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March 13, 2019 Meeting

Make your plans today to attend the March 13, meeting. We will meet at 12:30 PM, at the APA Building, 5817 Wilcab Rd.

APROA Social – 4-28-2019

We are booked for Sunday, April 28, 2019 at the Creedmoor Community Center, 12511 FM 1625, Creedmoor, Texas 78610, for our next Social. We are going to invite the Retired APD Civilians to join us and as always the event is free to Members and APD Retired Civilians and one guest each. Additional guest will cost \$10.00. We do not have a complete listing of all Retired APD Civilians so if you have contact with some, make sure they know about the event and if they are not getting our e-mails, ask them to contact Randy Malone (512-658-0692 / randy@randymalone.com)

This is the largest event we have each year and we normally have around 300 members and guest attend. A great opportunity to see many who you may have worked with during your career. Make Plans today! Now taking RSVPs (512-658-0692 / randy@randymalone.com) and we will once again be doing name-tags so please include names of guest if you send in or leave a message.

Fish or Chicken?

We will be serving Catfish, but for those who do not care for catfish we will have a limited supply of chicken strips. Every year we run out of the chicken as many who do not pre-order chicken, picks some up. If you prefer chicken, please let us know when you RSVP so we know how much to order.

RSVP Deadline – 4-21-2019

(Randy Malone, randy@randymalone.com - 512-658-0692)

We will be doing name-tags so if you send an e-mail or leave a voice mail, please include the names of any guest you may have.

Raffle

We are selling raffle tickets for a Remington 870 - 20g along with a \$200.00 and \$100.00 Visa Gift Card. The drawing will be at the social, 4-28-19. We will be selling tickets at many of our gathering as well as the Social. To buy tickets by mail send money to: APROA, 143 Morris Lane, Cedar Creek, Texas 78612. Tickets \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00 - You do not have to be present to win!

Cut Off date to order by mail 4-20-2019 - To purchase tickets by mail send money to:
APROA, 143 Morris Lane, Cedar Creek, Texas 78612

Pre-Plan Your Finale Arrangements!

We started 2019 off with a number of deaths, which is never a good thing, and once again we discovered many are still not doing anything about their Finale Arrangements. Putting off your Finale Arrangements is an easy thing to do for many as most don't want to even think about doing a Will or pre-planning, but we all need to do both for our family members.

I am sure many of you have already been faced with a funeral which was not pre-planned so at the time of the death you have to make many major decisions. Funeral or cremation, what casket, where to have the burial, where to have the service, what music would they have wanted played at their service just to mention a few decisions a family must make and quickly.

The casket alone could cost your family thousands more than you would have ever paid for your casket, but with no pre-plans, the family simply wants to best for you, no matter what they have to pay.

We have hosted two pre-planning seminars and in addition had Speakers from Dignity Memorial come to a couple of meetings to answer questions for the members. Why Dignity Memorial? They are the only Nationwide Funeral Home, which includes Cook Walden a company which has proven its support for First Responders time and time again. There are many funeral homes which will work with you, but you have to take the first step

Even if you are not ready to pre-plan, do a simple letter of instructions to your family with your wishes. Nothing binding about this but it could help your family when they are trying to make your finale arrangements. Get your affairs in order!

Dignity Memorial – Organizational Agreement

The APROA has an organizational Agreement with Dignity Memorial, which is the only nationwide funeral home service. By entering into an agreement with Dignity members will obtain the services listed below for our members and their family members.

While we did obtain these services and discounts for members if you choose to use a Dignity Memorial Funeral home or any other funeral home, be sure to get the services you are paying for in writing. This could prevent issues when the bill comes in.

The Dignity Memorial Family Benefit features:

- 10% savings on all funeral or cremation products and services through a Dignity Memorial provider.
- Savings apply to prearranged services or services at the time of need.
- 10% savings on cemetery interment rights, products and services through Dignity Memorial affiliated cemeteries.
- National Transferability on prearranged services at no additional charge at any Dignity Memorial provider nationwide.
- One year unlimited access to the Compassion Helpline®, a telephone grief support program staffed with trained counselors.

- Access to the Dignity Memorial Bereavement Travel Program. Our travel experts will assist family and friends with their travel needs when attending a service at any Dignity Memorial provider throughout North America.

Do You Have a Will?

You do not need to pre-plan to get a Will, we even have them for free on our Website, www.aproa.org, along with Directive to Physicians and Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care all of which everyone should have on file.

With almost 800 retirees, too many not prepared and families who were not prepared for the death of a family member. While you may not be ready to actually make your final plans, write it down and discuss it with your family members. Get a Will, this alone would take many of the legal issues off of the family. We have Simple Will formats on our web site, for FREE! And although you have a Will in place, you will find that it has to be Probated to make it legal, another big cost to the family.

When the Cleat Retiree Association was formed to provide Cleat Legal for Retirees it took into account the future needs of its retired members. Many see the Cleat Legal Coverage as the biggest benefit but the Free Cleat Will and Free Will Probate could save a your family well over \$2,000.00. If you have a spouse they too get the Free Will and Free Will Probate which again could save the family even more.

These benefits are only offered to Retirees who live in Texas, due to the fact that all of the Cleat attorneys are in Texas.

CLEAT Legal for Retirees – plus much more!

(\$14.50 a month or save \$24.00 and pay by the year \$150.00)

Cleat Legal Coverage for those who legally carry – In Texas Only

\$1,000.00 death benefit – Starts the day you sign up

**Free preparation, execution and probate of Cleat wills for member and spouse
If you have already joined the CRA, be sure to get your Free Cleat Will!**

Legislative representation protecting your pension and retirement benefits

To join or to get more information go to: <https://www.cleat.org/retiree-association/>

If you carry, Is your qualification card up to date?

If you carry, Do you have Legal Protection!

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We Need Your E-mail Address, Member or Not!

If you are getting this update by way of US Mail and you have an e-mail address or one that you can use to get the messages please send your e-mail address into us today!

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