

Chapter Notes



CHAPTER 1919 ALWAYS TAKES A SUMMER BREAK EARLY, AND WE ALWAYS GET SERIOUS AGAIN EARLY. THAT'S BECAUSE WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT HONORING OUR HERITAGE — WE CELEBRATE THE ANNIVERSARY OF OUR AWARD, "PURPLE HEART DAY," IN A BIG WAY — DON'T MISS, JOIN US ON AUGUST 6th, AT LEGION POST 76

WORDS FROM THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Greetings Patriots,

I'm the newly installed Senior Vice Commander, Fred Hudgeons, with this month's message from the Command Group. Chapter Commander, Lee Hagan, was having to deal with some medical issues when this newsletter was being prepared to go to press, so I'll do my best to fill in for him here. Meanwhile, let's all keep Lee in our prayers.

This is your first issue of *PATRIOT BULLETIN* since the election and installation of the new slate of officers for the 2011-2012 term. You can see a report of the installation, held as usual at Hill's Café, on page 6; and you can find on the facing page 3, the phone listing for the new commander and (most of) his key staff officers. Those phone numbers are there for you to use. If you have questions don't hesitate to call which ever one is appropriate. Also, the phone listing for our ladies auxiliary officers is there for the convenience of our Unit 1919 ladies.

We are most appreciative for the generosity of Hill's Café for having hosted our Officers' Installation meeting; and, I would be remiss if I did not also express the chapter's thanks to Harold and Elrose Weeden for having hosted the preceding Election Meeting at their home in Driftwood. We are most fortunate to have their support, but, don't leave all the expression of gratitude up to me, thank Harold

and Rose for yourself when you see them next.

I'm looking forward to serving with Commander Hagan and all the new staff for this coming year and am confident that this will be a very rewarding time for Chapter 1919. Also, congratulations to our new Ladies Auxiliary Unit President, Josephine Mays, who is continuing to provide the same excellent support we have always had from the unit; Josephine, we look forward to working with the Unit under your leadership.

We have some really great programs going, thanks to our immediate Past Commander, John Burkhardt. John has been instrumental in the success of many events and activities throughout his two-year's service as our commander. He doesn't know the word "NO." If asked, John always said Chapter 1919 would assist others, especially in honoring veterans and in sponsoring patriotic events — or else, he would just pick up, take the lead himself, and get it done, not worrying about who would get the credit. And let's not forget his backup, the Burkhardt's came as a team, Elaine was always there to help, and so was their daughter Michelle and her husband, and John's sister, Barbara Hansen and her husband.

While we are on the subject, the Chapter also owes a vote of thanks to our retiring President, Katherine Contreras. Unit 1919 always did great service to the Chapter under her leadership and she could not possibly receive enough recognition and thanks for it.

Again, your command group is looking forward to great things in the coming year, as the Chapter moves forward together. And, what better way could we all possibly start out than for everyone to come out and celebrate Purple Heart Day, Saturday, August 6th.

Fred Hudgeons,
Senior Vice Commander,
Chapter 1919

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Ladies,

I hope you all are enjoying a wonderful summer with your families.

Each of you have my sincere appreciation and thanks for allowing me the privilege of serving as your president for 2011-2012. Congratulations and thanks to all the ladies that have so graciously committed to serving as officers this year.

Katherine Contreras, our outgoing president, has my deepest gratitude for her wonderful leadership last year. She has been extremely helpful with her advice and support, making this a seamless transition. Thank you, Katherine! I also want to thank Betty Cepeda for always being available to guide me and tirelessly answering my questions. Both of you ladies are invaluable assets to me and most importantly to this organization.

Memorial Day I had the pleasure of attending a moving ceremony at the Cook Walden Cemetery in Pflugerville. This was my first time going. I was thrilled to see so many patriots and ladies from Chapter 1919 present. It was like showing up at a public event and seeing your family there.

June 10-11, 2011 I attended my first Department of Texas Convention in Gainesville. Chapter 1919 had five members in attendance. I am proud to report that all five members of our chapter will serve as officers for the Department of Texas this year: Gloria Luna

LADIES, THANK YOU FOR THE TRUST AND CONFIDENCE YOU PLACED IN ME BY ALLOWING ME THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING AS THE NEW PRESIDENT, I PLEDGE TO DO MY BEST TO CARRY ON THE WORK KATHERINE HAS DONE SO WELL AS SHE PASSES THE TORCH TO ME. SO, NOW LET'S ALL START OUT BY HELPING MAKE OUR PURPLE HEART DAY CELEBRATION, SATURDAY AUGUST 6th, THE BEST EVER.

(President), Betty Cepeda (Treasurer), Elaine Rey (Chaplain), Julie Bridgewater (Patriotic Instructor), and yours truly, Josephine D. Mays (Sergeant-at-Arms).

We will be celebrating Purple Heart Day on Saturday August 6, 2011 at 10 a.m. in the American Legion Post 76. Please come out and join us. Lunch, free for members and guests, will be catered.

LAMOPH National Convention is coming up August 9-14, 2011 in Saint Paul, MN. Our own Elaine Rey, National Junior Vice President, will be attending. We enthusiastically wish her success as she runs for National Senior Vice President this year. We look forward to her report on the National Convention in September. Another first for me, I also plan to go to the National Convention. Surely it will be as informative as the other LAMOPH events I have attended. Also, in September we will drape the charter for 2 of our deceased members, Sook Ja Heebe and Margaret V. Seidl. Please make a special effort to attend this meeting and pay tribute to these ladies.

