



Chapter Notes



WE COME INTO MARCH HAVING JUST ENJOYED AN ABSOLUTELY SUBERB GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY DINNER AND YOU WILL SEE MUCH ABOUT THAT THROUGHOUT THIS ISSUE, AND NOW I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO SOME EXCITING NEW INITIATIVES, READ ABOUT THEM HERE BELOW.

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Patriots:

It seems like things are continuing to get more hectic but, fortunately they are mostly really great things that are happening.

On February 15, 2011, Patriot Ruben Espinoza, who served in the Army during the Korean War (and continued his military service and retired from the Air Force) finally received the medals he earned while serving in the Army Infantry in Korea. He received seven medals and was most proud of his Purple Heart and Combat Infantryman's Badge. See our report on this on page 7 and please join me in congratulating Patriot Espinoza for this long overdue recognition of his heroic service.

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance in putting together our George Washington's Birthday Celebration. Patriot Ted Acheson gave an exceptional presentation regarding "The Role of the Combat Photographer," as only someone who served in that position could. We have all seen historical combat photography dating back to the Civil War and videos since WWI. Most of the time we never think about the fact that it takes a very special Patriot to record our nation's history and what they have to endure to achieve their mission. A special thank you is in order for Patriot Acheson for his service and wonderful presentation.

Our Chapter 1919 monthly breakfasts continue to be popular and a great way to strengthen our bonds of

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friendship. The north breakfast seems to be the most popular and often has 15 or 20 Patriots and friends in attendance. The last one held south was our largest to date with 12 Patriots in attendance. We would like to see these numbers continue to grow, as it is a wonderful forum to discuss and solve most of the world's problems. Please join us at either location and I promise you will enjoy the visit.

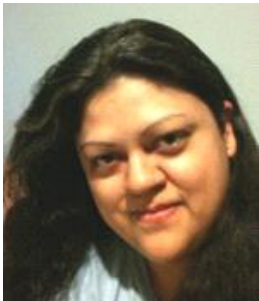
We have the pleasure of partnering with a wonderful organization "Red White and Bike" out of Houston. This is a fantastic organization that has offered to "Honor our Little Heroes" – children of our Combat Wounded Patriots who served in Operation Enduring Freedom or any war since that time. The children must be between the ages of four through twelve. Each will be awarded brand new TREK Bicycle. If you are one of our Patriots and have children in this age group please contact us as soon as possible to ensure "Our Little Heroes" don't miss this opportunity. Please go to their web-site at www.redwhiteandbike.org and learn about the program. Then go to www.trelbikes.com and select the bicycle(s) and send an email to redwhiteandbike@gmail.com with their selections and the names they would like to put on the personalized plates for the bicycles.

During the upcoming SXSW Film Festival, Austin will host a screening of a new movie. "HAPPY NEW YEAR is an entertaining yet hard-hitting film about the perils of PTSD. As proud as we are of the film, it might not be the type of film/story that someone suffering from PTSD should see." Chapter 1919 has been invited to a special Veterans only showing, Tuesday, March 13, 2011, at the Regal Westgate Cinemas, 4477 South Lamar Blvd., arriving no later than 3:30 P M – show starting at 4:00 P M. There is no charge for admission and we have been given 30 tickets (2 per household) to distribute to our Patriots. If you are able to attend please contact me as soon as possible. I must have names of attendees submitted no later than Tuesday, March 8, 2011. I can be reached at (512) 497-5857 or commander@purpleheartaustin.org.

JOHN BURKHARDT
Commander— Chapter 1919



Unit Notes



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I WAS VERY PROUD TO CONFER THE "AUXILIARY OF THE YEAR" AWARD TO JOSEPHINE MAYS AT THE DINNER PARTY. NOW WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO ATTEND THIS NEXT MEETING, AT LEGION POST 76, ON MARCH 19TH, COME AND HELP BE PART OF THE UNIT'S DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR THE ELECTIONS IN APRIL.

