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Dear D. A.:

Today is the third Saturday in September, the day set aside by the Texas Legislature to recognize the Republic of Texas Navy which functioned in the 1836-1845 era of our history. The Texas Navy Association is an organization whose members all have been commissioned by a contemporary Governor of Texas as honorary Admirals in the Texas Navy. My Commission was by Gov. Rick Perry in 2004. The TNA is sponsoring today the 2016 Texian Navy Day Luncheon & Commissioning Ceremony in Galveston at the Fisherman's Warf!

<http://www.texasnavy.com/event-2308614>

This coming Wednesday, September 21, the TNA is sponsoring a grave marker ceremony at the Texas State Ceremony in Austin. This event is the first ever recognition of a veteran of the Republic of Texas Navy. Honored is Robert Potter, a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence, an Admiral in the Republic of Texas Navy and who served as the very first Secretary of the Navy for the Republic of Texas. The keynote speaker for this event is former Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, currently the President of the Texas Navy Association Board of Directors. Admiral Patterson is a friend of mine. Suzanne and I will be in attendance for this special day in recognition of Texas History. Come join us!

[http://www.texasnavy.com/event-2309735?
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Today September 17, is the day recognized by the United States Congress as National U.S. Constitution Day! Public readings and other ceremonial events are taking place all over our nation. Locally, at our Wise County Veterans Memorial Park in Decatur, Texas, it is my privilege to be among the citizens who are reading the entire U.S. Constitution in a public reading. YOU are invited to attend the 1:00 PM Ceremony today, sponsored by the John B. Denton Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Located on the corner of E. Ash St. and N. Trinity St. is the Wise County

Veterans Park. This park was a joint venture between the Wise County Veterans Group and the City of Decatur. It's just a couple blocks north of the town square in Decatur where the Wise County Courthouse is located.

<http://www.decaturopubliclibrary.com/Facilities/Facility/Details/Wise-County-Veterans-Park-6>

Tuesday, October 11, 2016 is the last day to be registered to vote in order to be eligible for the November 8, 2016 National General Elections!

If you were a registered voter in your jurisdiction in good standing for the most recent public elections, you have no concerns about being able to vote November 8th. However, if you were a registered voter in another jurisdiction in the last election, you need to have completed your renewed registration process by October 11, 2016.

A majority of voters are prepared to vote. However, are you acquainted with people in your neighborhood, at your church, in your occupational endeavor who now need to become renewed for voting? You should show them this letter, and urge them to take initiatives, before it's too late for them.

The potential problem can be whether you have updated the official papers that document you as a new resident where you now live and expect to vote. If you appear at your local County Voters Registrar's Office at 4:00 PM on October 11, with your primary official identification still being your New Mexico Driver's License, you are out of luck!

You needed to have gone to a Texas Department of Public Safety Office in time to apply for a renewed license, and even to take a new drivers test, if your circumstances require such. That's a process that may take several days. The website of the Texas Secretary of State gives the detail that is needed to consummate a change in voter registration.

<http://www.votetexas.gov/faq/registration#2788>

One of our local newspapers, the Wise County Messenger, is highlighting this need to be ready to vote by publishing my letter to the editor, written in my role as Chairman of the Wise County Early Voting Ballot Board

General Elections are important, and all citizens have an obligation, not only to be registered to vote, but to be informed on the issues that should govern your decision-making process in casting your vote! Don't you miss out on that duty, because of procrastination, and don't let anyone you know miss that opportunity.


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OPINION

Have moved since you last voted?

Have you a friend who has moved?

Update voter registration

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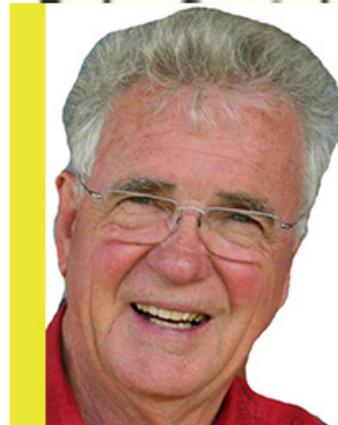
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Saturdays in September, recognizing
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Constitution Day!**