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LETTERS

Americans help each other

The pioneer values of America are still well, alive and practiced. Nineteen Arizona firemen risked all on Sunday to go to the aid of their neighbors who were endangered by forest fires. In their common, everyday practice of helping their neighbors, they made the ultimate life sacrifice.

This is what Americans do best. They try to prevent or relieve the suffering of others. This happens daily in America in different kinds of troubling circumstances. Americans going to help others. Not asking if they are black, brown, white or yellow. Not checking their legal or religious status.

From America's beginning, it was help your neighbor build his barn. Your neighbor would repay you later with a labor of love or an act of kindness. Thankfully that spirit of America, "love thy neighbor as thyself," still exists in this land of liberty and freedom on this Fourth of July.

May God bless these heroic firemen who gave their lives to help their neighbors, and may he be with their mourning families.

Johnny R. Higgins, Garland

help veterans get their disability claims faster to helping veterans start and maintain their own businesses, state leaders recognized their service.

As we celebrate the holiday, we thank our veterans for making our great country what it is today.

Eliseo "Al" Cantu, chairman,
Texas Veterans Commission, Austin

A soldier's last message

A beautiful young soldier was honored during her funeral service at Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church in Dallas last month. The tightly folded flag that she loved and protected was lying near Whitney DeAnn Peck, 25, in the casket. Whitney passed away from a drug overdose, but this does not define the selfless life this solder lived.

High school can be one of the most scarring experiences for young people, and Whitney was a victim of criticism and judgment as she grew up in Rockwall. She never really got over it.

During the service I watched a young soldier nod her head while tears streamed down her face as the minister talked about what a

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Prescott, Arizona, Sir My sincerest regrets for the "BRAVE HOTSHOTS" Firemen who gave their LIVES doing their "DUTY".

My enclosed letter in the Dallas Morning News honoring their deeds We write with the tears of my soul.

Without dedicated Americans like the "Hotshots" throughout our Nation America would be in Chaotic Ruins

Fire Chief Dan Fraijo - my heart and prayers are with their families, their Brotherhood of Heroes And You Chief Fraijo

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