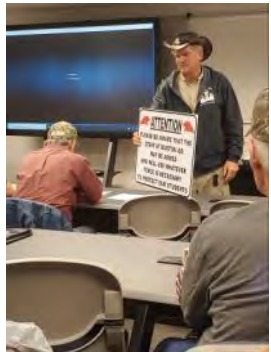
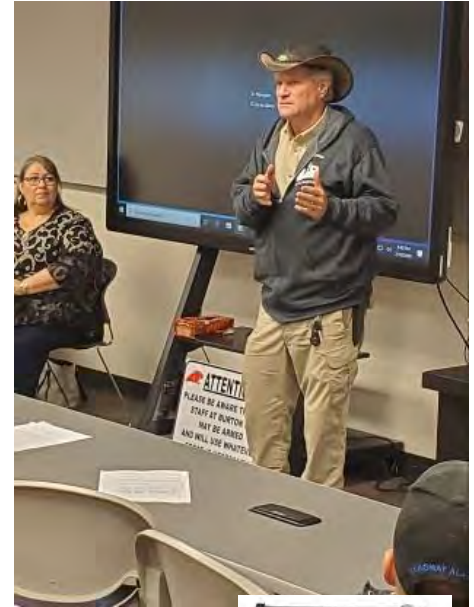
Benevolence Committee - Annette Tiemann and Sherry Parker This committee is charged with keeping the membership informed on the wellbeing of its members. They will report on major illnesses or pending surgeries. They will also send out Get Well cards to members that are ill or infirmed, Condolence cards to members that have lost loved ones. On a brighter note, we will also send out Cards for promotions, and other milestones; as well as Thank You cards to individuals or businesses that have treated us or the department well; or to those that have donated time or money to our causes.

Membership Committee - Sue Braun This committee is charged with recruiting new members from the current CPA Class. Seeing that the enrollment forms are filled out properly and that dues are paid. Contacting members if dues are delinquent. And, answering questions about membership and our organization.

So if you would like to help or be on any of these committees, or have more questions, let the Chairperson know; I am sure that they would welcome your assistance.



On February 10th at our General Meeting we were treated to an interesting, fun and fact filled presentation by our Speaker for the evening, John Deans. John has Deans Defensive Shooting, a civilian firearms training school in our area. His talk was filled with interesting statistics, like - only 7 percent of citizens in Texas have a License to Carry (LTC) permit also known as a Concealed Handgun License (CHL). As well as, sobering statistics on active shooter incidents in Texas and around our nation. He spoke of how a handgun can be a force multiplier. He talked about the 3 types of Sheepdogs that protect the Flock - Shield (our Law Enforcement), Spear (our Armed Forces) and civilian sheepdogs (us). If you see John, THANK him please!



CPA Class 34 is well underway; having had 4 of their 12 classes. They had their Orientation Class, Jail Tour, Tour of Communications and EMS Station 2 as well as their Fire Department Tour. They have learned about Texas Best Practices, FTO program, Internal Affairs Division, and Mental Health Enforcement issues. That is a lot of information in a short time, but this group seems to have a good grasp of all that is taught. We (CPAAA/COP members) have had fun talking and interacting with them these past 4 weeks. We have broken bread with them (so to speak) and answered some great questions about our organization. We hope that they will stay on when their 12 weeks culminates into their graduation. Only time will tell; perhaps there will be some future COPs coming from Class 34!!



Left: First night of classes: Orientation. Everyone gets introduced and the lectures and paperwork begin.

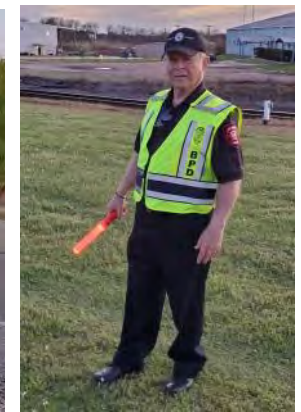
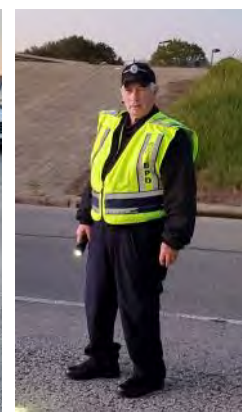


Left: A BIG THANK YOU to Lt. Marlow Lowrey for conducting the Washington County Sheriff's Office and Jail Tour, on the second night of classes. The tour was interesting as well as eye-opening. More Jail Tour photos on page 11.

Grooming Woes

By Rob Aguilar

Isn't ear hair funny?
 But nose hair is so gross.
 Removal could cost money,
 but the alternative morose.
 How about that blemish,
 and that great big zit.
 Makeup is not mannish,
 But I have a cream for it!
 Are your fingernails too long?
 Check your toenails as well.
 Use clippers, you can't go wrong.
 I'll leave the toes, just don't tell.
 Don't forget to comb your hair.
 Not today, I just don't care!

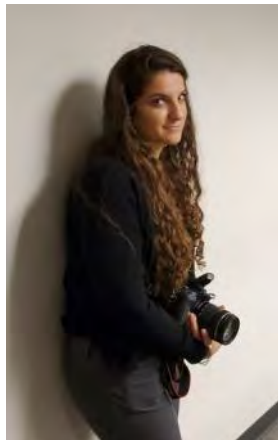


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Thanks to the crew pictured above for helping park cars at the New Beginnings Celebration of Life Event at the Fireman's Training Center on March 5, 2020. Top left to right: Jon Siemsgluz, Richard Jares, Dorothy Antkowiak, Corina Smith, Dale Green, Center left to right: Doug Feist, Annette Tiemann, Wanda Aguilar, Bottom Row left to right: Steve Oneill, Tex Davis, Bob Cothorn. Not pictured, your photographer Rob Aguilar.

