



Chapter Notes



PATRIOTS, HELP CHAPTER 1919 START OFF THE NEW YEAR RIGHT BY COMING TO "G.I. BREAKFAST" ON JANUARY 28TH. WE HAVE TWO NEW MEMBERS THIS MONTH, STEPHEN FERGUSON AND DON WEGESEND, SEE THEIR WELCOMING ARTICLE ON PAGE 4, AND OTHER INFORMATION USEFUL TO VETERANS IN THIS ISSUE OF PATRIOT BULLETIN

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Patriots, Christmas and New Years have been here and each are now history. My personal best wishes for each of you and your families. Remember those who have served our country through the years. Without their service we would not have the freedoms that are enjoyed today. Please send thanks to our Military personnel that are presently serving our Country with such honor. Looking forward to 2012, Chapter 1919 has scheduled several events that deserve your support and participation. On Saturday, the 28th of January we will host our annual "G.I. Breakfast" in the cafeteria of the Main Building at Camp Mabry. This event will not feature a distinguished speaker, but will offer time for each of us learn more about other members and to review the upcoming events of 2012.

Friday, the 24th of February, we celebrate George Washington's birthday with a dinner party in the Austin Club, the same great facility that we have enjoyed in the past (see page 7, early reservations appreciated). We will pay tribute to General George Washington, have a Distinguished Speaker, recognize some of the personnel that have made so many contributions to our success and events throughout 2011, and enjoy great entertainment by some local talent. All this will be in addition to a great dinner that will be served by the Austin Club.

Our ongoing projects include:

CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS: There will be a collection box, at each of our future meetings, for your donation of unused cell phones.

RED, WHITE & BIKE: Working with this organization, MOPH 1919 identifies children, between ages 4 through 12, of Wounded Warriors, to receive new bicycles. The next event is planned for May 2012.

HONOR FLIGHT AUSTIN: MOPH 1919 (DBA) in conjunction with several groups and individuals has established HONOR FLIGHT AUSIN to fund flights for local Veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit their Memorials. Our first priority is to show our Word War II veterans the recognition that they deserve. The first flight is planned for April 2012.

NEEDY VETERAN ASSISTANCE: On an individual basis MOPH 1919 provides, within our means, financial assistance to Veterans and their families to support emergency situations. We will continue to develop our own and to support the efforts of others to better the conditions for Veterans and to develop Youth Programs.

NEW MEMBERS: This is the very basis of our organization. I request that every member set a personal goal to invite three potential members to be a partner in our unit.

YOUTH PROGRAMS: Chapter 1919 will continue to sponsor several Youth Programs in the upcoming year. Watch for developments, plans and schedules for these.

JUNIOR ROTC AWARDS: The Chapter will continue to provide a Certificate and Medal to a selected Cadet of each High School Junior ROTC unit recognizing their leadership as a member or their High School ROTC program.

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Lee Hagan,
Commander, Chapter 1919,
Military Order of the Purple Heart



Unit Notes



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Ladies,

I hope that you all had a joyous Christmas and holiday season with your family and friends.

On December 8th several Patriots and Ladies gathered to assemble baskets of fruits and healthy snacks to deliver to deserving patriots and families.

We all had a wonderful time at the annual Christmas Party at Odd Fellows Lodge #23 on December 10th. I would like to give special thanks to everyone that worked to put everything together for both the Chapter/Unit party and for the Purple Heart Children's Christmas Party. The Patriots provided delicious food and the Ladies brought loads of yummy cookies. Barbara Carr played holiday music throughout and led us in singing Christmas Carols. The children were delighted to visit with Purple Santa and were given stockings stuffed with goodies.

The previously scheduled first meeting of 2012 was set for the third Saturday of the month, same as usual, but our hosts at Camp Mabry now need the facility for a change of command. So, our meeting has been set back a week. Please be sure and post the change to your personal calendar and come to

LADIES, THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO HELPED MAKE THE HOLIDAY PARTIES A SUCCESS, UNIT 1919 IS BLESSED TO HAVE SO MANY OF YOU THAT ARE ALWAYS CHEERFUL AND WILLING TO DO WHATEVER IS NEEDED, FOR THE NEW YEAR WHAT IS NEEDED MOST IS REGULAR PARTICIPATION BY ALL THE LADIES WHO CAN DO SO, AND LET'S ALL START BY ATTENDING THIS NEXT MEETING, SATURDAY, JANUARY 28th

“G.I. Breakfast” at 9:00 a.m., on January 28, 2012, at Camp Mabry, in the Cafeteria of the Headquarters, Bldg #8. I hope to see you at this popular gathering.

Jenny Bankston and family have our heartfelt condolences at the death of her husband, Izell, December 02, 2011. There will be a memorial to celebrate the life of Hadron "Izell" Bankston at 2:30 p.m. on January 14, 2012. The location is the Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church, 14311 Wells Port Drive in Austin.

Coming up soon is the George Washington's Birthday Dinner Party; 6:00 p.m. Friday February 24, 2012 at the Austin Club. Come out for great entertainment and food. It is a big hit every year.