Greetings Ladies,

First, I'd like to thank everyone who came out for the annual George Washington's Birthday Dinner Party. It was so wonderful to see the ladies looking stunning in their outfits and the men looking handsome in their suits or uniforms.

A lovely evening was had by all. The night was filled with free-flowing conversation and a genuine sense of camaraderie. The age gap vanished as military personnel of years past commingled with the future of our Armed Forces. It was awe inspiring to see so many young faces who were prepared to answer their country's call for leaders; I was awestruck by the incredible amount of determination alight in the eyes of these young people. One young woman had even crossed the globe and served overseas, and still others who were not yet out of high school were already making plans to join the ranks.

Personally, I felt incredibly lucky to have counted myself among the attendees at the dinner. It wasn't just a wonderful night because of the delicious food, the beautiful accommodations, or lovely folks—it

was a moving experience to bear witness to the next generation stepping up to take the mantle from the generation of military personnel before them. There were so many young people who were eager to accept the challenges that were awaiting them, even with knowing that our country is still fighting overseas. The pride of serving in the military shone brightly in their eyes and brought a warm feeling to mine.

For those who were unable to join us, I'd like to share with you our Ladies Auxiliary Member of the Year, Josephine Mays. She was recognized on Friday night for her outstanding contributions to Unit 1919. Thank you Josephine for all you do for LAMOPH!

Thanks to Michelle Collins who set up the table and sold raffle tickets for the purple quilt at the dinner.

Looking forward:

We'll be holding elections in April. I encourage you to start thinking about offices you might like to hold. While I've enjoyed my time serving you as President, but, in lieu of another term, I will be focusing on school so we'll need a lady volunteer to step up and take over the reins.

Katherine

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NEW MEMBERS



One new member has been added to the rolls of Chapter 1919 since publication of last month's issue of *PATRIOT BULLETIN*. Congratulations and Welcome to:

Micheal G. "Mike" Castle is a Marine Corps Vietnam veteran. Mike was in 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines. He was wounded twice in early 1969 when the battalion was involved in a series of violent clashes near the DMZ.

Applications that were in process at National Headquarters at "press-time" included:

Stanley L. Leishner, Army, Vietnam.

...Things every Patriot and Lady Should Know...

MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS ELIGIBILITY

...A Summary Of Some of the Most Applicable Rules...

Public Law in place since 2002 and currently codified in Titles 10 and 38, United States Code provide the following. *"Former Military Members who completed at least one term of enlistment....and departed under conditions other than dishonorable,"* are eligible to receive a military funeral honors ceremony. The significance of this is that all Chapter 1919's WWII and Korean War veterans are in that pool of eligibles.

Military funeral honors specified are: The folding and presenting of the U.S. burial flag and the playing of Taps (and it) will consist of two or more uniformed military persons, with at least one being a member of the veteran's parent service.

Military funeral honors are arranged by funeral home directors on behalf of the veteran's family. However, the VA National Cemetery Administration staff can also assist with arranging honors at VA National Cemeteries. When military funeral honors at a National Cemetery are desired, they are arranged prior to the committal service by the funeral home. Like everything else, there are lots of other rules and you can find them at: www.militaryfuneralhonors.osd.mil. More about burial in National Cemeteries to follow...

-Fred Hudgeons, Junior Vice Commander, (512)845-7175

...MOPH's Own...

ROTC LEADERSHIP AWARDS

...Ceremonies Begin Next Month...

Starting next month, and continuing throughout the month of May, end-of-the-school-year awards ceremonies will be conducted by the ROTC and Junior ROTC programs in universities and high schools (those that sponsor those programs) everywhere in America. For our part, Chapter 1919 will present MOPH's ROTC Leadership Medal to a selected Cadet in each participating high school JROTC and university level ROTC programs in the area we serve.

