



NEWSLETTER



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4 PENTECOST SUNDAY	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY TRINITY	12 MEETING CALDWELL 7:00 PM	13	14 FLAG DAY	15	16	17
18 THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST FALLOUT SOMERVILLE	19	20 SUMMER BEGINS	21	22	23 THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS	24
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NEWS

Our next meeting will be in Caldwell on June 12. Meal will be served at 7 PM.

We have been asked to fall out at St. Ann's Church on Sunday, June 18. This is in honor of the feast of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. There will be a procession that will include some outdoor sites, as well as inside the church. We need to be there at 8:30, so that we can determine what will be needed in order to participate.

Father Tom had an aortic aneurysm rupture on Saturday, June 3, which required emergency surgery. As of 10:30 am Sunday, as I write this, he is awake and in stable condition. Please keep him in your prayers.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Well, we had two significant events happen on Saturday, a new priest being ordained, and another with a life threatening situation occur, that he might not recover from. This is the first time I have ever been to the first Mass of a newly ordained priest. It was a very comforting feeling to see so many young priests and deacons in the same place at the same time. There is no doubt that Father Jesse will be an extremely valuable asset to the Diocese of Austin. To have the Bishop of Ft. Worth at his first Mass, to give the homily, goes to show you the respect he has received, even before his ordination.

We need to continue our prayers for Father Tom, as this kind of surgery will be extremely difficult to recover from. He is fortunate to have this rupture occur after he got to the hospital, otherwise he would surely not survived. Friday evening he called Tina, and told her he fell and was hurting pretty bad, and wanted her to take him to the hospital. She got the ambulance to his house, and assisted the EMTs, and gave them his list of medications, to take with them. They told her they were going to take him to the College Station Medical Center, and she told them that there was no way they were going to take him there. She told them that he was a Catholic priest, and he was going to St. Joseph's, and they need to inform Msgr. Malinowski that he was there, which is what they did. Goes to show you what a little bit of gentle persuasion can do.

OUR
LESSON
IN
PATRIOTISM
FLAG
DAY



Van T. Barfoot died

(Copied from TruthorFiction.com)

Remember the guy who wouldn't take the flag pole down on his Virginia property a while back?

You might remember the news story several months ago about a crotchety old man in Virginia who defied his local Homeowners Association, and refused to take down the flag pole on his property along with the large American flag he flew on it.

Now we learn who that old man was.

On June 15, 1919, Van T. Barfoot was born in Edinburg , Texas . That probably didn't make news back then.

But twenty-five years later, on May 23, 1944, near Carano , Italy , that same Van T. Barfoot, who had in 1940 enlisted in the U.S. Army, set out alone to flank German machine gun positions from which gunfire was raining down on his fellow soldiers. His advance took him through a minefield but having done so, he proceeded to single-handedly take out three enemy machine gun positions, returning with 17 prisoners of war.

And if that weren't enough for a day's work, he later took on and destroyed three German tanks sent to retake the machine gun positions. That probably didn't make much news either, given the scope of the war, but it did earn Van T. Barfoot, who retired as a Colonel after also serving in Korea and Vietnam , a well deserved Congressional Medal of Honor.

What did make news...Was his Neighborhood Association's quibble with how the 90-year-old veteran chose to fly the American flag outside his suburban Virginia home. Seems the HOA rules said it was OK to fly a flag on a house-mounted bracket, but, for decorum, items such as Barfoot's 21-foot flagpole were "unsuitable".

Van Barfoot had been denied a permit for the pole, but erected it anyway and was facing court action unless he agreed to take it down. Then the HOA story made national TV, and the Neighborhood Association rethought its position and agreed to indulge this aging hero who dwelt among them.

"In the time I have left", he said to the Associated Press, "I plan to continue to fly the American flag without interference."

As well he should. And if any of his neighbors had taken a notion to contest him further, they might have done well to read his Medal of Honor citation first. Seems it indicates Mr. Van Barfoot wasn't particularly good at backing down.

Van T. Barfoot's Medal of Honor citation: This 1944 Medal of Honor citation, listed with the National Medal of Honor Society, is for Second Lieutenant Van T. Barfoot, 157th Infantry, 45th Infantry: and can be accessed on the Society web page.

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AND, BECAUSE OF OLD MEN LIKE VAN BARFOOT!

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