Welcome back from the break. I am excited and looking forward to a fabulous year working with all of you in supporting our awesome Patriots.

Sincerely,
Josephine
Unit 1919 President

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NEW MEMBERS



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

AUBREY D. DISMUKES is an Army Vietnam veteran. He was a pilot in F Troop, 4th Cavalry, 1st Aviation Brigade, 11th Combat Aviation Group (CAG), when wounded during the '72 Easter Offensive (26 March 1972).

RENE M. LOPEZ is an Army Iraq veteran, wounded September 21, 2004 when serving in the 984th Military Police Company.

JAROD A. MYERS is an Army Iraq veteran. He was serving in Company C, 1-21 Infantry, 25th Infantry Division, on April 4, 2004, when wounded by an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) in Kirkuk.

ANACLETO A. SAUCEDO is a Marine Corps Vietnam veteran. He was wounded April 24, 1968 at An Hoa when assigned to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division.

CALEB A. SMITH is an Afghanistan wounded Army NCO. SSG Smith was assigned to Task Force "Thunder," Combined JTF-OEF, at Bagram Airfield when wounded on October 3, 2010.

FRANK C. STOLZ is a Marine Corps Vietnam veteran. He was wounded by shrapnel when a large force of Viet Cong attacked the positions of his 3rd Platoon, Company A, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division during the early morning hours of October 30, 1965 in an action for which he was also later decorated for valor.

At "press-time," Chapter 1919 is anticipating that these additional Applications/Transfers, now at National Headquarters, will be included as new members in the next monthly report from the National Adjutant.

JASON A. DAMERON, Army, Afghanistan
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CHAPTER MEETINGS

...4th Thursday's Lunch Meetings at Duke's BBQ, 408 W Morrow, in Georgetown, are Off-And-Running...



This new meeting opportunity is two months old now and there really are Patriots in the far north Chapter area who like to assemble at noon and have lunch together. Attendees are: Andy Kauffman, Ted Acheson, Troy Petersen, John Price, Mort Sheffloe, Pete Snelson, Randall Hughes, Shelton "Doc" Jackson, Scott Garrett, Harold Weeden, Johnny Campbell, Patrick Reilly, Fred Hudgeons, Howard McKinney, John Burkhardt, Fred Lord, Milt Carr, Raymond Diaz, Jim Farmer Jr. and Ondre Aiken. Join us next 4th Thursday, you will enjoy it.



ADJUTANTS CALL



TIME PASSES, BIG CHANGES DO HAPPEN: And they just have. Since the last edition of the newsletter, Chapter 1919 has installed a new slate of officers, and so has the Department of Texas. See some of the changes, page 2, 3 & 6 for chapter, and page 10-11 for department.

CALENDAR POSTED FOR COMING YEAR: The back cover of this newsletter now projects chapter meeting dates for the coming year, so please post them to your personal calendar now to avoid having conflicts pop up later in your schedule. Nevertheless, stay alert in coming months, it doesn't happen often, but sometimes our meeting hosts make it necessary for us to change a date or find a different location to meet.

NEWS FOR SILVER STAR RECIPIENTS (and a number of them are in Chapter 1919): If you register your vehicle with Texas' Silver Star plates, be advised that Governor Perry has signed House Bill 2928 which extends the same free parking privileges currently in effect for Purple Heart plated vehicles to those with Silver Star license plates as well. This change becomes effective September 1, 2011.

Next, we promised to inform the widows as soon as news developed for them on property tax exemption, here it is, but it's not settled until the statewide vote.

UPDATE FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES OF 100% DISABLED VETERAN TEXAS HOMEOWNERS: Currently in the State of Texas, veterans with a 100% disability rating from the VA or are rated unemployable and compensated at the 100% rate, do not have to pay any property tax, including school tax on their home.

However, this benefit expires upon the death of the veteran. The surviving spouse then has to resume paying the property tax. But, change is on the way, subject to an upcoming vote to amend the Texas Constitution.

The Legislature has now passed measures that, if approved by Texas voters in the November 8th statewide election, will extend that 100 percent property tax exemption to surviving spouses if:

- (1- The property was the surviving spouse's homestead when the veteran died;
- (2- The property remains the surviving spouse's homestead, and
- (3- The surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the disabled veteran.

According to the legislation, the spouse is not obligated to remain in the original home so long as the new home is designated a homestead and the spouse does not remarry: "If the surviving spouse subsequently qualifies a different property as a residence homestead and has not remarried, the surviving spouse would be entitled to a property tax exemption on that homestead of the same dollar amount received on the former homestead that qualified for the surviving spouse homestead exemption."

If passed by Texas voters, the new exemption will take effect on January 1, 2012. So, be sure and get out and vote on November 8th.

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

TEXAS SENATE HONORS KOREAN WAR VETS

Shortly before the 82nd Texas Legislature adjourned, the Senate paused briefly in its deliberations to honor veterans of the Korean War, and recognize those present in the Senate Chamber, then came this photo OP.