To enhance the meaning of our award, we should have a Purple Heart recipient to make the presentation at each school ceremony. If you are a graduate of one of our Chapter 1919 area high schools that sponsors an ROTC program, you would be a natural choice to present our MOPH award at that ceremony. Naturally, those match-ups don't fit everywhere and I can always use volunteer presenters. If you are willing to serve, call me and let's see if we can't match you up with one of the schools. You would enjoy the experience, it is a good feeling.

-Lee Hagan, Senior Vice Commander, 902-4289



ADJUTANTS CALL



It was a great Dinner Party: The observance of George Washington’s Birthday is all Commander’s business, not the staff’s, and I’ve never previously commented on one of these after the fact in any of the 15 years that the chapter has celebrated this event. But, my hat is off to the Chapter and Unit for a wonderful George Washington’s Birthday Celebration at the Austin Club. Attendance was great and the program came off without a hitch anywhere. Several Chapter Patriots came great distances specifically to attend and a lot of very talented persons and organizations came to contribute to the success of our evening. If you haven’t been participating in this event, you are missing out on a big part of what our chapter does.

Take time to serve: Every year in April, Chapter 1919 elects a slate of nine officers and the new commander appoints as many as twelve others to appointive officer or special permanent positions. It is said, “new blood can breed new life,” for any organization and Chapter 1919 is no different. New hands are always welcome, call me or any of the current officers (pg 3) to volunteer and we will find a position for you. Of course our elections will be held in the meeting on April 23rd and there’s another month and another newsletter before then, so what’s the hurry? We are just observing the National By-Laws, which state (Article IV, Section 3, par a) *“Election of chapter officers shall be held in April....and notice of such election must be mailed to all active members in good standing at least two weeks prior to said meeting.”* Since *PATRIOT BULLETIN* mailings do not attempt to meet that two week advance notification we are making that official notice a month ahead of time.

Purple Heart Stamp: I’m truly surprised, but it has really happened. The National Adjutant reports the Postal Service has made the Purple Heart Stamp a “Forever Stamp,” meaning that it keeps its value at the price purchased whenever it is used. It will go on sale May 2, 2011.

Taps: After making a point last month about having searched out some delayed death notices, and that being the reason for an otherwise disturbingly long TAPS article in the February issue, what’s my explanation for almost as many losses again this month? I don’t have a clue, except maybe this Winter has been hard for old soldiers.

“...THE PURPLE HEART DIFFERS FROM ALL OTHER DECORATIONS IN THAT AN INDIVIDUAL IS NOT “RECOMMENDED” FOR THE DECORATION; RATHER HE OR SHE IS ENTITLED TO IT UPON....(HAVING BEEN WOUNDED, KILLED, OR HAVING DIED OR WHO MAY HEREAFTER DIE AFTER BEING WOUNDED, AND WHILE)....MEETING SPECIFIED CRITERIA...”

—AR 600-8-22

CRSC: Short for Combat Related Special Compensation. This seven year-old program applies to active and reserve personnel of all the military services and provides an added special compensation for those receiving military retirement pay and VA disability compensation if the disabilities are shown to be combat related. We continue to hear of eligible veterans, some of whom are our

own members, who have failed to apply for that benefit, in the mistaken belief that the system would be too difficult to take on. Chapter 1919 is fortunate to have one of our members, Patriot Fred Lord, who has special training as the only “CRSC Ambassador” within the central Texas area. He assists veterans in submitting CRSC applications. He has successfully helped several of our chapter patriots in recent months, and his offer to advise and assist still stands. You can call Fred at (512) 733-2422, or e-mail him at flord@att.net. Note: CRSC does not apply to those that are receiving Concurrent Retirement Disability Pay (CRDP).

—Milt Carr, Adjutant, (512) 343-7940

...Scenes From Chapter 1919's Last Big Event...

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY DINNER PARTY

...Friday Evening, February 18th, in the Austin Club...



