



**ALIEF AARP CHAPTER #3264**  
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**NEWSLETTER**  
**JUNE 2026**



### **President's Message**



June is the start of summer and also hurricane season. Let's hope we don't have a busy season. Our legislative update this month will help you to be prepared.

Our June meeting will bring us stories about the Buffalo Soldiers. I'm looking forward to this exciting program.

In April we tried a new raffle. Unfortunately, the Salvation Army does not allow the 50/50 raffles. We will continue the gift raffles that we have always had.

Our Board is working on a membership campaign to increase our membership. We hope to get a grant from the National AARP to help with the expenses. One of the things we would like to do is to have a Facebook page. If anyone has experience creating a Facebook page, please contact me or one of the Board members. We will ask all of our members to help increase our membership.

Our meetings have been well attended. This means that we have many people signing in at the welcome desk. So we can be mindful of everyone's time, the meetings will start on time so we can all get on with our day. I ask that you try to arrive early so you can get signed in and the members handling the sign-in table can join the meeting with us.

**Best Wishes to all,**

*Linda Edwards*

**Make sure to visit our new website: [www.aliefaarp3264.org](http://www.aliefaarp3264.org)**

### **June Dates to Remember**

June 14	Flag Day
June 19	Juneteenth
June 21	Father's Day

**AARP LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FOR JUNE 2026**

As I was preparing for this month's legislative report, I ran across this article from the Texas Tribune regarding their guide for preparing for natural disasters. The official hurricane season in Texas follows the Atlantic hurricane season, which starts on June 1 and ends on November 30 each year.

This guide was compiled with information from the American Red Cross, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Texas Division of Emergency Management and more. For additional information, visit their websites. These are the suggested actions to be taken to be prepared. For this month, we will focus on Building a disaster kit. All the action details can be found on the Texas Tribune website.

Preparation is key to staying safe during an emergency. Following a natural disaster, you may be without access to electricity, gas, roads, grocery stores and more. Building a disaster supplies kit can ensure you have the necessities.

The American Red Cross recommends you have the following basic supplies in your kit:

- Water: one gallon per person, per day
- Non-perishable food like canned or dry foods
- A flashlight
- A battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- Extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Prescription of medications and medical items
- A multi-purpose tool that includes a screwdriver, a knife and pliers
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items such as wet wipes
- Copies of personal documents like medication lists, medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates and insurance policies
- Cellphone with chargers and/ or a portable battery bank
- Family and emergency contact information
- Extra cash – ATMs may not be working
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket
- Maps of your area

This is just one of the actions. Do you want to know more about this subject? Send me an email.

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# Programs

## June 4, 2026– Doc Brown – Buffalo Soldiers



*Born in Houston, Texas, Doc served in the United States Air Force, where he guarded aircraft that transported the president of the United States. He was part of the distinguished group of soldiers that escorted President Lyndon B Johnson between speaking engagements. Doc was given a written commendation for his service with the president. He's currently President of the 9th and 10th Calvary Horse Association of Houston. In retirement, he also enjoys volunteering throughout the state educating various audiences about the famous Buffalo Soldiers.*

## July 2, 2026 – Mary Winstead – Arts & Crafts



*Mary's beginning as an 'army brat' has taken her all over the United States and to other countries. She attended 14 different schools, so it is all together fitting that she spent most of her career managing different programs in 94 schools of El Paso's ISD. Mary was a lobbyist for child nutrition programming in Texas and was on the committee that ushered out fried food in public schools. She was also on the team advocating for free breakfast for every student.*

*In retirement, she continues to speak at conferences & for senior groups on safety and sanitation, nutrition, and basic wills. Mary volunteers her talents, graciously sharing her hobbies in arts & crafts.*

## August 6, 2026 –Tiffany D. Thomas - Council Member District F



*Tiffany D. Thomas is a transformative public servant and visionary leader, serving as the first female Houston City Council Member for District F - one of the most diverse communities in Texas. Re-elected in 2024, she is known for bold leadership, a people-centered approach, and fearless policy execution, redefining what local government can achieve through courage, clarity, and community trust.*

*Her signature initiatives include the [Faith & Affordable Housing Summit](#), bridging faith institutions and developers, and heirs' property education to preserve generational land in historically Black and Brown neighborhoods. With cultural fluency and policy insight, Thomas convenes multiracial, multiethnic, and intergenerational coalitions that shape Houston's future.*

*Beyond City Hall, Thomas is an Associate Professor of Community Development at Prairie View A&M University, connecting research to action. Her work is nationally cited and replicated, reinforcing her role as a bridge between scholarship, policy, and grassroots leadership.*