May each of you have a fulfilling and prosperous New Year. As the New Year begins, I would like to thank you ladies for your membership, and continued friendship.

Respectfully,

Josephine
Unit 1919 President

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NEW MEMBERS



Two new members have been added to the rolls of Chapter 1919 since publication of your last *PATRIOT BULLETIN*. Congratulations and Welcome to:

STEPHEN FERGUSON is an Army Afghanistan veteran. Steve was serving in 2nd Bn, 506th Infantry, when wounded on October 4, 2010.

DON WEGESEND is an Army Iraq veteran, membership record details not provided to chapter. *

* In a recent procedural change to reduce paperwork and mailing costs, National no longer provides the approved application record to gaining chapters.

...Chapter 1919 Gets Thanks Passed Along By The...

TEXAS COALITION OF VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS

...From Texas' Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs...

MOPH Chapter 1919 is one of the more than 100 veterans groups that are participating members of TVCO, the coalition in Austin that represents the interests of all veterans organizations with the Texas state legislature. Our Junior Vice Commander, Fred Lord, represents Chapter 1919 at the coalition's monthly meetings and verbally reports significant topics at our chapter meetings; and, occasionally we are honored by having Coalition Chairman, Morgan Little, as a guest speaker at chapter meetings.

The coalition was successful with its top priority during the last legislative session, that being passage of the bill extending the 100% property tax exemption to surviving spouses of 100% disabled veterans (which then was overwhelmingly approved by the voters on November 8th as a constitutional amendment). The Chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs has sent a letter of congratulations and thanks to TVCO for having worked successfully to encourage that legislation.

The Coalition Chairman, Morgan Little, appeared at our last Chapter "Breakfast at Jim's" meeting in South Austin to pass along that praise and to credit Chapter 1919 for his success; especially noting that when the legislation was being considered, Chapter 1919 had responded to his call and had more vets present in the gallery than any other veterans group in the coalition. He just wanted all of us to know that (and hope for the same in the 83rd Legislature.)

Texas Vietnam Veterans

...Interviews now being recorded by...

Arrowhead Films

The Texas Capitol Vietnam Veterans Monument Committee is seeking Texas Vietnam veterans who would be willing to be video taped on their thoughts concerning their service in Vietnam and the monument honoring that service to be erected on the grounds of the State Capitol in Austin

Patriots may remember Arrowhead Films did the award winning "Shadow of the Blade" documentary on the UH-1 "Huey" helicopter in Vietnam. In this new project, they are seeking interviews for use in public service announcements (website and possibly TV). The monument itself will have figures representing all the military services as well as the ethnic diversity of Texas Vietnam Veterans. For this reason Arrowhead Films is asking to interview those who entered military service from Texas, and especially are wanting interviews with veterans from each of the military services, in all skills, (not just combat arms) and representing the ethnic diversity of Texas Vietnam Veterans.

Interested? Then e-mail Arrowhead Films contact, Cheryl Fries: cfries@arrowheadfilms.com and provide your: **name, current contact info, who you are and what you did in Vietnam.** Chapter 1919 members are already vetted.

—Milt Carr, *Adjutant*, (512) 343-7940



ADJUTANTS CALL



Happy New Year, and more: Patriots, resolve to come to more meetings this year. The chapter needs your active participation. Start by checking the list of upcoming events at the top of Page 1, then drop in for breakfast or lunch at the location (north, south, or Georgetown) closest and most convenient to you. Then come to the next regular chapter monthly meeting, the “G.I. Breakfast” at Camp Mabry on the 28th, and make plans to join us for the Dinner Party on Friday, Feb 24th honoring George Washington’s Birthday. And, while we are on that last subject,

George Washington’s Birthday Dinner Party: It’s our biggest social event, requiring more work than anything else, support your chapter, come if you can.

Buy Purple Heart “Forever Stamps” Now: Time is running out. On January 22, 2012 the price of a First-Class postage stamp will increase by one cent, to 45 cents. You can buy Purple Heart “Forever Stamps” for 44 cents before that date and they will always be good for mailing a 1-oz. letter First-Class without ever requiring additional postage, no matter when you make future use of it, that’s why they call it the “forever stamp.” Stock up now and save.

Texas Driver’s License “Veteran” Designation:

Are you a veteran who left the service and have no retired or any other type of Military ID ?, and sometimes find yourself making purchases at Lowe’s or some other merchandiser offering big veterans discounts, but cannot take them up on the offer because you don’t always carry your DD-214 around with you ? The 82nd Texas Legislature took care of you, making provision for your Driver’s License to constitute proof of your status as a veteran, and it is now state law. When it is time to renew your Texas Driver’s License, take your DD-214 to show as proof of your service, and your new license will be annotated, “Veteran” at no extra charge. If you are in a hurry to get it done, you can go down to DPS now and have a duplicate made bearing the “Veteran” designation, for an \$11 fee.

....NOTICE THAT THIS MONTH’S MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED TO JANUARY 28th.....

