



**Good Among 40 WWII Veterans Visiting the Capital!** Eddie Paul Good was among forty World War II veterans who were flown to Washington, DC recently to visit the WWII Memorial and the other monuments. The two-day trip was sponsored by Honor Flight DFW, a non-profit network of volunteers formed in 2008 for just this purpose.

Eddie Paul Good grew up in Robert Lee. His father, Paul Good, was sheriff. The entire Good family, father Paul, mother Garland, Eddie Paul and his sister, Katie Sue lived in the jail. Eddie enlisted in the Army Air Corp at age 17. After returning home from the service, he graduated from Oklahoma University and then went to work for Sun Oil. Eddie married a Robert Lee girl, Billie Roberts, daughter of Dona and Lee Roberts. They now live in Allen, Texas, close to son Kevin, daughter-in-law Pam and grandson Jake.

conservatism.

“Americans for Prosperity” gave a presentation on taxes, debt and spending. One of the most interesting things was Texas Debt. We rank 2nd of all the states for debt! The speaker told us to go to the Texas Comptrollers web site and look at her latest information on debt in Texas. It will include any debt issues submitted by the various taxing authorities. If the information is not there, it either wasn’t submitted or

the taxing entity does not have any outstanding debt.

For the two Coke County entities I did see, the debts in 2011 dollars was in the double digit millions of dollars. If you want to learn more, there will be a Presentation by “Americans for Prosperity” on Wednesday, October 10th at 2:00 PM in the parking lot of the Mall of Abilene.

Now, if you want to help elect conservatives, I recommend you help with the fol-



It has been an interesting two weeks for some of the Tea Party. I will give you a report on the four meetings and the issues that were covered. The purpose is to give you more information about who you should consider for local, state and national office. There were three meetings in San Angelo where I heard from three candidates, who spoke without a script. Each mentioned their faith in God many times. Their comments came across as genuine reflections of their faith. We can only vote for two of these candidates: Barry Smitherman, and Bob Pemberton. We have an opportunity to learn more; the San Angelo Tea Party will host the four conservative candidates for the Texas Third Court of Appeals on October 9th, 2012 at the West Texas Training Center, starting 6:30 PM. You will be able to see and hear their views, and ask questions.

I traveled to Midland, Texas last Saturday. I learned many things of importance to each of us. First, Ted Cruz spoke. He did not use a script. He walked into the crowd and gave a short background history of his family. He included a part of a sermon in his talk. It seems his father is a pastor. Again, a man who is not ashamed of his faith. For most Tea Parties, including Coke County, he is for the exact same things we want to see from our elected leaders; repeal OBAMACARE, limited government, fiscal

## Attention Property Owners

**Property owners have certain rights that may reduce their property tax burden.**

### Homeowners

Persons who own their residence on January 1, 2012, may claim their home as a residential homestead. The filing of this document is only necessary if the homeowner has changed homesteads since January 1, 2011, or has become eligible for additional exemptions since last year.

### Residence Homestead Tax Deferral

Homeowners may postpone paying the current taxes on the appreciating value of their homes by taking advantage of this payment option and filing a tax deferral affidavit with the appraisal district. This special form of tax relief allows homeowners to pay the taxes on 105 percent of the preceding year’s appraised value of their homestead, plus the taxes on any new improvements to the homestead. The remaining taxes are postponed, but not canceled, with interest accruing at 8 percent per year. To apply for the deferral, the owner should contact the appraisal district that appraised the property in question and complete an application.

### Disabled Persons

Persons who are disabled under Social Security law are entitled to additional exemptions on their residential homestead. Disabled applicants must apply with the appraisal district and furnish a determination letter from Social Security. Disabled persons now receive all benefits on their home that are available to persons age 65 or over (see below).

### Persons age 65 Years or Older

Persons age 65 or older or disabled persons may file for additional exemptions and a ceiling on school taxes for their residential homestead if they become 65 during 2012. Persons 65 or over should apply for this exemption at the appraisal district office in their area. Persons 65 or over are also eligible to defer paying the tax on their residential homestead if they wish. The taxes continue to accrue during the deferral period along with an interest rate of 8 percent annually, but no attempt will be made to force payment during the deferral. Details and an application may be obtained from any appraisal district or the State Comptroller.

### Partial Disabled Veterans

The law provides partial exemptions for any one property owned by veterans who are disabled, spouses and survivors of deceased disabled veterans and spouses and survivors of military personnel who died on active duty. The amount of exemption is determined according to percentage of service-connected disability. The declaration letter from the VA is mailed annually, but the appraisal district only needs a copy in the first year of eligibility or if the percentage of disability changes. The applicant must be a Texas resident.

### 100% Residence Homestead Exemption for Disabled Veterans

Disabled veterans who receive from the U S Department of Veterans Affairs 100 percent disability compensation due to a service-connected disability and a rating of 100 percent disabled or of individual un-employability is entitled to an exemption of taxation of the total appraised value of the veteran’s residence homestead. This benefit may pass to the qualified surviving spouse upon the veteran’s death.

### Farm and Ranch Owners

Farmers and ranchers may be eligible for property tax relief on their land. They may apply for agricultural productivity appraisal, a lower appraisal of their land based on what it will produce, rather than what it would sell for on the open market. The law also allows a property owner to use land for wildlife management and still receive the special appraisal, if the land qualified for agricultural use in the preceding year. Owners of land qualified as 1-d-1 need not reapply in later years UNLESS requested to do so by the Chief Appraiser. Contact your local appraisal district for more information about productivity appraisal and application forms.

### Exemption Applications

Exemption applications for all property tax exemptions including total exemptions for charitable, religious and other total exemptions may be obtained from an appraisal district near you or through the State Comptroller’s Office at (800) 252-9121.

### Business Personal Property Owners

State law now REQUIRES the filing of a rendition declaring what types of business personal property that a person or company owns. Failure to file the rendition will result in a 10% penalty. If a fraudulent rendition is filed, a 50% penalty is mandated. A rendition can be obtained from the appraisal district office where the property is located. A 30 day filing extension is available upon written request.

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