PATRIOT JOHN LINGO, REPRESENTING CHAPTER 1919, WAS ON HAND FOR THE PRESENTATION IN THE SENATE CHAMBER, AND THEN FOR THE PHOTO IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING IN THE CAPITOL ROTUNDA. SENATOR LETICIA VAN DE PUTTE LATER PROVIDED THE MEMENTOS TO PATRIOT LINGO



Thanks for visiting us at your capitol!

Leticia Van de Putte

Senate District 26
82nd Legislature

...Scenes From Chapter 1919's Last Meeting Before The Summer Break...

CHAPTER INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

...And Chapter Change of Command, Saturday, May 21st, 10AM, at Hill's Caf e....



TAKING THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR THE 2011-2012 TERM, FROM LEFT; CHAPTER COMMANDER, LEE HAGAN; SENIOR VICE COMMANDER, FRED HUDGEONS; JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER, FRED LORD; FINANCE OFFICER, JIM BROWN; TRUSTEE, DANNY BAKER; CHAPLAIN, RUFUS DYE; AND ADJUTANT, MILT CARR. ADMINISTERING THE OATH AND JUST OUT OF THE PICTURE IS PATRIOT PAUL DEVAULT WHO WAS OUR CHARTER INSTALLING OFFICER IN 1995

IN A LAST SYMBOLIC ACT AS CHAPTER 1919 COMMANDER, JOHN BURKHARDT PASSES POSSESSION OF THE CHAPTER FLAG OVER TO THE INCOMING COMMANDER, LEE HAGAN

ENJOYING LUNCH AT HILL'S AFTER ALL THE CEREMONIES WERE OVER ARE HOWARD MCKINNEY, ERNIE & VIRGINIA BANASAU, MILT & BARBARA CARR, RUFUS DYE, ELIZABETH LARSON, SEAN CARR AND IZELL & JENNY BANKSTON

..Johnny and Mary Campbell were on hand to lay a Ceremonial Wreath for Chapter & Unit 1919..

MEMORIAL DAY 2011

...on May 30th, Cook-Walden Capital Park, Pflugerville, in Ceremonies conducted by VFW District 28..



JOHNNY AND MARY CAMPBELL BEFORE THE CEREMONY

FRED & LAURIE ANNE HUDGEONS, HAROLD & ELROSE WEEDEN, JOHN & ELAINE BURKHARDT, TED ACHESON, HOWARD MCKINNEY, AND MILT CARR ARE IN THIS PHOTO. CENTER PHOTO, PATRIOT ALAN BABIN WITH HIS 82nd ABN DIV ASSN. NOT PICTURED, PATRIOTS BILLY DEMENT (INSPIRATIONAL MUSIC), FIDEL LOZA, BOB COOK, RUFUS DYE, ROBERT WARD & MANY FAMILY MEMBERS

ADVENTURE WEEKEND FOR "WOUNDED WARRIORS"

BIG EVENT BY "WHEELERS FOR THE WOUNDED," AND CHAPTER 1919 SERVED THE LUNCH

...Saturday, May 6th, Hidden Falls Adventure Park, Marble Falls, Texas...



AS BUS LOADS ARRIVE FROM FORT HOOD AND SAN ANTONIO, FRED HUDGEONS, MILT CARR, JOHN LINGO, LAURIE ANNE HUDGEONS, RAY DIAZ AND BILL BROWN WAIT TO GREET THEM



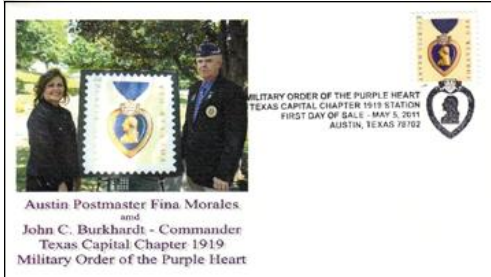
PATRIOT BULLETIN HAS FOUND NO OFFICIAL ESTIMATES, BUT THERE WERE AT LEAST AS MANY ATTENDING AS LAST YEAR'S CROWD OF 500 MOSTLY VETERANS HOSTING ABOUT 80 WOUNDED WARRIORS AND FAMILY MEMBERS. BILL BROWN DID THE COOKING AGAIN THIS YEAR, AND OUR LUNCH SERVERS INCLUDED, ALL THOSE PICTURED ABOVE, PLUS ERNIE & VIRGINIA BANASAU, DANNY & MARY BAKER, JOHN & ELAINE BURKHARDT, BARBARA HANSEN, PLUS SOME OTHERS

OTHER CHAPTER EVENTS

...Since your last issue of PATRIOT BULLETIN...

“FIRST DAY OF ISSUE” PURPLE HEART FOREVER STAMP

...May 5, 2011, 2PM, in the Texas State Cemetery, at the Purple Heart Monument...



CEREMONY CONDUCTED BY CHAPTER 1919's JOHN BURKHARDT, AND AUSTIN POSTMASTER, FINA MORALES



PATRIOTS ASSEMBLED AFTER THE CEREMONY WERE, FROM RIGHT, DANNY MCDANIEL, BUFF RADEMACHER, HOWARD MCKINNEY, CHARLES GAEDE, PATRICK REILLY, FRED HUDGEONS, LES ALLEN, DANNY BAKER, JIM BROWN, JOHN BURKHARDT, ERNIE BANASAU, LEE HAGAN, AND MILT CARR. NOT SHOWN, KEN WALLINGFORD, TIM GAESTEL

...July 7th, 6pm, the only stop in the Austin area of the Jeeps making the...