Iraq & Afghanistan Vets—Big changes in your “Post 9/11 G.I. Bill” Education Benefits: There has been an expansion of benefits taking effect at different times during 2011. Since October, eligible students can now enroll in programs that do not lead to a college degree, including programs at schools that do not grant degrees. Flight programs, correspondence training, on-the-job and apprenticeship training are also now covered by the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill. The Texas Veterans Commission Veterans Education Program monitors the G.I. Bill benefit in Texas for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. A list of approved schools and programs can now be found at: <https://services.twc.state.tx.us/VETRPT/>.

Documentary on “Dustoff” by Arrowhead Films:

In addition to what you see in the article on preceding page 4 about their preparing public service releases for the Texas Capitol Vietnam Veterans Monument project, Arrowhead Films is also continuing work on a film documentary of battlefield medevac according to representative, Cheryl Fries. They would especially like to interview Vietnam veterans with interesting experiences related to battlefield medevac by “dustoff” helicopters; the wounded evacuees, medics and corpsmen who treated them and loaded them aboard, pilots and aircrew that flew them to safety, or any other aspect of that lifesaving function. Check out the www.arrowheadfilms.com website for yourself. If you can contribute to this project of preserving a record of “dustoff” for posterity, e-mail cfries@arrowheadfilms.com.

VA Burial & Plot Allowances Increase: The VA non-service connected burial allowance and plot allowance have been increased from \$300 to \$700 each. For a complete table of Burial, Headstone and Plot rates: www.vba.va.gov/bin/21/Rates/burial.

—Milt Carr, Adjutant, (512) 343-7940

...Scenes From ...

CHAPTER 1919's CHRISTMAS PARTY

...Saturday, December 10th, Odd Fellows Lodge #23, 6809 Guadalupe ...



CHAPTER COMMANDER LEE HAGAN AND UNIT PRESIDENT JOSEPHINE MAYS (FOREGROUND CENTER) WITH SOME OF THE OTHER PATRIOTS AND LADIES CELEBRATING THE DAY



VISITING ARE, FROM LEFT, JESS FARMER, JOHN BRYANT, HOWARD AND JUDY MCKINNEY, MARY AND JOHN CAMPBELL, AND LINDSAY PATTERSON. LINDSAY KINDLY OFFERS TO DO RECORDINGS OF VETERANS STORIES AND SHE WANTS TO DO YOURS. CONTACT HER AT: Lindsay@reflectandrecord.com

MEANWHILE, THE **PURPLE HEART CHILDREN'S PARTY** WAS GOING ON IN THE OTHER END OF THE HALL AND PURPLE SANTA WAS PASSING OUT CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, ABLY ASSISTED BY HIS ELVES, MELISSA KENNEDY AND GABBY DIAZ

...And Then The Next Day It Was...

Purple Santa's "Wounded Warriors" Children's Christmas Party at Fort Hood

...Sunday, December 11th, in "Club Hood" ...

But, Purple Santa says, "Credit for all this belongs to our friends, *Wheeler's For The Wounded-San Antonio* who made this project happen, and it was my honor to represent Chapter 1919 as Purple Santa at the event.



WEARING A PURPLE SANTA HAT AT FAR LEFT IS JOHN COLLINS, THE "WHEELERS FOR THE WOUNDED —SAN ANTONIO" VOLUNTEER ORGANIZER FOR THIS EVENT TOGETHER WITH HIS STAFF OF YELLOW SHIRT HELPERS. ALSO, CHAPTER 1919'S PURPLE SANTA, RAYMOND DIAZ AND ELF MELISSA KENNEDY

THIS WAS THE 2nd ANNUAL FOR THE WHEELERS AND THEY KNOW HOW TO DO IT RIGHT. THEY HAD WORKED ALL YEAR LONG PREPARING, RAISED \$20,000 AND REGISTERED 200 CHILDREN OF FORT HOOD'S WOUNDED WARRIORS AHEAD OF TIME AND THEY GAVE REALLY NICE GIFTS. PURPLE SANTA HAD A BAG OF PRESENTS, WITH EACH CHILD'S NAME ON IT. FAMILIES UNABLE TO ATTEND THE PARTY EITHER STOPPED BY TO PICK UP THEIR CHILDREN'S GIFTS OR HAD THEIR CHRISTMAS GIFTS DELIVERED LATER

KIDS DECORATE COOKIES IN SANTA'S WORKSHOP. CHAPTER 1919 HELPERS BEHIND THE TABLE ARE, FROM LEFT: JANE BAKER, KAY MOORE, ELAINE BURKHARDT, MICHELLE AND GRADY COLLINS

...IT IS NOT TOO EARLY TO MAIL IN RESERVATIONS NOW FOR ...