Grooming is a necessary chore!



Above: Alyson Tofel, with camera in hand, is ready to capture the images that Class 34 will remember forever. Well, maybe not forever, but they will remember!



Above: A snapshot of 13 eager students (now 19) ready to see what they have gotten themselves into. This was their orientation class; they were introduced to the BPD Command Staff, a few of their instructors and some of the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association members and Citizens On Patrol members, whom they will be seeing quite a lot of in the coming weeks. They also sat thru a boring session and filled out a bunch of paperwork. Lastly, they got a tour of our Police Station and a promise of more informative and exciting classes in the weeks to come. As you will see in the following pages, that promise was kept with a great Jail, Communications, and EMS tour. The following week found them at the Fire Station for another great tour!



Happy St. Patrick's Day

A BIG THANK YOU to all of our members that have come out to the CPA Classes and brought and served snacks, answered questions and participated in the class activities; making Class 34 more fun and a big success!

Any CPAAA member that would like to work the front desk at the Brenham Police Department will now be able to do so. This program would not require a front desk volunteer to participate in the Citizens On Patrol (COP) program; nor would they need any COP training. You would be taught, on site, the duties that you would perform which would include greeting citizens, answering and or transferring phone calls, finding, copying and selling accident reports, shredding documents, running errands, etc. You may be asked to perform other tasks, but you will not be asked to do anything you do not feel comfortable doing or have not been trained to do. While a formal uniform will not be furnished; you will be issued a Polo shirt with a Volunteer Corps logo. Anyone interested can contact Ron Upchurch.

Valentines Day deliveries were a big success again this year!!

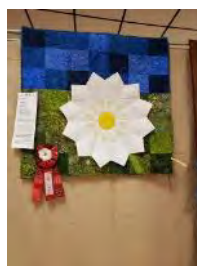
THANK YOU

A BIG THANK YOU to all of the CPAAA/COP members that came out to deliver flowers Thursday and Friday. Your efforts garnered us a nice check, that was a little less than last year, but a great effort by all involved.

Your grateful Fundraiser Committee Chairs,
Albert Green and
Sherry parker



Sorry, I forgot to take pictures, the photos are from last year. Thank you to the following for their help: Ron Upchurch, Bob Cothorn, Annette Tiemann, Dorothy Antkowiak, Corina Smith, Sue Braun, Dale Green, Laura Sparks, Doug and Maria Feist, Kathleen Siemsglusz, Wanda Aguilar and Rob Aguilar. Also thank you to Annette, Sherry Parker and Albert Green for their coordination.



Truly Art

Left and Right: That's our friend **Barbara Wise** standing next to some of her amazing Quilt Creations. Above: That's **Mayor Milton Tate** admiring the art on display at the Brenham Quilt Guild Show. I enjoyed viewing them as well!!



Quilting is her passion!



BPD's Sgt. Joe Merkley, Ofc. Crystal Buckner working with a Sheriff's Deputy, EMS personnel and BFD's Capt. Josh Sebastian, DO Ryan Swor and FF Matt Janner; all helping a gentleman that had his motorcycle fall on him.



This 2 vehicle accident at Hwy 290 West Access Road at Valmont Drive had Cpl. Tommy Kurie, Ofc. Connor Caskey, Ofc. Crystal Buckner, and Ofc. Tina Bruno all on scene. Crystal took the report while Tina directed traffic. The Fire Dept. also made the scene, but were not needed.



Police, Fire & EMS were all at the scene of this 2 vehicle collision on E. Main at Barbee. BFD Fire-fighter and CPA Alum Stacie Oberrender directs traffic while BPD Ofc. Lawrence Garnett takes the report. Lawrence's Spanish wasn't very good so BFD Asst. Chief and COP Rob Aguilar helped with translating; as Ofc. Eddie Martinez, who was on scene briefly, had another emergency call.



While the Washington County Sheriff's Offices and Jail was a nice place to visit; I don't think I would like to stay there for any extended period of time. I wouldn't even like to work there!!

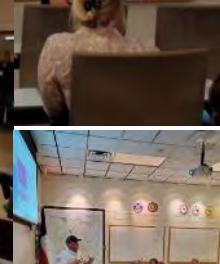
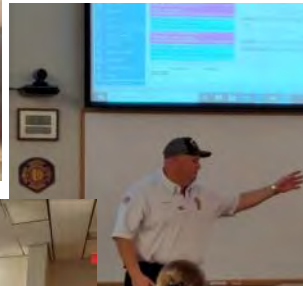


Class 34

Class 34 is well underway; here are some photos from their tour of the Washington County Communications Center .
Anyone look familiar??



Brenham Fire Department CPA Class 34 Tour 2-27-20



Thank you to the Brenham Fire Department. Thank You to Fire Chief Ricky Boeker, Asst. Chief Brian Scheffer, and Capt. Brent Schroeder and his amazing crew for the great tour of the EOC, Fire Station, Trucks, Gear, Equipment, and Fire Safety Class.



A Big Thank You to Paramedic *Ricky Pena* for teaching CPA Class 34 a little about First Aid, CPR and the Washington County EMS System in general; along with an ambulance tour.

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Reminder: Sunday March 8th is the start of Daylight Savings Time. So remember to move your clocks forward ONE HOUR at 2 a.m. (Spring Forward, Fall Back).



Your 2020 Board of Directors wishes to remind all members that membership dues must be paid by March 31st to be kept on the roster.
Thank you.