“CROSSING OF AMERICA” TOUR

...At the Nathan Chapman monument, Williamson Co. Justice Center, Georgetown...

THIS BRIEF STOP ON THE NATIONWIDE TOUR WAS COORDINATED BY PATRIOT JOHN BURKHARDT. TO SEE WHERE THESE JEEPS ARE GOING AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING, SEE WEBSITE: www.crossingofamerica.org

PHOTO: ON EITHER SIDE OF THE STATUE OF NATHAN CHAPMAN, FIRST AMERICAN TO DIE IN AFGHANISTAN, ARE HIS PARENTS WILBUR AND LYNN CHAPMAN OF GEORGETOWN. PRESENT REPRESENTING CHAPTER 1919 ARE, FROM RIGHT, PATRIOTS FRED LORD AND DANNY BAKER



.. "Tony the Vet" leads Walkathon from San Diego on 9-11-10 to Ground Zero, NYC on 9-11-11 in his...

WALKATHON ACROSS AMERICA

...For the "Support Our Veterans Assn" (SOVA), and Chapter 1919 met him in Austin on May 24th...



TOP ROW CENTER OF LEFT PHOTO, ANTHONY LOBUE, aka "TONY THE VET," A SENIOR DISABLED WARTIME VET CAME THRU AUSTIN TO LEAD LOCAL WALKERS FROM MCKINNEY FALLS PKVY TO THE AUSTIN VA CLINIC WHERE HE WAS MET BY AMONG OTHERS, CHAPTER 1919's JOHN BURKHARDT AND ERNIE BANASAU. IN RIGHT PHOTO, TONY IS RECEIVING A PRESENTATION FROM ERNIE, OUR CHAPTER 1919 AMERICANISM OFFICER



ON CHAPTER 1919's "SUMMER BREAK"

...What Did You Do ?...



PATRIOT SCOTT "BIG SARGE" GARRETT WENT FISHING FOR RED SNAPPER IN THE GULF AND HE SENT THE PHOTOS TO PATRIOT BULLETIN. WE COULDN'T RESIST SHARING THEM HERE



HAROLD W. "BUFF" RADEMACHER

*Air Force, Vietnam
Patriot, Chapter 1919*

Harold W. Rademacher was born in Salem, South Dakota in 1930. His family began calling him "Buff" and that nickname has stuck ever since; call him Buff, he doesn't answer to Harold. After graduation from High School, he went away to Eagle Grove, Iowa to attend Junior College. The Korean War broke out (June 1950) while he was a student there.

He took and passed the test for acceptance for flight school while still enrolled in Junior College. A few months later he enlisted in the Air Force and in March 1951 he reported for Aviation Cadet Training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. After completing cadet training, graduating in Class 52-G, he went through pilot training and crew training at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, and then in late 1952, he was ordered to Korea. In early 1953, Buff reported in at airfield K-14 just outside Seoul, assigned as an F-86 "Saber Jet" Fighter Pilot in the 4th Fighter Wing. A year later, the war being over, he rotated home.



MAJOR RADEMACHER
357th TAC FTR SQDN

He spent a year (1954) at Laughlin Air Force Base, Del Rio, Texas, as an instructor in F-86 gunnery and in crew training, and then was transferred to Williams Air Force Base, Arizona where he served another five years as an instructor in F-86 fighters. In 1960, Buff was assigned to George Air Force Base, California. He says, *"I got into F-104's and was in an accident, my back was broken and it took a year for me to recover."*

His next assignment was a "long tour" in Europe where, from 1961-1964, he flew an F-105 Thunderchief (more commonly called the "Thud") from Bitburg Air Force Base in Germany. He served during part of that assignment as a Forward Air Controller (FAC) with the Army's 1st Infantry Division. Upon rotation back home to the United States, Buff was assigned to another F-105 unit, the 357th Fighter Squadron at McConnell Air Force Base, Wichita, Kansas. After he had been there only a few months, in late 1964 the squadron was scheduled for temporary duty training in Turkey, but late in the planning for that deployment, they were diverted and the 357th became the first F-105 unit, sent TDY from the United States, to support the mission in Vietnam. Buff's initial temporary duty period ended without incident.



357th TAC FIGHTER
SQUADRON
PATCH

It was on his second TDY to Vietnam in 1965 that his aircraft was shot down and he was wounded. In Buff's words, *"On June 8, 1965 I was flight leader for four aircraft that were on a mission over North Vietnam. At about 4:30 p.m. we were all set to hit a target of opportunity, a bridge protected with air defense guns. I made a pass, drew fire and my F-105 took a single hit, but that one hit was all it took. The plane was on fire and I had to eject. My parachute came down in difficult terrain. I was fairly well beaten up with facial cuts and some other injuries, and found myself on the floor of a deep ravine with high peaks on every side. The area was densely forested, nothing could be seen but 100 foot-tall trees in all directions. I was in big trouble and I knew it, having gone down in North Vietnam at that early time in the war, my chances of being picked up and gotten out of there were really slim.*