CHAPTER 1919's BIGGEST AND BEST SOCIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY DINNER PARTY

PATRIOTS AND LADIES OF
TEXAS CAPITAL CHAPTER / UNIT 1919
CELEBRATE THE 280TH BIRTHDAY OF
GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON

FRI, FEB 24th, 2012, BEGINNING AT 6:00 PM, THE AUSTIN CLUB, 110 E 9th ST

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
\$30 PER PERSON — CASH BAR
GUESTS ARE WELCOME**

*COME FOR THE
GREAT FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT, SPECIAL AWARDS,
PATRIOTIC CEREMONY, TOASTS, COLOR GUARDS.*

FREE VALET PARKING

**GARAGE IS ADJACENT TO (EAST OF) CLUB ENTRANCE. BRING
YOUR TICKET INSIDE AND HAVE IT STAMPED AT THE DESK.**

LIST NAMES OF ALL IN YOUR PARTY IN THE SPACE BELOW. PAY FOR THAT NUMBER X \$30 EA.
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO **CHAPTER 1919, MOPH**. THEN CLIP AND MAIL THIS RESERVATION
FORM AND YOUR CHECK TO —**RAYMOND DIAZ, 612 W ANNIE ST, AUSTIN, TX 78704**.

TOTAL NUMBER ATTENDING X \$30 ea = TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED = \$

CHARLES S. "CHUCK" GAEDE

*Marine Corps, Vietnam
Patriot, Chapter 1919*

Charles S. Gaede was born in Olney, Illinois in 1944 and he grew up on a farm in Edwards County near West Salem. In his first five school years, he was one of four students in his class at Shelby School, a one-room country school. He moved up, attending the West Salem School through 9th grade, and then Edwards County High School in Albion, where he graduated with the class of 1962.

He enrolled in the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and in October 1964 joined the Marine Corps Platoon Leader Course. He graduated from the university in January 1967, was commissioned Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve on February 10, 1967, and entered active duty May 31st. He completed Basic School in November and was assigned to the Infantry. He had graduated in the top ten percent of the class, and was augmented to the Regular Marine Corps. He was then ordered to the 1st Marine Division in Vietnam as an individual replacement and he arrived there the following month.



1st LT C.S. GAEDE
VIETNAM 1969

Lt Gaede was assigned as Platoon Leader, 3rd Platoon, Company H, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines on December 14, 1967. He describes what was going on from that time forward, *"The battalion was in an area south of Da Nang along the coast, conducting saturation patrols for several weeks after my arrival. In January we were sent to do convoy security along the route from Da Nang to Phu Bai and that 14-day mission was still going on when TET-68 began. Bridges were blown on Route 1 and 3rd Platoon had to be moved down the coast by boat to get back to our home area of operations. Saturation patrols then resumed with us operating southwest of Da Nang. The platoons worked independently, moving into an assigned area and conducting patrols for four or five days from a Platoon Patrol Base before returning to the company base camp for one day while preparing to go out again. In late February 1968, Company H was assigned an area of operations southwest of Da Nang along the Song Yen.*



MARINE CORPS
SEAL

On February 29th, I was on a patrol with one squad from my platoon, and we were also accompanied by the Company Commander and First Sergeant. On the way back in to the Platoon Patrol Base, the point man, PFC Dennis Roark, tripped a Chicom grenade boobytrap and was severely wounded in his feet and ankles. I was the fourth man back from him and took a piece of shrapnel in the calf of my left leg. PFC Roark was medevac'ed to the United States. I spent four or five days in the hospital at Da Nang (1st Medical Battalion), and then was returned to the unit but was held back at the battalion base camp for some time as the wound was healing."



INSIGNIA OF
2ND BATTALION
3RD MARINE REGT

For the next month the battalion participated in clearing operations east of Hue City and a training, inspection, and rehabilitation program leading up to Operation Pegasus in April 1968, that being the clearing of Route 9 and the relief of Khe Sanh. When Route 9 was opened in mid-April, the 2nd Bn, 3rd Marines were heli-lifted in near Khe Sanh and began operations securing the road and clearing remaining North Vietnamese Army (NVA) units from the surrounding area. After Khe Sanh was closed in July 1968, Lt Gaede's unit was in the Cam Lo area, between Khe Sanh and Dong Ha. On August 15th during a contact with a small NVA unit he was wounded for the second time, being hit in the upper arm from the near miss of a Rocket Propelled Grenade (RPG) round. The wound seemed to be minor, but it became infected. He was sent back to the hospital in Dong

Ha where a rock was removed from the wound and he was kept for three days before being returned to duty. Shortly after that he was ordered to Okinawa. He served with the Third Force Service Regiment in Okinawa from September 23, 1968 to July 25, 1969, and then volunteered to extend and was returned to Vietnam and reassigned to his old unit. From July 30, 1969 to December 10, 1969, 1st Lt Gaede served successively as Executive Officer then as Commanding Officer, Company H, 2nd Bn, 3rd Marines, and finally as the Embarkation Officer for Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division. The 3rd Marines "stood down from combat" on September 21st and on October 1, 1969 the 3rd Marine Regiment embarked for Okinawa. He says, *"Two months later, in December 1969, after two years, almost to the day, I rotated back to the U.S."*

Upon returning to the Continental United States, he was assigned to the Marine Corps Support Center, Barstow,

California in January 1970, where he served as Commanding Officer of Material Company, Headquarters Battalion, until November 1970. He was promoted to Captain during his time at Barstow, was assigned to the JAG Office for a few months and then closed out his time at Barstow assigned to the Special Services Office. In February 1972, Captain Gaede attended his Career Officers Course at Quantico, Virginia. After graduating in June 1972 he remained at Quantico, assigned to the Officer Candidate School where he served successively as Executive Officer of Companies B and C, as the S-3 Operations Officer, and as Commanding Officer of Headquarters and Service Company. He resigned his commission and was discharged in July 1974 to return to school.