PATRIOTS, LADIES AND GUESTS CONCENTRATING ON THE MAIN ACTIVITY OF THE DINNER PARTY



PATRIOTS LINGERING TO VISIT AFTER THE DINNER INCLUDE, FROM RIGHT, CHARLES BONNEY, ERNIE BANASAU, PETE SNELSON, DANNY BAKER, LEE HAGAN, FRED LORD, JOHN BURKHARDT, JOHNNY CAMPBELL, JAMES BRYANT, FRED HUDGEONS, TONY MOORE, JIM BROWN, RAMIRO MARTINEZ, JESS FARMER, RAYMOND DIAZ, TED ACHESON, ROBERT HEFFORD, PATRICK REILLY AND MILT CARR. SEATED FOREGROUND IS A.J. PEPPER



FEATURED SPEAKER OF THE EVENING WAS PATRIOT TED ACHESON—WHO IS ALSO THE FEATURE STORY IN THIS ISSUE, SEE PAGE 8, SHOWN HERE BRANDISHING HIS CAMERAS WHILE RELATING HIS EXPERIENCES AS A COMBAT MOTION PICTURE PHOTOGRAPHER IN VIETNAM



PREPARING TO "POST THE COLORS," THE TRAVIS HIGH SCHOOL JROTC COLOR GUARD DID A SUPERB JOB UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF SENIOR CHIEF GEORGE JEFFERSON



PATRIOT ERNIE BANASAU WITH UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS DISTINGUISHED ROTC CADETS. (YOU CAN IDENTIFY THEM BY THEIR UNIFORM) MIDSHIPMAN JASON TUCKER IS COMMANDER OF THIS YEAR'S UT NAVY CADETS. CADET MARGUERITA FOX IS FIRST SGT OF THE ARMY ROTC CADETS. AIR FORCE CADET AMELA KAMENCIC IS COMMANDER OF THE CADET HONOR GUARD.



PATRIOT PATRICK REILLY WITH THE MAQUETTE OF THE TEXAS VIETNAM VETERANS MONUMENT (SEE PG 11)



(L, PATRIOT PETE SNELSON VISITS WITH OUR GUESTS WHO TOOK PART IN THE EVENINGS PROGRAM. (R, VOCALIST JEFF VICE DELIVERED A MEDLY OF PATRIOTIC SONGS APPROPRIATE FOR THE EVENING, WHILE HIS SON, KENNETH, A LIFE SCOUT, RENDERED THE PLAYING OF TAPS. THE REV STEVE BOLEN DID THE POW / MIA CEREMONY HONORING THE MISSING



CEREMONIAL POW / MIA TABLE



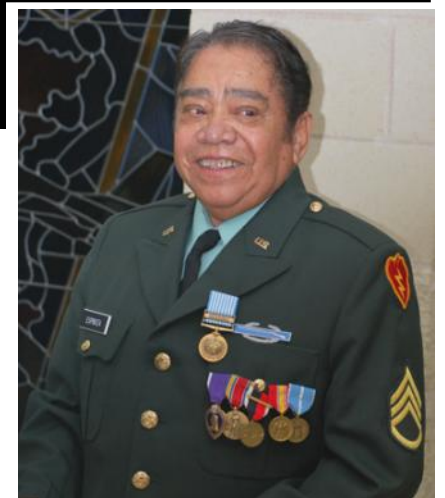
(C, CHAPTER SERVICE OFFICER, TONY MOORE VISITING WITH DANNY AND JANE BAKER (JANE IS OUR NEWEST AUXILIARY MEMBER IN UNIT 1919)