## TRAVEL

### Future Dates of Reserved Bus Trips

June 5, 2026 – Friday – **Galveston County Museum** – Linda Edwards - Bus Coordinator



*The **Galveston County Museum** opened in 1976. It was located on Market Street for many years. After Hurricane Ike damaged the Museum in 2008, the unharmed artifacts were moved. Now the museum is located in the Galveston County courthouse building in Galveston. The museum cares for a collection of 20,000 artifacts and archives. The Museum also maintains the historical commission's library.*

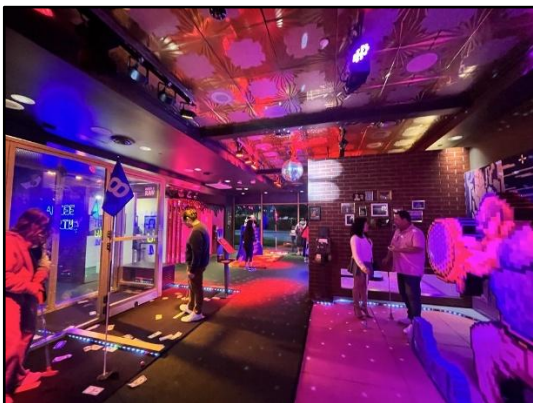
***John Rodak, artist**, has an exhibit in the Museum and he will lead us on a tour of his pointillist, pen and ink art.*

July 14, 2026 – Tuesday – **Houston Ship Channel** – Barbara Mireles - Bus Coordinator



*The M/V Sam Houston has been operating as Port Houston's public tour vessel since its inaugural voyage on July 30, 1958. This free service offers a leisurely, 90-minute round-trip, educational tour along the Houston Ship Channel. Individuals and groups are invited aboard to learn more about the port and maritime industry.*

August 7, 2026 – Friday – **Holey Moley Putt Putt Golf** – Linda Edwards - Bus Coordinator



***Holey Moley** features three, nine-hole mini golf courses. This cute and unique mini golf course is so creative – themes from Godzilla to giant toothpaste! We'll be serving up the craziest round of mini golf you've ever played - from the moment you tee off, to the final hole, you never know where you might end up. Play up and kid around with our 'Kid in a Candy Shop' Hole, win big at the 'FORE in a row' hole, or live out a millionaire's dream by 'Makin' it Rain'. Holey Moley is the craziest round of golf you've ever played!*

**2026 Trip Dates - Save the Date**

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Restaurant</u>	<u>Price</u>
Friday	9/25/2026		TBD		
Thursday	10/8/2026	Valeri Russell	George Ranch	Joe's Café	\$20.00
Tuesday	11/17/2026	Valeri Russell	Moody Gardens	Rainforest Café	\$30.00
Friday	12/11/2026		TBD		

**Sunshine Chairman**

**Jan Albers** is our **Sunshine Chairman** this year. She will send e-cards, birthday cards, get well cards, thinking of you cards, and sympathy cards to our members.

If you know of any of our members who should receive a card from Alief AARP Chapter 3264, please advise **Jan Albers** at **281-785-7372** or email: **missyjan@comcast.net**

**Donations – Collections 2026**

We will no longer be collecting food for distribution. There are nearby sites where you can take your donations.

Also, The Board of Directors has voted to resume collecting the following items for donations:

- Cell Phones to be refurbished and distributed to Battered Women.
- Eye Glasses

Please bring your donations to our monthly General Meetings and give them to **Community Service Chairman Valeri Russell**.

**Volunteer Hours**

Remember to sign in your volunteer hours at the monthly general meeting. This is one of the most important things we can do each month. Be a “Texas Star”! Let us validate the fact that we are a service organization, not a social organization.

**If you attend the Alief AARP Chapter 3264 monthly meeting, please sign in for the 2-hour service.** If you help a friend, attend an AARP General Meeting, help at your church, help your neighbors, run errands for someone, help at a hospital or anything else where you donate your time, all of your time spent doing for others (including travel time) is considered **volunteer hours**.

**June Birthdays**

- June 2 Anice Mitchell
- June 14 Dawn Maye
- June 16 Austra Runnels
- June 21 Jan Albers
- June 22 Bobbie Nickerson
- June 25 Gloria Wilmore



**General Information**

Attendance (May 7): 37 Members & 3 Guests

New Members: 1

Total Members: 82

Volunteer Hours for February: 810

**Upcoming Meetings**

June General Meeting

Thursday, June 4, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

Location: The Salvation Army Church  
7920 Cook Road, Houston, TX 77072

June Board Meeting

Thursday, June 18, 2026

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

Location: The Salvation Army Church  
7920 Cook Road, Houston, TX 77072

July General Meeting

Thursday, July 2, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m.- 12 Noon

Location: The Salvation Army Church  
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