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After a solid start to the day with donuts and breakfast burritos washed down with hot coffee, the A-Team of Veterans Helping Veterans got down to business and the preparations for upcoming events on their calendar.

After a brief litany of those in the group with medical problems, a resolution of sorts was agreed on to impress others to not allow stress and worry to keep them down, which only makes their conditions worse. A tough measure for many, but attitude is always important.

The long-sleeved T's will be ready by the next general meeting and will have Gallup printed on the left arm in addition to Brothers-In-Arms on the right sleeve. The new order will all be in larger sizes.

Raffle tickets for the deluxe Tool Box discussed last week will definitely be ready by the next general meeting. Remember, only 200 will be sold at $5 each for this $700 prize.

The Memorial Day raffle will include a two-man decorative Handsaw as well as jewelry from Super Smith.

Appreciation for veterans presence and ceremony at selected funerals continues to build, this time from the Perry H. Schanefelt family. Problems at one cemetery, Rehoboth, led to a discussion about access, egress, and waiting time behind mortuary crews and visitors, sometimes as long as 2-3 hours.

It was felt that more veterans are needed for the funeral details and practices folding the flag and rifle salutes will be available at the Fire Station in the near future.

Backup flag bearers will also be sought for the upcoming Memorial Day parade, and others to follow.

The Ceremonial Association has not yet been available to meet with the veterans concerning parking at the August event.

The next general meeting is Feb. 12 at Don Diego's and the A-Team meeting is scheduled for Feb. 19 at the Fire Station on Second and Maloney. All military veterans are welcome at both.