...Troops in Afghanistan who received ...
WE CARE PACKAGES

These photos of troops off duty, getting ready for, and going out on patrol in a remote location in Afghanistan, were sent to *PATRIOT BULLETIN* from Patriot Mike Tarpley's son. Reports home about his unit's experience in an isolated location is something that Chapter 1919 patriots instantly identified with and led to this project of sending "We Care—Packages From Home." It started with the first few packages containing the troops "Most Requested Items" back last November, and it grew from there. Patriot Kenneth Kassner's battalion, and Patriot John Lingo's grandson's unit, then Texas Army National Guard deployed troops and other units at various places in Iraq and Afghanistan were added to the recipients list. All of us in Chapter 1919 get the credit, but the work being done in our name is all by the efforts of John and Elaine Burkhardt, Michelle Collins and Hal Huth; and in truth others have come in on this with us in a big way and Unity Church of the Hills, the City of Austin, and the 36th Infantry Division at Camp Mabry have collected items or donated funds to purchase the greatest part of the approximate total of about two hundred We Care Packages that have been sent to date.



...Patriot Honored at Camp Mabry...
RUBEN ESPINOZA



Camp Mabry, Texas, February 15, 2011. The Adjutant General, Texas Military Forces, Major General Mayorga, presented Chapter 1919's Patriot Ruben Espinoza the awards and decorations he had earned but were never awarded during his 20 years military service. Those included his Purple Heart for wounds sustained on August 3, 1950 in the Pusan Perimeter while serving in the 27th Infantry Regiment (Wolfhounds), 25th Infantry Division. Patriot Espinoza, now 81 years old, has only recently retired from the Camp Mabry work force as a State employee Security Officer. Editors Note: In left and right photos, we all age, and he has too, but look at how Ruben's smile has remained the same whether an 18 year-old or an 81 year-old.

THEODORE C. "TED" ACHESON

*Army, Vietnam
Patriot, Chapter 1919*

Theodore Acheson was born in Flint, Michigan, in 1945. He grew up there, graduated from Bentley High School in the Class of 1964 and, in the fall of that year, enrolled at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. After completing two and one-half years at Marquette, Ted enlisted in the Army and entered active duty on January 2, 1967. After Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, he was sent to the Army Signal Corps School at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey for Advanced Individual Training as a Motion Picture Photographer. After graduation, Ted was shipped to Hawaii in July 1967. Private Acheson arrived at Fort Shafter, Oahu, and reported in to the Department of Army Special Photographic Office (DASPO), Pacific Detachment.

DASPO was organized with five-man photographic teams serving 90-day temporary duty (TDY) assignments, in rotation, filming at various locations wherever United States troops were found throughout the Pacific; but naturally, most of the action was in Vietnam at that time. His first rotation was to Thailand where he filmed Thai troops training for deployment to Vietnam. He also filmed munitions being unloaded from ships and various military operations going on at the time at Korat and U-Tapao. When that initial 90-day TDY was completed, the team returned to Hawaii.

SP4 Acheson arrived in Saigon February 11, 1968 on his second TDY, ideal timing for a new Combat Photographer looking for combat to photograph. TET-68 had begun only days earlier as desperate fighting erupted simultaneously practically everywhere in South Vietnam. Ted's team arrived and rented a house in the city for the photographers to operate from as they traveled around the country for the coming 90 days. (DASPO photographers carried a Press Pass and functioned in the same way as civilian press news reporting teams; free to pursue their work, with a directive signed by General Westmoreland that granted them assistance and travel priority as they moved about to film at unit locations.) Ted filmed successively at Khe Sanh and in the Aschau Valley as TET-68 fighting continued in those places. Later, he was near Hue with only a week remaining before his team was scheduled to redeploy from Saigon when a "Mini TET" (5-12 May 1968) broke out in both those places. Ted was wounded on May 6th, and here are some details of his Purple Heart experience.