The remaining three planes of the flight watched as I went down and kept that location on the ground in view. As they circled the area, my second in command called for air rescue. In those early days the big long range H-53 "Jolly Green Giants" were not yet available and air rescue was equipped with much smaller helicopters with limited range. One of those had launched and had set down and refueled in North Vietnam, enroute to my crash site, and it arrived over my location less than two hours after my plane went down. But, I was still in plenty of trouble. The helicopter had limited loiter time and either had to get me out of there quick, or leave without me. There was no open space for the helicopter to descend safely below the tree tops, and the hoist cable was not as long as the trees were tall. The helicopter came to a hover above me and lowered the penetrator, but it was still suspended above me after the cable was fully paid out. Without

hesitation, the helicopter started to slowly descend between the trees and I watched as the helicopter bent the tree tops aside as it continued down until finally I could reach the penetrator. By 6:30, they had me out of there and on the way home after the northern-most rescue ever from North Vietnam at that time. That pilot and crew took a tremendous risk to save me and I owe them my life.”

After treatment for his injuries, Captain Rademacher was returned to the United States for five days to be re-equipped with a new individually configured helmet and other items replacing those lost when his plane was shot down. Shortly after his return, the entire 357th Squadron sent pilots, including Buff Rademacher, to different bases, providing combat training for other F-105 units. Buff was an instructor pilot for the F-105’s at Takhli Air Base in Thailand, but he also continued to fly bombing missions to North Vietnam himself, working on his 100 missions. The 357th Sqdn was the last unit to deploy where the pilots had their choice of serving TDY for four months, or until they had flown 100 combat missions, so Buff opted for and completed 100 missions.



After his return home from Vietnam he was assigned to the 12th Air Force, and further assigned to the IG Preparation Team at Waco, Texas. Major Rademacher was the “Standardization and Evaluation Officer for F-105’s” and visited all F-105 units in 12th Air Force to perform practice inspections. He was also taking college level courses. In March 1969 he graduated with his bachelor’s degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha under the “Bootstrap” program.

At about that time, 12th Air Force headquarters had moved to Bergstrom AFB in Austin, Texas, and Buff’s job moved with it. After several years in Austin, during which period his wife, Patsy, owned and operated a Health Spa, Buff was reassigned to Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, where he went into training for the F-111. After two years (1971-1973) at Mountain Home, Lieutenant Colonel Harold W. Rademacher, USAF, retired after 23 years service and returned to Austin. That was primarily because Patsy had continued to live and operate her business in Austin, but also because he considered it to be home. Today, he says, “I first arrived in Texas back in 1951 and have had 60 years in the State.”

Buff soon entered into a second career and worked another sixteen years for Prudential Insurance before retiring as District Agent. Today he and Patsy are both retired but remain very active as volunteers, primarily with their church, working in a program providing meals for the needy. He has been a life member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart for the past eleven years, and this month Chapter 1919 proudly salutes Patriot Harold “Buff” Rademacher.



357th TAC FIGHTER SQDN. BUFF IS STANDING, RIGHT OF SQDN SIGN

LT RADEMACHER IN F-86



CAPT RADEMACHER BESIDE F-104



EARLY AND THEN LATE IN THE AIR FORCE CAREER OF BUFF RADEMACHER



DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS NEWS

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

FOR MOPH CHAPTERS

Patriots,

It was with great honor and a humble heart that I accepted the commander position at the state convention last month. I want to thank everyone for the support shown me there and to ask them, and all others in the department, to join me as we work together to move Texas Purple Heart forward.

I am always available to hear your suggestions, concerns and even those things that I might not have done very well. I have already found out that there is much to learn and want to thank Rocky for always being there to cover my back. I also want to thank the Patriots who were elected and those who accepted positions on the command staff. This team will accomplish work that will make you proud. I have found some travel support and hope to start visiting chapters after the National Convention, especially those that might feel forgotten. I have several staff patriots who are ready to help with chapter visits. I am preparing the message we want to present statewide. I am also working with Bill Crumlett, State Inspector, to help him conduct chapter inspections as we visit each chapter.

I want to thank John Footman and Fred Rey for their support and encouragement. I look forward to giving my all to this challenge and making them, and you, even more proud of the Department of Texas.

National Purple Heart Day, Sunday August 7, 2011 will be very special for the Department of Texas. The officers of our newest chapter, Brazoria County Chapter #867, will be installed by John Footman, Past Department Commander. Congratulations to Sonya Broadway, who will become the first female commander of a Chapter.

In Patriotism and Service I remain,

Samuel Luna, Commander
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FOR LAMOPH UNITS

My Dear Ladies,

I am the new LAMOPH Department President installed at the Department of Texas Convention in Gainesville on June 11th. It is my honor and I will do my best to serve all the great ladies of the LAMOPH in Texas. With your help and support we will definitely succeed in serving all of the MOPH Patriots as well as all the Patriots that we can reach. I ask for your patience as I embark on this journey with you. Hand-in-hand we will move forward and succeed in all we do. You all are such a blessing to our Patriots. I like to think of you as my LAMOPH family, each one of us will be there for one another. With that said, please feel free to call me at 281-395-9152 or e-mail me at any time gloriaaluna@hotmail.com that you may have a question. If I can't answer it, I will find the answer for both of us (please CC anything you send me to Dept LAMOPH Senior Vice President, Vicki Treese).

