



Friday, June 7, 2019

Yesterday on the **75th anniversary of D-Day**, when the Allied invasion of Normandy took place, we remembered and honored those who fought for freedom and made the ultimate sacrifice. **Franklin Fire Battalion Chief Joe Polenzani travelled to Normandy, France**, to mark the occasion. He performed with the **Colorado Emerald Society**, a bagpipes and drums band comprised of firefighters, to commemorate the battle that would be the beginning of the end of World War II. Learn more from this [Williamson Herald](http://www.williamsonherald.com) article: <http://bit.ly/2WthOd2> Battalion Chief Polenzani took this photo of Omaha Beach in Normandy, France on the D-Day Anniversary, June 6, 2019.



From the **Human Resource Department**- Open enrollment for medical, HSA, vision, dental, and voluntary products ends on **June 14th**. If you do not want to make any changes to your benefits, you do not have to do anything. Information presented during the benefits meetings is available on Inside the City under announcements.

Also from HR—five teams stepped it up this spring by walking a **combined 8,222,618** steps over a five week period! **The Walkie Talkies** brought in 2,498,284 of those steps!

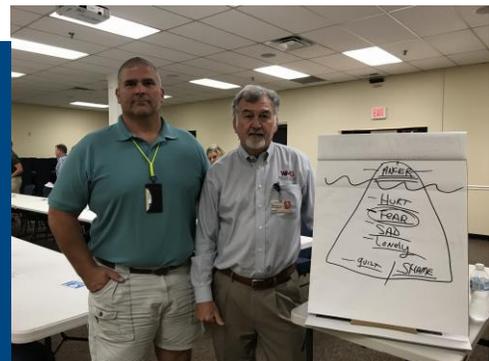
Way to go all teams for stepping up to the challenge! In the picture: **JR Lee, Sarah Roop, Shelly Anderson, Ashley Rodriguez, and Tabitha Byram.**

From Building and Neighborhood Services—Senior Building Inspector IV Patrick Virrill (left) organizes weekly “Toolbox Tuesday” training sessions for the BNS team. This week’s session was moved to Thursday for a special lunch and learn with **Dr. Arthur Williams of Williamson Medical Group**, who spoke about coping with stress. Dr. Williams is an army veteran who was stationed at Fort Campbell until 1990, when he entered private practice in Williamson County.

We continue to keep safety for citizens and City team members in our facilities as a top priority. As I shared with you all on Monday, I have asked departments to continue to review safety and access matters along with any needed safety training. **One of the easiest and most effective safety measures we can all take is to wear our employee ID’s.** We have new folks joining us and sometimes we may not know if some one is an authorized City employee in certain areas. Please make sure to wear your employee ID whenever you are at work. Thank you!

The **Blue Bin registration** is now open on our Website at www.franklinton.gov/bluebin/! The early adopters who register by August 30 will be eligible for a random drawing for 100 citizens to waive the set-up fee. Also of those that register by August 30, one person will be chosen to win a pair of Pilgrimage Festival tickets. See more details at the website above.

Two great thank you notes this week:



Good afternoon I would like to express my heart felt and sincere



*gratitude to one of your Officers his name is **John McClendon**. This past Sunday Officer McClendon noticed an old man outside his house in Rebel Meadows subdivision and saw he was wearing a 101st Airborne hat with his jump wings attached. They talked awhile about Army things and Officer McClendon removed his American flag from his uniform and said this*

*flag was in two fire fights in Iraq and I would like you to have it. This meant so much to this old veteran he teared up when he got inside with it and proceeded to sew it to his 101st Airborne hat, as you can guess this old man is my Dad who I am very proud of. To Mr. McClendon my hat is off to you sir you made an old veteran smile.—Sincerely **William Shepherd**—Sanitation & Environmental Services*

*Being otherwise busy DIYers, we have taken the last 18 months to enlarge and remodel a bathroom from the second floor joists up. Between permits, dumpsters, etc., this has involved working with multiple Franklin departments. Please extend our thanks to the **building permit/ inspection folks and the sanitation folks**. They were always willing to educate, accommodate and ensure we succeeded, with politeness and patience. I am sure that we were not contractor-level savvy. Also, being an I.T. consultant, please extend our thanks to the **I.T. dept.**, as the building permit inspections system was especially convenient and nicely done. **Thanks, Kent Grizzell***

That's all for now. Enjoy your weekend!

Thanks for *all* you do!



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