Acheson was photographing the action of an Infantry squad of B Troop, 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry, 101st Airborne Division, as they were clearing the area in and around Cha Lau, a previously bombed out and deserted village about five kilometers Northwest of Hue. A North Vietnamese Army (NVA) battalion had strong defenses in and around the village and clearing them out was difficult, slow work. (Meanwhile, just outside the town, SP4 Robert Patterson later received the Medal of Honor for his actions during B Troop's fighting that day, so interested readers can find much published material describing the environment Ted was in at the time.) Photographer Acheson had been sticking really close to his squad all day, he wouldn't have been doing his job otherwise. A good motion picture shot requires the Combat Photographer to stand fully exposed to the action being recorded while holding the camera perfectly still for at least ten seconds no matter what is happening. Ted was filming near a Temple building when a Rocket Propelled Grenade (RPG) detonated close by. He says, *"I was blown about 20 feet by the blast but luckily had no visible wounds and I stayed with the men in the squad as they continued on for another two hours, clearing buildings and bunkers and starting forward, only to begin receiving fire from previously cleared locations, so progress was slow. Daylight was fading late in the afternoon when I was wounded. One of the troops threw a grenade into a bunker, only to have it immediately tossed back out into the middle of us. Six or seven of us were hit. I had grenade fragments in a leg and my buttocks. Several of the other wounded were in far worse condition than I was, but, we all remained together during the night because we were still in close contact with the NVA. Early in the morning, about 2:00 am, the enemy disengaged and withdrew. We walked out the next morning (May 7th). The other wounded went on their way to the Aid Station, but I caught a helicopter going to Phu Bai and my wounds were dressed at the 22nd Surgical Hospital there as soon as I arrived. My good luck continued, and that same day I was able to get on an Air America flight into Saigon.*

Fighting (Mini-TET) was still going on in the city streets of Saigon when I arrived back at our team's house. We could film combat action without having to travel around the country to find it; we went out in the mornings, filmed until noon, went home for lunch, then went back out and filmed again in the afternoon. In those days before satellite communication, our film was all flown to the U.S. and processed by the Army Pictorial Center in New York. So, at best, the news would be several days old before it could be seen by the public."



SP4 TED ACHESON
VIETNAM, 1968



DASPO
SHOULDER PATCH

After a brief stay back in Hawaii, Ted did his third TDY doing some fairly routine work, filming ammunition renovation and fuel storage facilities on Okinawa, Taiwan, and in Japan. But, it was in his next rotation, a TDY in late 1968 in Korea, that history making events happened when Ted was there to film them. He had barely gotten settled in Seoul when a large force, 135 North Korean Commandos, infiltrated into the South, but were promptly discovered and wiped out by ROK forces. After it was over Ted was escorted by the South Korean troops to film the remains. Then shortly before the end of that TDY rotation, the crew of the *U.S.S. PUEBLO*, which had been held captive for eleven months, was suddenly released without advance warning on December 23, 1968. Ted was the only cameraman in the Press Pool allowed to meet them and film the event (Ted's film, for the first time ever, was processed in Japan and beamed back to the United States by satellite). Then it was back to Hawaii. He would do another two more rotations, both in Vietnam and, now that he was more experienced and more senior, he would be doing documentary work.

In February 1969, SP5 Ted Acheson returned to Vietnam. His first task was documentary filming of the M551 Sheridan Tank, an entirely new tank that was fielded even though it had acknowledged problems. Ted filmed the M551's of the 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. The regimental commander was Colonel George S. Patton, son of the famous WWII general of the same name, and that made for an interesting experience. Ted's next project was to produce film for a documentary on "how to set up a fire base," and he must have done that really well because he later received three letters of commendation from general officers for his work. Later, he documented Special Forces conducting airborne training for Cambodians, and then spent time with the Americal Division filming various spraying methods that were used to apply the defoliant Agent Orange. He then returned to DASPO at Fort Shafter for a few days, and proceeded on to the Army Personnel Center in Oakland, California where he was discharged on December 29, 1969. As his Army career came to an end and he was returning to his parents' home in Flint, Michigan, he could look back with pride at having had much of his work, film clips from his recordings, televised nationwide on the nightly news broadcasts during his time in service.