I would like to recognize last year's President, Kathy Footman, and thank her for all her hard work and for leading us with such grace and strength. Kathy, you are awesome !

Thank you for sending your Unit Reports to Kathy. For any questions on the 990's and the EIN's, please contact LAMOPH Dept of Texas, Senior Vice, Vicki Treese, at phone 210-257-9985 or by email at: vickirael@hotmail.com. She and her husband, David, have graciously stepped up to help us with these questions. We are looking forward to the National Convention in St. Paul, Minnesota, August 9-13, 2011. Sam and I are making it a road trip, all those hours together, OOH! If you plan to attend please let me know. I would love to see you there.

Congratulations to all the new Unit Presidents and Officers, I am looking forward to meeting you soon.

Blessings to all,

Gloria Luna, President

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

...June 9-11, 2011, Gainesville, Texas...



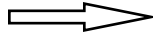
NATIONAL JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER, BRUCE MCKENTY, SWEARS IN OUR NEWLY ELECTED DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS OFFICERS FOR THE 2011-2012 TERM. FROM RIGHT ARE: COMMANDER, SAMUEL LUNA (KATY); SENIOR VICE COMMANDER, THOMAS J. TERRY (SAN ANTONIO); JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER, DON WILLIAMS (VICTORIA); AND FINANCE OFFICER, DAVID TREESE JR. (SAN ANTONIO). NEXT, BUT BARELY VISIBLE ARE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS, OCTAVIO LUNA (KIRBYVILLE); AND ADJUTANT, RICHARD "ROCKY" HERNANDEZ (KILLEEN). OTHERS FURTHER DOWN THE LINE ARE MASKED FROM VIEW

ROTC LEADERSHIP AWARDS

...Chapter 1919's 2011 Presentations Complete...



MARINE CORPS JROTC CADET LINO MONTOYA RECEIVES THE AWARD AT HAYS HIGH SCHOOL



AMERICANISM OFFICER, ERNIE BANASAU PRESENTS MEDAL AND CERTIFICATE

ARMY JROTC CADET, ALEXEY HANSEN, RECEIVES THE AWARD AT SAN MARCOS BAPTIST ACADEMY. CADET HANSEN IS A NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY STUDENT



PINNING ON THE MEDAL IS SENIOR VICE COMMANDER, FRED HUDGEONS



Prequel to Tributes

*In Memory Of Patriot,
and 2004 National Commander*
ROBERT LICHTENBERGER
ARMY, VIETNAM, WOUNDED, CU CHI
20th Artillery, 1st Air Cavalry Div
by both RAY DIAZ and RUFUS DYE 1/11

In Tribute To Patriot
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 4/11

In Memory Of Patriot
SAMUEL BIER
ARMY AIR FORCE, WWII, EUROPE, POW
465th Bomb Group, 8th Air Force
RUFUS DYE 5/10

In Honor Of
JOE S. CASTRO
ARMY, WWII, PACIFIC
Medic, 105th Inf, 27th Infantry Division
Wounded on Saipan, June 21, 1944
by both RAY DIAZ & JENNYNE BILSKY 1/11

In Memory Of Patriot
SERVANDO C. VARELA
ARMY, WWII, WOUNDED IN NORMANDY
COMPANY B, 300th ENGINEER BATTALION
by both RAY DIAZ & DON MORRISON 1/11

IN REMEMBRANCE OF ALL WHO HAVE EVER SERVED WITH THE WOLFHOUNDS

27th INFANTRY REGIMENT
"The Wolfhound Pack"
25th INFANTRY DIVISION

FRED HUDGEONS 5/11

IN MEMORY OF PATRIOT
R.M. (DON) BOSSERMAN JR.
ARMY, VIETNAM
PAST CHAPTER COMMANDER
PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

RAYMOND DIAZ 1/11

In Memory Of Patriot
CARL H. KLEIN
ARMY, WWII, WOUNDED IN FRANCE
2nd BN, 38th INF, 2nd INFANTRY DIV

DONALD MORRISON 5/11

In Memory Of Patriot
WILLIAM J. DALLAS
ARMY AIR FORCE, WWII, EUROPE, POW
303rd BOMB GROUP, 8TH AIR FORCE
WOUNDED IN THE AIR OVER GERMANY
RUFUS DYE 5/10

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

In Memory Of Patriot
WILLIAM A. BRANT
ARMY, WWII, EUROPE
1st Infantry Division, Wounded, Normandy
RUFUS DYE 5/10

