



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

The fourth quarter board meeting was held on October 3rd. Two board members were installed. Trey Coale and Carolyn Tate will both serve three year terms. Laura Kirkpatrick was again elected to the MPSHA President's position. This is a yearly term. The board voted to increase the Limited Pool Memberships to \$350.00 per season for a family of five. Each additional family member will be charged an extra \$70. This is a \$50.00 increase. They also voted to increase guest fees for everyone to \$10.00 each. Cheryl informed the board that there is some concrete repair that will have to be completed before opening next season. She will research contractors for bids and report back to the board.

POOL AND CLUBHOUSE RENTAL

Renting the pool and clubhouse only costs homeowner's \$50.00 and for non-homeowner's it is just \$175.00. The cost for lifeguards to work pool parties is \$12.50 an hour. There is a two-hour, two lifeguard minimum for pool parties. The deposit is \$350.00 for these rentals. The deposit will be returned to the renter if everything is left like it was found. The rental fees are never deposited until after the event in case of a cancellation.

BREAK-IN'S

The MPS office has been made aware of several auto break-in's around our neighborhood. Please know that these have occurred in just the past several weeks. The vehicles have had their windows and windshields broken and then multiple items stolen without opening the doors or setting off the alarms. These thieves know what they are doing. Please call the police if you see individuals around our neighborhood that you feel are being suspicious. The more we call the police and have them patrol the area the more likely we can get the thieves to realize we are not going to sit by and do nothing. Please report any and all break-in's to the MPS office.

MPS HOMEOWNER GOES ON HONOR FLIGHT

Last week 137 veterans were honored for their military service and dedication to maintaining the security and freedom of our beloved country and its wonderful people. The group included veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Like growing old this was no trip for sissies! We left Lubbock International Airport at 7:00 a.m. on our chartered Southwest 737 airliner and arrived at Baltimore Washington International Airport (BWI) 3 1/2 hours later where 3 chartered busses were waiting to take us to D.C. and then straight to the beautiful WW II Memorial one side dedicated to the Pacific region and the other side to the European conflict. We say the wall of gold stars with each star reflecting the loss of 100 soldiers, airmen and seamen on foreign soil. There were too many to count but those who died for our country added up to more than 400,000.

Then we traveled to the National Air and Space Museum near Dulles Airport. There Docents took on very informative tours. Everything from Lindberg's aircraft to the last

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Space shuttle was there in a huge 1000 foot long building built with a \$66,000,000 donation by an immigrant from central Europe now a U.S. citizen a must see!

Next, to a restaurant and dinner at Clyde's Gallery Place in D.C. then at about 8:00p.m. we checked in to our 5 star Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel. No time wasted. Tired we were but excited about tomorrow.

The second day we visited the Iwo Jima memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the National Museum of the Marine Corps and at 5:30p.m., Sequoia's of Georgetown where we had dinner and caught our breath before visiting the futuristic United States Air Force Memorial. It was now dark --the memorial was lighted and soared up skyward. Vets were lying in their backs to get photos of it, Then to the Hotel and tomorrow.

Up at 5:00a.m., breakfast at 6:00 and then to the United States Capital where Congressman Naugebauer greeted us in the Rotunda and took us to the U.S. House floor (which was not in session) and we were seated. There we learned about it's historical background by the Curator and an interesting talk about what a day is like in Congress by Randy who then escorted us back to the Rotunda and an a warm goodbye.

Next we visited the Navy Memorial and Naval Heritage Center, then Lincoln Monument, the Korean War Memorial and finally marched to The Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Then back to BWI where were airborne at 7:00p.m. and landed at the Lubbock Int'l Airport at 1030p.m.

The greeting party in the secure area was standing at attention and included sharp, shiny officers and men from about every organization who wears uniforms in the Lubbock area. I saw tears in veteran's eyes as we formed up and marched out to the baggage area where veteran's families greeted their loved ones with gusto. Yes the South Plains consists of a wonderful cross section of patriotic people and we love them. Thanks to all individuals and businesses in the region who contributed many dollars to make this trip a gift and a huge unforgettable event that these 137 veterans will never forget!

Thanks to David and Gail King who volunteered much time to chair the planning group for the South Plains Lubbock Honor Flight, do the fund raising and "supervise and execute the plan". We Vets do indeed feel honored.

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