

The Bandera PROPHECY

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Lakehills American Legion to offer U.S. Flag course to local youth

Tom Kral, Veterans Service Officer for the Lakehills American Legion, is announcing an upcoming U.S. Flag Patriotism course for Bandera County youth.

“We believe that patriotism is taught and should be learned. The U.S. Flag is our one true great symbol of our country, and we aim to instill knowledge of its’ history and tradition in children as young as 6 years old,” Vral said.

Bandera County youth will also learn the military tradition of marching, why it is done and how it is done. Any youth from the first grade up is invited to attend this free orientation along with a parent, to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness to our country and our local community.

The first course will be on Tuesday, June 22, at the Lakehills Civic Center from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., and will include the military marching tradition and practice. Legion members will be present to demonstrate and assist in this patriotic tradition.

That will be followed the U.S. Flag orientation course on Sunday, June 27, from 4-5 p.m., and will include the history and traditions of the U.S. Flag, how to properly fold it, and appropriate respect, display, etc. Legion veterans will be on-hand to individually assist each child in learning on how to properly fold the flag. This will also occur at the Lakehills Civic Center complex.

All of this will culminate at 6 p.m., July 20, at the annual flag retirement ceremony at the American Legion Lakehills Post #410 (147 Legion Drive – formerly 26th Street) where the flags folded by the youth will be officially retired. Each child will be able to participate in the ceremony for their individual flag. In accordance with the U.S. Flag code, flags that are no longer serviceable are formally retired and your local American

Legion invites anyone with a flag needing retirement to contact them via their Facebook page or simply bring the flag to be retired by the Post any day between 4 – 8 p.m. (closed Thursdays only).