Charles Gaede attended university in Springfield, Missouri and, while working toward two masters degrees there, he was re-commissioned as a Captain in the Marine Corps Reserve and served as Commanding Officer, Company M (-), 3rd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment from October 1977 to October 1979. After graduation, he took a teaching position in Waxahachie, Texas. While teaching in Waxahachie from 1979 to 1989, Charles was working on a Doctorate Degree at North Texas State University in Denton; and was serving as a Major in various billets of the 14th Marine Regiment (an artillery regiment). Among those assignments were: S-4 Logistics Officer for Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, then Commanding Officer, Target Acquisition Battery. He next worked for the Irving Independent School District until 1991, and then was employed by the University of Texas at Arlington where he worked in educational measurement and testing. During his years at UT Arlington, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, USMCR, and served as a Mobilization Operational Readiness Deployment Test Inspector with Detachment 6, 4th Marine Division, and finally was S-1 Personnel Officer for the 8th Reserve District Headquarters until April 1998 at which time he retired from the Marine Corps Reserve after more than 29 years of commissioned service.

In 1998, Doctor Charles Gaede moved from UT Arlington to the University of Texas at Austin, where for the next nine years he was employed in the Measurement and Evaluation Center, and where he retired in August 2007 as an Associate Director in the Division of Instructional Innovation and Assessment.

Charles Gaede is active in several veterans group initiatives, primarily those related to his Vietnam service. Today, he describes his favorite Vietnam charitable work, saying, *"I have done some fund-raising for Peace Trees Vietnam, Inc., of Seattle, Washington, a non-governmental organization authorized to do work in Quang Tri Province. Two Community Libraries have been built for Montagnard minority children, one at the base of hill 861 west of Khe Sanh built in 2005, and the other built in 2007 on Route 9 between Long Vei and Lao Bao. What I am working on now is raising funds to add to both libraries, to provide each with toilets and a separate room for battered women that is to be stocked with food and kitchen utensils."* Since their beginning in 1995, he also has organized reunions for his fellow Vietnam veterans of 3rd Platoon, Company H, and he hosted their gathering in Austin in 2005. Since then they have had reunions every other year, the most recent being in May 2011 in Memphis, Tennessee, where the veterans honored their Corpsman, Roy "Doc" Moon. And, Chuck Gaede followed that up by submitting an article published in the December 2011 issue of *Leatherneck*. The second thing he did after retiring in 2007 (after buying his Harley motorcycle) was to become more active in local area veterans organizations. In the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) local chapter he is First Vice President for Programs. In VFW Post 3377 in Manchaca he is currently the Judge Advocate and also chairs several important committees. He has been a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart for ten years, and this month *PATRIOT BULLETIN* proudly salutes Patriot Charles S. Gaede.



1st LT C.S. GAEDE ON THE RADIO AT 3RD PLATOON PATROL BASE SOUTH OF MARBLE MOUNTAIN IN FEBRUARY 1968



STAFF SERGEANT JOHN MACDONALD (LEFT), WITH LT GAEDE AT DONG HA



GAEDE, LAWSON AND MOON. HM3 ROY "DOC" MOON WAS WITH 3-H-2-3 HIS ENTIRE TIME IN VN

DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS NEWS

...For Every MOPH Chapter & LAMOPH Unit...

FOR MOPH CHAPTERS

Patriots: We had a wonderful Mid-Year Conference. Hats off to Commander Rubio and host Chapter 740 for great facilities and lineup of speakers. Jan Lentz, VA Therapist, got a great response and I am awaiting word from her to see if she can join us at our State Convention.

Finance Officer Treese also had a great response to his finance report at the conference. I want to thank him for the great work he is doing on behalf of the department. After the conference I learned of an even greater piece of work he has done. He has informed me that the department still has a \$20,000 grant, minus the 20% that goes into the general account for administrative purposes. This is great news after all my struggles of telling chapters that I could not fulfill their requests for funds in the last few months. I am still working on a VAVS Policy for use of grant monies. However I want to inform you that future grants to your chapter will require an original receipt to the finance officer in 30 days or return of the money. Also if you use part of the money granted your chapter the remaining amount, not covered by the receipt, will have to be returned.

I am pleased with the communication we are establishing with/between chapters. I plan to visit the chapters that have had the least communication with department. They are important to us. I want to inform the chapters that have not been making our conferences, that there will be an incentive awaiting their participation at the Convention in Kerrville in June.