PATRIOT BIRTHDAYS

Of the TEXAS CAPITAL CHAPTER

JULY

- 1 JOHN S. LOFTON
- 1 WILLIAM S. LIVINGSTON
- 4 RAYMOND E. JOHNSON
- 5 WILLIAM L. REVELS
- 5 JAMES L. THOMAS SR.
- 6 STEPHEN J. BODNAR
- 7 EDSSELL H. LONG
- 8 BOBBY L. (BOB) MENEFE
- 9 JERRY E. POLASEK
- 10 GREGORY W. (GREG) RITCHEY
- 11 CLIFFORD H. MCCULLOUGH
- 12 BERN BALLARD
- 12 MICHAEL HUFF
- 12 DEVIN D. GATES
- 12 JEROME A. GABOR
- 13 GORDON T. SEABLOM
- 14 JOHN K. HOLLAND
- 14 RON E. DORSEY
- 14 CHARLES R. CORONA
- 15 WALTER HALE
- 16 HAROLD WEEDEN
- 16 WILLIAM S. (BILL) NEWBERRY
- 16 BENJAMIN S. (BEN) KUBICEK
- 16 ROBERT W. HICKEY
- 17 KENNETH J. VITUCCI
- 18 RUBEN R. CANO
- 18 WILLIAM VON LANGEHENNIG
- 18 WILLIAM R. YOUNG
- 20 ARMANDO J. YBARRA
- 20 JAMES E. GARRETT
- 20 ANDY K. LAMASCUS
- 20 FABIAN (MARTY) MARTINEZ
- 22 CHARLES T. STRADLEY
- 22 OSCAR G. GONZALEZ
- 23 LAYTON H. FERGUSON
- 23 WILLIAM L. POWELL
- 23 FEDERICO REY
- 24 J. ALLAN GREEN
- 24 RICHARD J. FELT
- 25 THOMAS J. CUMMINGS
- 25 KEVIN S. OXNER
- 25 FRED A. SCHATTENBERG
- 25 TOMMY LEE SWEARINGEN
- 26 ADONES P. FLORES
- 26 FIDEL G. LOZA
- 28 CHESTER G. (GARY) ALFORD
- 28 GEORGE T. STONE
- 29 BENJAMIN C. SLEDGE
- 30 RUBEN MEDELLIN
- 30 ABDON SANCHEZ
- 30 SAM W. FLOCA JR.
- 31 JASPER G. WILSON
- 31 ED WYNN NICHOLLS



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AUGUST

- 1 RUBEN YANEZ
- 1 MICHAEL J. GARCIA
- 2 ALBERT SALAZAR JR.
- 2 GARY E. VAUGHT

Cont'd in next column

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE LADIES AUXILIARY

We celebrate eleven birthdays in July-Aug.

JULY

- 5 KAY MOORE
- 14 LILO SAENZ
- 17 JULIE BROWN
- 20 VINNIE LOUISE WEBB
- 24 JULIE BRIDGEWATER

AUGUST

- 2 ALICE RISNER
- 6 MAURINE WARD
- 8 GABRIELLE DIAZ
- 21 MARY LOUISA VARELA
- 24 KAREN VAUGHT
- 31 MARY DIAZ

—JOSEPHINE D. MAYS, *President*

- 3 BILLY R. BUSBY
- 3 MANUEL CASTILLO
- 3 ROBERT A. CARNES
- 5 THOMAS W. (TOM) ANDREWS
- 5 JOHN H. MACKAY
- 6 DOUGLAS A. (DOUG) SCHELLING
- 6 FRANCIS D. (DANNY) MCDANIEL
- 11 PRESTON G. HALEY
- 11 ANTONIO G. (TONY) GONZALES
- 11 JOHN H. MITTELSTEDT
- 11 JOE J. TREVINO
- 14 JOHN W. TEMPLER
- 14 HERMAN E. (MOE) MOLEN
- 15 A. BENTLEY NETTLES
- 18 GARY L. NEELY
- 18 HOWARD E. BARRON
- 19 JOHN C. BURKHARDT
- 19 LOUIS L. GARCIA
- 20 HERBERT M. BAUGH
- 20 ARNOLDO CHAPA
- 21 JOSEPH J.(JOE) KELLEY
- 21 HORACE P. WILLIAMS
- 21 GEORGE L. DORING
- 22 RANDOLPH H. (RANDY) GREENE
- 22 ALFONSO RODRIGUEZ
- 22 FELIX GRIFFIN JR.
- 22 LOUIS BENAVIDES
- 23 BRADLEY P. DEINES
- 23 ALFRED L. BOTELLO
- 23 ROBERT F. KAN
- 24 RAY R. ASHLEY
- 24 JUAN A. RODRIGUEZ
- 25 FLETCHER H. KNIGHT
- 25 WILLIAM R. (BOB) JENKINS
- 26 EUGENE E. MUZNY
- 26 PAUL E. RIDER
- 27 EDWARD L. GRIGSON
- 27 THOMAS (T.W.) MATTHEWS
- 28 JAMES C. CHERNOSKY
- 28 BILL GOSHEN
- 28 GABRIEL J. TAMAYO
- 29 ALAN R. BABIN JR.
- 29 JOHN MESKO
- 30 REFUGIO ROSAS
- 30 HERBERT F. (HERB) MCDUGALL
- 31 WILLIAM C. (BILL) LANE
- 31 ROBERT A. LAWSON



