

ALIEF AARP CHAPTER #3264

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NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2026**President's Message**

September is a month for us to prepare for our membership drive beginning in October. We hope that everyone will help us to spread the word about our chapter. At our September Board Meeting we plan to put packets together for everyone to take home from the October meeting. If you are able to help us, join us at the September Board Meeting on September 17 at 10:30 am.

As we do each year, we will bring gift cards on 9/11 to the two fire stations in Alief. This is done on Patriots Day and pays for a meal for the firemen.

Thanks for all you do.

Linda Edwards

September Dates to Remember

September 7	Labor Day
September 11	Patriots Day/Anniversary of 9/11
September 11-13	Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)
September 15	Beginning of Historic Heritage Month
September 20-21	Yom Kippur (Jewish)
September 21	International Day of Peace

AARP CHAPTER 3264 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

By Austra Runnels

In the August issue of this report, I provided all the important dates leading up to the mid-term elections in November 2026. This month we want to get you even more prepared by informing you of all the different ways you can vote in our state of Texas. Remember, we're planning to vote.

WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT WAYS I CAN VOTE IN TEXAS

States offer various methods for voting. Listed below are the options available in Texas.

Absentee Voting With Excuse

Absentee Voting Without Excuse

All-Mail Voting

Early Voting

In-Person Absentee Voting

Military Absentee Voting

Overseas Absentee Voting

Polling Place Voting

Provisional Voting

**Election Day (Same Day) Voter
Registration**

To read the definitions for these Texas voting methods, please go to the

U.S. VOTE FOUNDATION website.

Here is the link:

<https://www.usvotefoundation.org/texas-voting-method>



The idea is to be aware of what your options are before you go to vote. Our voting rights are so important. Take time to be prepared to vote.

Programs

September 3, 2026 – Lindsey Drouet - Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management



Lindsey Drouet is the Finance/Admin Supervisor for the Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (HCOHSEM), where she oversees the agency's finances, budgeting, human resources, grants management, and purchasing. During her more than 20 years with HCOHSEM, she has supported responses to Hurricane Katrina shelter operations, Hurricanes Rita, Ike, and Harvey, Winter Storm Uri, and numerous flood events.



The "Ready For Anything" Presentation will include hurricane preparedness and other emergency situations.

October 1, 2026 – Andrea Murray - MD Anderson – Colorectal Cancer



Andrea Murray with MD Anderson will speak about Colorectal Cancer.

November 5, 2026 – Murray Pawloski – Medicare Changes for 2027



Murray will address the changes in Medicare for 2027 and any other Medicare questions.

He is an independent insurance agent, starting his own agency in 2027. He has been in the Medicare business since February 2019.

TRAVEL

Future Dates of Reserved Bus Trips

September 25, 2026 – Friday – **Holey Moley Putt Putt Golf** – Linda Edwards - Bus Coordinator
(Rescheduled from August)



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!

October 8, 2026 – Thursday – **George Ranch Historical Park** - Valeri Russell - Bus Coordinator



Discover more than 100 years of Texas history with a trip through time at the George Ranch Historical Park. Located on a 20,000-acre working ranch. The park is divided into four time periods (1830s, 1860s, 1890s, and 1930s) and features historic home tours, costumed interpreters, hands-on activities, cattle working, blacksmithing demonstrations, and more! We have a tour guide and a tram to take us around. Also, a short performance. This should be a great day!

November 17, 2026 – Tuesday – **Moody Gardens Aquarium** - Valeri Russell - Bus Coordinator



Dive into the world's oceans at one of the largest aquariums in the Southwest. This 1.5-million-gallon aquarium is teeming with creatures from tuxedo-clad penguins to seals, sharks, an amazing Jellyfish Gallery and thousands of tropical fish and more, with new and interactive opportunities all along the way.

A fun and awe-inspiring experience is wonderfully complemented with conservation messages that underscore the vital importance of the oceans. New exhibits not only inspire visitor interest and empathy, but also connect them to specific ocean habitats. Each ocean exhibit highlights different marine sanctuaries and different aspects of our relationship to the seas.

Sunshine Chairman

Linda Edwards 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 **Linda Edwards** at 713-202-8800 or email: dance.partners@yahoo.com.

Note: We are looking for a new Sunshine Chairman. If you are interested, please contact Linda Edwards (contact info above).

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**.

September Birthdays

September 4	Wille Mae Wilson
September 7	Nancy Carter
September 13	Nadine Knibb
September 21	Barbara Mireles
September 21	Crystal Grays
September 24	Tony Lo
September 30	Jan Hargraves



General Information

Attendance (August 6): 42 Members & 3 Guests

Total Members: 93

Volunteer Hours for July: 203

Upcoming Meetings

September General Meeting

Thursday, September 3, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

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

September Board Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 2026

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

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

October General Meeting

Thursday, October 1, 2026

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

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



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Nametags

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The Board of Directors

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TBD-looking for volunteer

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** Committee Chairmen subject to change **