Speaking of communication, I hope your chapter has taken a look at the "incorrect membership address data" report at the national website. Please submit "bad addresses" corrections to Rocky and to the membership staff at National.

I am excited about the work the department is doing, the upcoming state convention, PH Trail dedication in March and more important, communication between all of us. The "new found" grant money will allow us to continue our main goal, which is to serve our veterans.

I hope everyone had a Joyous Christmas Season. My most sincere wishes for a Blessed and Prosperous 2012 to each of you and all you love.

In Patriotism,

Sam Luna, Commander
MOPH, Department of Texas

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FOR LAMOPH UNITS

Dearest LAMOPH Ladies,

Hope this finds everyone in good health and in good spirits.

Ladies, we had a great Mid-Year Conference in San Angelo. Betty Cepeda was my angel and helped me organize our meeting. Betty, a big Thank You to you and your expertise for giving of yourself so willingly. I could not have done it without you! We joined the Patriots in hearing the speakers, which were very informative about Post Traumatic Stress and what is available for the Patriots and spouses through VA services. The San Angelo Chapter did a great job of putting together this Conference. Hats off to Commander, Juan Rubio, of Chapter 740 for a job well done.

Now we are looking forward to our Department Convention in Kerrville on June 7-9, 2012. Please make plans to attend. Kerrville is a beautiful Hill Country town and the hotel is just what the doctor ordered for a relaxing and calm environment. More details about the convention as they become available. Would love to see many of you there, we look forward to a great time.

Thank you to all the Units that sent in their meeting schedules and took care of the 990's and EIN numbers. You are truly an inspiration to me in your commitment to our Patriots.

I hope all of you had a wonderful and joyous Christmas and are now looking forward to a very happy and prosperous New Year. The month of December went by so fast for me. The month started off with the Mid-Year Conference in San Angelo, then we took our first cruise for seven days and I must say for someone that gets car sick from Katy to Austin, I did very well. It was a fun trip to Key West, Nassau and Freeport the Bahamas. Then we enjoyed a family Christmas in Crested Butte, Colorado. It was cold but being with our kids, their spouses, our grandchildren and granddogs proved to be a joyous and very blessed, yet a little challenging adventure. Now it is back to business and kind of good to be back home with you. I am feeling very blessed right now to have all of you in my life.

Take care and remember "God does not give us more than we can handle," but sometimes I just wish he didn't trust me so much. Life goes on and the blessings are plentiful.

In Patriotism and Honor,

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DEPARTMENT MID-YEAR CONFERENCE

...December 2, 2011, In San Angelo, Hosted by Chapter 740...



DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS PRESIDENT GLORIA LUNA PRESIDED FOR THE LADIES



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DEPT COMMANDER SAMUEL LUNA AT THE PODIUM



HOST CHAPTER COMMANDER JUAN RUBIO

Purple Santa Does Christmas Baskets

With compliments from Chapter 1919, Santa's helper, Elaine Burkhardt, delivers a holiday fruit basket to the home of Patriot Paul Andersen and his wife Mildred, just to spread a little good cheer to some special people at a special time of the year.



PAUL AND MILDRED CHRISTMAS 2011



CAPT PAUL ANDERSEN IN 1944 BEFORE HIS B-24 WAS DOWNED OVER GERMANY AND HE SPENT THE REST OF THE WAR AS A POW

Paul, who had recently celebrated his 94th birthday was one of about 40 of our elderly and / or infirm patriots, widows or auxiliaries living in the local area who cannot normally attend meetings who received a fruit basket just before the holidays, delivered in a surprise visit. This is our Chapter's way of saying "you are not forgotten." It is a tradition started by the original Purple Santa, Patriot Virgil Ellis, years ago, and it has grown each year since. This year's Santa, Raymond Diaz, had the Burkhardt's and a dozen other Purple Santa helpers who put together the baskets of goodies and then set out through the various parts of the metro area doing the really fun part, delivering them. This isn't the biggest thing this chapter does, but everyone who had a part in helping again this year says it is just about the best and most gratifying thing we do.

...Late Pictures of Patriot Scott Garrett doing...

Veterans Day

...For us at Lago Vista High School...

Each year Chapter 1919 gets a call from Eric Holt at Lago Vista High School, giving us the opportunity to support that school's Veterans Day observance (and we never turn them down). Lago Vista High does that in a school-wide assembly well planned ahead of time, featuring our invited guest speaker (we offered up Patriot Scott Garrett this year).



PATRIOT SCOTT GARRETT SPEAKING FROM THE PODIUM AND LEADING THE ASSEMBLY IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. SCOTT, WHO WAS IN 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION WHEN WOUNDED IN IRAQ IN 2004, IS NOW EMPLOYED IN ROUND ROCK BY THE FERGUSON COMPANY

Veterans in attendance are recognized and Eric's award winning students present much of the program. Eric Holt is Speech Teacher and Speech and Debate Coach (Lago Vista's debate teams won state championships in 2009 and 2010), and his winner of a patriotic theme essay is featured in each Veterans Day observance. Speaking this year was a Senior and previous essay winner, daughter of our late Patriot Ralph Erickson, whose essay was about her father's WWII experiences.

