



Steve Radack, Commissioner
Harris County Precinct 3

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Harris County Precinct Three Commissioner Steve Radack's annual Memorial Day ceremony will be Monday, May 27th at the Harris County War Memorial in Bear Creek Pioneers Park.

Veterans, their families, relatives of the fallen and members of the public are welcome to attend the Precinct Three salute to those who paid the ultimate price serving and defending the United States. The event will run from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. The War Memorial is located at 3535 War Memorial Drive near the park entrance off Eldridge.

The solemn ceremony will include presentation and posting of colors, the singing of *The National Anthem* and *America the Beautiful*, prayers, a wreath ceremony, 21-gun salute and military exhibition drills. This year's guest speaker will be Col. Leonard Waterworth, a veteran appointed in 2012 to serve as executive director of the Port of Houston Authority.

Col. Waterworth began his military service in 1979 and was stationed around the world, including stints in Germany and Turkey. He held numerous command positions and served on both the Army Staff and in the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon. Among his military awards are the Bronze Star and Meritorious Service Medal. A member of the Society of American Military Engineers, he currently serves as president of the group's Houston-Galveston post.

In the private sector, Col. Waterworth served as president and chief executive officer of Dannenbaum Engineering Corp. – a Texas-based engineering consulting firm – from 2007 until 2011. From 2005 until 2007, he was the firm's program manager for METRO's North Corridor Light Rail Team. He also served as the district engineer and commander for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District in Galveston from 2001 until 2004 and was Deputy Director for Civil Works for the Central Region for the Corps of Engineers from 2000 until 2001.

Col. Waterworth received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from New Mexico State, a Master of Engineering Administration from George Washington University and a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. He is a New Mexico native and has been married to Cheryl Waterworth for 28 years.

Commissioner Radack's Harris County War Memorial was built more than 27 years ago during the administration of former Precinct Three Commissioner Bob Eckels. It carries the names of Harris County residents who paid the ultimate price in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the first war in the Persian Gulf, the war in Iraq and the ongoing conflict in Afghanistan. In 2011, Commissioner Radack added the names of Merchant Marines killed during World War II to the monument. The names of those who served in the U.S. Coast Guard and died during various wars were also added.

Anyone with questions about the monument or the ceremony can call the Precinct Three Parks Office at (281) 531-1592. Patrons can also visit the Precinct Three website at www.pct3.hctx.net to look up names listed on the Harris County War Memorial.

Blood Drive in Bear Creek

Commissioner Steve Radack and the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center will host a blood drive at the Bear Creek Community Center on Friday, April 12th from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The center is located at 3055 Bear Creek Drive. The event is open to the public. Donors are encouraged to attend. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call (713) 266-8193.

Bird migration at Kleb Woods Nature Center

Commissioner Radack's Kleb Woods Nature Center, 20303 Draper Rd. in Tomball, will be the site of *Beautiful Birds: A Celebration of Bird Migration* on Saturday, May 4th from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. It will include bird walks, a live raptor exhibit, children's activities and informative sessions on butterflies, bird migration and other "birding" and wildlife subjects that will be conducted by outside experts and Nature Center staff.

The Nature Center and surrounding land is one of the region's most popular attractions for bird lovers. For more information, call (281) 357-5324.

Partnerships create new classes for seniors

Commissioner Radack, the Methodist Neurological Institute and the University of Texas Health Science Center's Consortium on Aging have joined forces to bring an award-winning series of classes to seniors at the Thomas A. Glazier Senior Education Center in 2013.

The Glazier Senior Education Center is one of two such facilities in Precinct Three that are part of Commissioner Radack's immensely popular senior education program. Since opening at 16600 Pine Forest Drive in early 2011, scores of seniors have poured into the new center for a wide range of classes aimed at keeping them engaged and active.

Commissioner Radack opened the Glazier Senior Education Center, in part, to test new classes for seniors that cover more than the basic computers skills curriculum he originally brought to seniors as part of a cutting edge effort before and during the 2004 opening of the Jim & JoAnn Fonteno Senior Education Center, 6600 Bissonnet.

The partnerships with Methodist and the UT Consortium on Aging – both consisting of expansive efforts among clinicians, researchers and educators with expertise in aging – takes the Precinct Three senior education program a step further and continues the evolution of the program into an initiative aimed at touching all aspects of a senior's life.

Among many topics, the new partnerships will produce classes on stroke prevention, cardiac health, managing stress, romance as a senior, how baby boomers will change the way society views aging issues, anxiety, medications and supplements, depression, preventive health care, maintaining a positive perception on the aging process, memory enhancement, dementia, maximizing your brain's potential as you age, protecting your mind and the "Seven Jewels of Healthy Aging." Through the partnerships, there will also be classes on senior sexuality, grief and bereavement and mental health.

The new classes go hand-in-hand with the new curriculum tested and taught at the Glazier Senior Education Center and then expanded to the Fonteno Senior Education Center. The aggressive effort is aimed at convincing seniors they still have much to contribute to the community by showing them "gray is the new blond" and "50 is the new 30."

Each of the new partnership classes will be taught by experts from Methodist and the UT Health Center at no cost to taxpayers. And, as with everyone program offered throughout the precinct, there will be no charge to participants. Commissioner Radack's senior education program is open to all Harris County seniors 55 and older. They simply need to register at either one of the senior education centers with a form of photo identification.

In addition to classes offered through the partnerships, there are also classes being offered on new health care reform laws, Medicare and topics like senior legal issues. There are also scores of other classes offered at both centers that might interest seniors.

For more information on classes being offered through the new partnerships and the other educational opportunities at the Glazier Senior Education Center, call (713) 274-3250 or visit the center to register at 16600 Pine Forest Drive. Information on educational opportunities at the Fonteno Senior Education Center can be obtained by calling (713) 981-4703 or by dropping by the center at 6600 Bissonnet. You can email the Fonteno staff at seniorlearning@hctx.net and the Glazier staff at glaziersec@hctx.net.

Seniors can also visit the Precinct Three Senior Education program website by going to: <http://www.pct3.hctx.net/senior/senioreducation.aspx>.

Construction reports and staying informed

Updates on Precinct Three road and construction projects previously featured in this report can now be seen on Commissioner Radack's website at www.pct3.hctx.net. That data will be updated monthly since this report is now generated quarterly.

As always, Precinct Three encourages comments and questions. You can mail them to Commissioner Radack's office at 1001 Preston, 9th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002 or email us at pct3@hctx.net.