

NOVEMBER 17, 2018 - FLAG RETIREMENT
CEREMONY -

JEANETTE PRASIFKA PROVIDED THE PROGRAM AND DIRECTED THE REVERENT DISPOSAL OF THE WORN FLAGS. SHE ALSO HAD A WONDERFUL SINGER THERE AND SHE DID A TERRIFIC JOB WITH PATRIOTIC MUSIC. CAPTAIN PEGGY HARRELL PROVIDED MUCH COORDINATION, AND SAR TOM WHITELOCK WAS ALSO A GREAT AMOUNT OF HELP. THEIR SPOUSES HELPED WITH THE SET UP AND THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF THE FLAGS. THERE WERE ALSO Boy Scout TROOPS THERE, ALONG WITH A COUPLE OF GRANDSONS OF THE SAR MEMBERS! GRAND-DADS ARE A GREAT INFLUENCE OF THESE BOYS AND WE HOPE TO HAVE THEM AS FUTURE SAR MEMBERS. THE PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, LONE STAR CHAPTER, WERE A GREAT PART OF THE SERVICE. WE ARE VERY FAMILIAR WITH THEM AND ARE ALWAYS EXCITED THAT THEY ARE A PART OF ANY EVENT. THEY ARE AWESOME GUYS!

I DID HAPPEN TO NOTICE THAT WE HAD FIREMEN STANDING BEHIND THEIR FIRE STATION AND WATCHING THE EVENT! THEY APPEARED TO LIKE IT TOO.

THE WEATHER COULD NOT HAVE BEEN BETTER AND WE WERE ABLE TO DISPLAY THE TORN AND TATTERED FLAGS BLOWING IN THE WIND! IT WORKED OUT THAT I GOT A FANTASTIC PHOTO OF

THIS!!

PART 2~~~. THIS WAS A MOST INTERESTING AND AWESOME EVENT! IT SHOULD COME AROUND AGAIN NEXT YEAR, AND ALL OF YOU SHOULD PUT IT ON YOUR “TO DO” LIST!!! I HAD NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS AND JEANETTE DOES A FANTASTIC JOB!!! THANKS SO MUCH! AS I SAID IN PART 1, EVEN THOSE FIREMEN AND PARAMEDICS WHO WERE NOT OUT ON A “RUN”, WERE OUT BACK OF THE FIRE STATION WATCHING THE EVENT! THERE WAS A LARGE AMOUNT OF FLAGS TO BE RETIRED, SO THEY JUST DID A FEW TO SHOW HOW IT IS DONE, AND THE REST WILL BE RETIRED AT A LATER TIME—IN THE SAME REVERENT WAY. THE LAST PHOTO IS THE GROUP WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS EVENT. AS YOU CAN TELL—BLUE SKIES, FEW CLOUDS AND SUNSHINE! WONDERFUL EVENT THAT WAS DEDICATED TO OUR WONDERFUL COUNTRY AND THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR ALL PROTECTING AMERICA! GOD BLESS AMERICA!

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