PATRIOT BIRTHDAYS

Of the TEXAS CAPITAL CHAPTER

- 1 FRANK C. STOLZ
- 3 STANLEY M. GEHO
- 4 FRANKLIN W. (FRANK) DENIUS
- 4 JUNIOR L. GREENE
- 5 JAMES A. DEAN
- 5 DAVID J.(DAVE) HEARNE
- 6 RUBEN ESPINOZA
- 6 RONALD H. MOERBE
- 7 JAVIER P. (TONY) DELAROSA
- 7 WAYLAND T. ALLEN
- 8 JACK H. HADSELL
- 8 WELDON S. HOYLE
- 8 CURTISS A. (CURT) MARTELL
- 9 MARIO VARGAS
- 10 GONZALO GARZA
- 10 JASON HAGLUND
- 10 T.C.(CHUCK) LESHIKAR
- 11 DAVID C. BOSSERMAN
- 12 JOHN C. AUGUSTINE
- 15 EDGAR L. (E.L.) PARKER JR.
- 15 BLANTON M. ELLIS
- 16 WILL A. BEATTY
- 16 JOHN F. YEARWOOD
- 17 ARVIN HOWINGTON
- 17 ALAN W. ALLEN
- 20 JOHN R. HAMM
- 21 JUAN GALLARDO
- 21 RICARDO PALACIOS JR.
- 22 RAY S. LEUTY
- 22 ARTHUR R. (RICK) TENNY

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- 23 ARTHUR L. MANN
- 23 CHARLES W. (CHUCK) TARVER
- 25 JAMES M. HUCKABY
- 25 JAMES M. (HARLEY) MARRIMAN
- 25 ROLAND K. (KEN) TOWERY
- 28 JASON A. DAMERON
- 31 MICHAEL CHESSMORE
- 3 MARCO A. CORDON
- 3 JACK W. JARNIGAN
- 4 JOHN C. SIMCIK
- 4 ABELARDO T. LOYA
- 5 RUFUS (RUFÉ) DYE JR.
- 5 RANDALL G. HUGHES
- 6 RICHARD E. KING
- 6 JACK G. CHAVEZ
- 7 JAMES D. CALKINS
- 7 LARRY GENE OSINA
- 9 PAUL S. CHAPA

JANUARY Cont'd

FEBRUARY



BIRTHDAYS FOR THE LADIES AUXILIARY

Unit 1919 has nine birthdays to celebrate in January.

- 6 OLGA CORTEZ
- 10 BETTY BOSSERMAN
- 17 MARLIEN RICE
- 18 MARY HOWINGTON
- 22 FRANCES WAGGONER
- 23 LUCILLE BENNETT
- 24 REGINA MARTINEZ
- 27 MARY HOWINGTON

—JOSEPHINE D. MAYS, *President*

<p><i>In Tribute To The Memory Of</i> JERONIMO DOMINGUEZ ARMY, WORLD WAR II WOUNDED IN GERMANY 702nd TANK DESTROYER BN RAY DIAZ 1/12</p>	<p>Prequel to Tributes</p>	<p><i>In Memory of Patriot</i> ARTHUR RICE SURVIVOR OF THE BATAAN DEATH MARCH WORLD WAR II MINNIE RICE 3/11</p>
<p><i>In Memory Of Patriot,</i> <i>and 2004 National Commander</i> ROBERT LICHTENBERGER ARMY, VIETNAM, WOUNDED, CU CHI 20th Artillery, 1st Air Cavalry Div by both RAY DIAZ and RUFUS DYE 1/12</p>	<p>IN MEMORY OF 4th MARINE DIVISION SECOND BATTALION—25th REGIMENT COMPANY G—2nd PLATOON WWII MARSHALL ISLANDS, KWAJALEIN, SAIPAN, TINIAN, IWO JIMA JESSE JAMES FARMER 12/10</p>	<p>IN REMEMBRANCE OF ALL WHO HAVE EVER SERVED WITH THE WOLFHOUSES 27th INFANTRY REGIMENT "The Wolfhound Pack" 25th INFANTRY DIVISION, U.S. ARMY FRED HUDGEONS 5/11</p>
<p><i>In Tribute To Patriot</i> HAROLD E. "HAL" LEWIS WOUNDED IN TWO WARS 3rd Inf Div—WWII & 1st Cav Div—Korea VA Coffee Bar Volunteer 'til age 90 RAY DIAZ 1/12</p>	<p><i>In Memory Of Patriot</i> SAMUEL BIER ARMY AIR FORCE, WWII, EUROPE, POW 465th Bomb Group, 8th Air Force RUFUS DYE 8/11</p>	<p><i>In Honor Of</i> JOE S. CASTRO ARMY, WWII, PACIFIC Medic, 105th Inf, 27th Infantry Division Wounded on Saipan, June 21, 1944 by both RAY DIAZ & JENNYNE BILSKY 1/12</p>
<p><i>In Memory Of Patriot</i> SERVANDO C. VARELA ARMY, WWII, WOUNDED IN NORMANDY COMPANY B, 300th ENGINEER BATTALION by both RAY DIAZ & DON MORRISON 1/12</p>	<p><i>In Memory Of Patriot</i> CARL H. KLEIN ARMY, WWII, WOUNDED IN FRANCE 2nd BN, 38th INF, 2nd INFANTRY DIV DONALD MORRISON 5/11</p>	<p><i>In Memory Of Patriot</i> WILLIAM A. BRANT ARMY, WWII, EUROPE 1st Infantry Division, Wounded, Normandy RUFUS DYE 8/11</p>