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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 1/11</p>	<p><i>In Memory of My Fallen Comrades</i> 5th REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM ARMY, KOREA 1950-1953 LEST WE FORGET JAMES P. BRYANT 8/10</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 10/10</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 Peace and Freedom for all Mankind</i> JOE & GAIL HARTNESS 9/10</p>	<p>GOD BLESS THOSE WHO GIVE AID AND ASSISTANCE TO THOSE IN NEED HAROLD [TEX-HOSS-HAL] LEWIS 3/11</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 8/10</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 8/10</p>	<p><i>IN MEMORY</i> Staff Sgt JOHN J. BROWN <i>A Good Soldier,</i> <i>A Great Father</i> JIM BROWN 12/10</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 1/12</p>
<p>HANG IN THERE MEN OF MOPH 1919 "HAVE A GREAT YEAR" RAY McKEE 9/10</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 Patriot</i> ARTHUR RICE SURVIVOR OF THE BATAAN DEATH MARCH WORLD WAR II MINNIE RICE 3/11</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 8/10</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 8/10</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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JULY '11	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<p>NO MEETINGS*</p> <p>SUMMER BREAK !</p> <p><i>*BUT OUR DEDICATED EARLY RISERS STILL HAVE BREAKFAST ON 1st & 3rd MONDAYS AND HUNGRY GUYS COME TO LUNCH AT DUKES 4th THURSDAY'S MONTHLY</i></p>	<p>1st BREAKFAST-NORTH 15th BREAKFAST-SOUTH 25th LUNCH at Dukes</p> <p>3rd- STAFF NOON LEGION POST 76</p> <p>SAT, 6TH, 11AM PURPLE HEART DAY CELEBRATION <i>"The 229th Anniversary Of the Purple Heart"</i></p> <p>LUNCH IS FREE FOR PATRIOTS, FAMILY & GUESTS</p> <p>AMER LEGION POST 76 2200 VETERAN'S DRIVE</p>	<p>5th BREAKFAST-NORTH 19th BREAKFAST-SOUTH 22nd LUNCH at Dukes</p> <p>14th- STAFF NOON LEGION POST 76 2200 VETERANS DRIVE</p> <p>SAT, 17th, 10AM MONTHLY MEETING CAMP MABRY MUSEUM Bldg #6</p>	<p>3rd BREAKFAST-NORTH 17th BREAKFAST-SOUTH 27th LUNCH at Dukes</p> <p>12th- STAFF NOON LEGION POST 76 2200 VETERANS DRIVE</p> <p>SAT, 15th, 10AM MONTHLY MEETING LEGION POST 76 2200 VETERAN'S DRIVE</p>	<p>7th BREAKFAST-NORTH 21st BREAKFAST-SOUTH **No LUNCH at Dukes. 24th is Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>9th- STAFF NOON LEGION POST 76</p> <p>FRI, 11th, 9AM VETERAN'S DAY PARADE up Congress Ave, then CEREMONY FOLLOWS AT 11AM SOUTH STEPS OF THE CAPITOL BLDG</p>	<p>5th BREAKFAST-NORTH 19th BREAKFAST-SOUTH 22nd LUNCH at Dukes</p> <p>7th- STAFF NOON LEGION POST 76</p> <p>SUN, 11th, 1—3 PM CHAPTER / UNIT HOLIDAY PARTY Combined with CHILDREN'S PARTY BOTH PARTIES HELD IN ODD FELLOWS LODGE #23 6809 GUADALUPE</p>
JANUARY '12	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<p>2nd, BREAKFAST-NORTH 16th BREAKFAST-SOUTH 26th LUNCH at Dukes</p> <p>18TH —STAFF NOON LEGION POST 76</p> <p>SAT., 21st, 9AM MONTHLY MEETING "G.I. BREAKFAST" CAMP MABRY, CAFETERIA, HEADQUARTERS BLDG #8</p>	<p>6th, BREAKFAST-NORTH 20th, BREAKFAST-SOUTH 23rd LUNCH at Dukes</p> <p>22nd —STAFF NOON LEGION POST 76</p> <p>FRI, 24th, 6PM GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY DINNER PARTY <i>At "The Austin Club"</i> <i>Great Entertainment,</i> <i>Great Food, and, a</i> <i>Great Time at a Great Party</i></p>	<p>5th, BREAKFAST-NORTH 19th BREAKFAST-SOUTH 22nd LUNCH at Dukes</p> <p>14th —STAFF NOON LEGION POST 76</p> <p>SAT, 17th, 10AM MONTHLY MEETING LEGION POST 76 2200 VETERANS DR</p>	<p>2nd, BREAKFAST-NORTH 16th BREAKFAST-SOUTH 26th LUNCH at Dukes</p> <p>18th—STAFF NOON LEGION POST 76</p> <p>SAT, 21st, 10AM MEETING & PICNIC ANNUAL ELECTION <i>AT THE WEEDEN'S</i> <i>IN DRIFTWOOD</i> 1175 ENCHANTED OAK</p>	<p>5th Wheelers for the Wounded 7th, BREAKFAST-NORTH 21st BREAKFAST-SOUTH 24th LUNCH at Dukes</p> <p>16th- STAFF NOON LEGION POST 76</p> <p>SAT, 19th, 10AM OFFICERS INSTALLATION HILL'S CAFE 4700 S CONGRESS AVE MEMORIAL DAY 11AM, MAY 28th, AT PFLUGERVILLE COOK-WALDEN CAPITAL PARK 14619 N IH-35</p>	<p>NO MEETINGS*</p> <p>SUMMER BREAK !</p> <p><i>*BUT OUR DEDICATED EARLY RISERS STILL HAVE BREAKFAST ON 1st & 3rd MONDAYS AND HUNGRY GUYS COME TO LUNCH AT DUKES 4th THURSDAY'S</i></p>

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