Tributes

For a donation of \$25, or more, we will place your message in subsequent publications of this bulletin for the next twelve months. *Special Note:* Your contribution may be tax-deductible to the extent of the law prescribed in the Internal Revenue Code.

—MILT CARR, (512) 343-7940

<p><i>In Memory and Gratitude</i> CPL BENNY MATIAS, JR. <i>9th Infantry Division 12-11-68-RVN</i> CPL JOE GARCIA <i>173rd Airborne Brigade 6-4-69-RVN</i> Who gave their all to their country and will never be forgotten RAYMOND DIAZ 1/12</p>	<p><i>In Memory of My Fallen Comrades</i> 5th REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM ARMY, KOREA 1950-1953 LEST WE FORGET JAMES P. BRYANT 8/11</p>	<p><i>In Tribute To All The Men Who Served In</i> COMPANY "G" 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team "RAKKASANS" DURING THE KOREAN WAR HAROLD WEEDEN 10/11</p>
<p><i>In TRIBUTE to the Men of</i> Company "M" 223rd Infantry Regiment 40th Infantry Division KOREAN WAR JOHN & ANN LINGO 5/11</p>	<p><i>In Memory and Honor of the Heroes of</i> ADVISOR TEAM 1, I CORPS, VIETNAM-1971 And Of The Heroes of Operation Enduring Freedom <i>Thank You For Sacrificing Your All To Ensure</i> <i>Peace and Freedom for all Mankind</i> JOE & GAIL HARTNESS 9/11</p>	<p><i>IN HONOR OF</i> PATRIOT RUFUS DYE MARY L. BROWN 12/11</p>
<p><i>IN MEMORY OF</i> J.M. HICKS P.O.W. IN JAPAN FOR 36 MONTHS DURING WWII JACK HADSELL 3/11</p>	<p><i>In Memory OF</i> BETTY DYE AND ALL OTHER PATRIOTS AND LADIES OF THE CHAPTER & UNIT 1919 WHO HAVE PASSED ON RUFUS DYE 8/11</p>	<p><i>TO THOSE</i> <i>WHO SERVED</i> Semper Fidelis WILLIAM NEWBERRY 3/11</p>
<p><i>In Memory of those pilots of the</i> 367th Fighter Group —WWII Europe <i>That made the supreme sacrifice</i> RUFUS DYE 8/11</p>	<p><i>IN MEMORY</i> Staff Sgt JOHN J. BROWN <i>A Good Soldier,</i> <i>A Great Father</i> JIM BROWN 1/12</p>	<p><i>In Memory of "Troopers"</i> Ron -Charlie -Dick -Johnnie KIA - Korean War - 1950 Eighth Cavalry Regiment First Cavalry Division JAMES LOGAN BROWN 2/13</p>
<p>HANG IN THERE MEN OF MOPH 1919 "HAVE A GREAT YEAR" RAY McKEE 9/11</p>	<p><i>IN MEMORY</i> Of the 27 crew chiefs and pilots Who died in a single plane crash In England during WWII 439th Troop Carrier Group JACK HADSELL 3/11</p>	<p><i>In Memory Of</i> JAMES L. BROWN PRIVATE, U.S. ARMY WORLD WAR ONE JAMES LOGAN BROWN 2/13</p>
<p><i>To Honor</i> Col Bill Brant WWII Vietnam HIS FAMILY 6/11</p>	<p><i>In Memory of Members of</i> MACV Advisory Team 79 who were killed or wounded, and to those who survived the conflict Vietnam —1964 - 1965 HAL HUTH 1/11</p>	<p><i>MEMORIAL</i> <i>IN HONOR OF HAROLD'S BIRTHDAY</i> PATRIOT HAROLD MARBURGER MARCH 22nd BETTY MARBURGER 3/11</p>
<p><i>In Memory of the pilots of the</i> 388th Tactical Fighter Wing VIETNAM WAR <i>That Made the Supreme Sacrifice</i> RUFUS DYE 8/11</p>	<p><i>In Memory of the Pilots of the</i> 18th Fighter / Bomber Group <i>Who Lost Their Lives</i> During The KOREAN WAR RUFUS DYE 8/11</p>	<p><i>To those who gave their lives</i> 103rd Infantry Division Europe, 1944-45 JOHN BRAND, D.Min., J.D. 5/11</p>

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