He promptly resumed his college career, enrolling at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee. He earned an undergraduate degree in communication and a master's degree in speech communication. Two events of great significance in his life happened during that time. He met his wife Cynthia and they were married in Milwaukee in 1973. Also, for his work as a Combat Photographer, Ted was announced as the recipient of the "Cinematographer of the Year" award for 1969 from the National Press Photographers Association and Department of Defense, and he says, "*That award opened doors for me.*"

Ted began his career in Detroit. He worked in the advertising production business, working primarily for automobile advertising agencies in Detroit and Los Angeles, and working directly for the car companies as well. In 1981 he went into business for himself, forming Adam Productions, mainly working for Honda and Acura. He traveled to Asia, producing and directing advertisements for those companies. His single most enjoyable project was doing a training film on how to sell cars that featured baseball legend Mickey Mantle. They worked closely together and Ted grew to greatly admire the man. Ted's company was very successful and like many leaders in industry, he was also active in community service.

Ted was selected to the board of Henry Ford Hospital, Heart and Vascular Institute, in 1994 and chaired it for three years, 1998-2001. He was also active in Boy Scouts of America for ten years. He served as President of DASPO Combat Photographers Association, and was also a member of the International Combat Cameramen Association. After owning Adam Productions for 28 years, Ted Acheson retired in 2006 and moved from Detroit to Central Texas. Since his arrival here he has served on the school board of St. Mary's Cathedral in Austin, and most recently, he joined the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and appeared as principal speaker for Chapter 1919's 2011 George Washington's Birthday Dinner Party at the Austin Club. This month *PATRIOT BULLETIN* proudly salutes Patriot Ted Acheson.



LEARNING MOTION PICTURE PHOTOGRAPHY AT FORT MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY



WITH 101st AIRBORNE DIVISION TROOPS IN THE ASCHAU VALLEY



FILMING IN THE MEKONG DELTA



FILMING THE RELEASE OF THE CREW OF THE PUEBLO IN KOREA, DEC 23, 1968



ADAM PRODUCTIONS DOING AUTOMOBILE AD IN DETROIT

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

FOR MOPH CHAPTERS

March 1st. 2011

Commanders, your Chapter Elections are to be held in April

When you have your elections completed, please send a copy of your Installation Report and your Finance Report to National and one copy to Department of Texas Commander. Deadline for your reports is June 30th. Remember, if your Chapter does not submit a current Election and Finance Report and send into National you will not receive your rebates.

Don't forget that your 990N must be sent in to the IRS for 2010. Commanders, if the Ladies Auxiliary needs help getting their EIN Number or sending in their 990N Forms **Please** give them your assistance.

Don't forget our Department of Texas MOPH Convention will be held in Gainesville, Texas, June 10-11, under the leadership of Commander, Fred Rosenbaum, Chapter 744. We will be sending Information to every Chapter Commander to be shared with all Patriots.

We will be awarding the "Patriot of the Year" that will be presented during the Department Convention. If your Chapter has a devoted Patriot you would like to nominate, please forward his/her accomplishments for the "Good of the Order" to my address, John Footman P.O. Box 2625 Harker Heights Texas 76548. This must be received by June 1st. God Bless "Our" Troops, God Bless America,

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FOR LAMOPH UNITS

Attention All Unit Presidents;

It is once again time to elect new Unit Officers. The Elective Unit Officers are; President, Senior Vice President, Junior Vice President, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and Sergeant-at-Arms, along with 3 Trustees. All other officers are appointed by the President. Elections must be held in April at your Regular Business Meeting and can be held in joint session with your Patriots or in your own meeting. Immediately following the Election of Officers, and the swearing-in Ceremony, the newly elected President must send in the Installation Report to the National Secretary, a copy to the Region 5 President and a copy to the Department of Texas President. Ladies this is extremely important that we get these Installation Reports sent to the National Secretary so your Unit will receive your Rebate check from National. Please remember to have your **EIN Number** and your **990N** filed with the IRS.

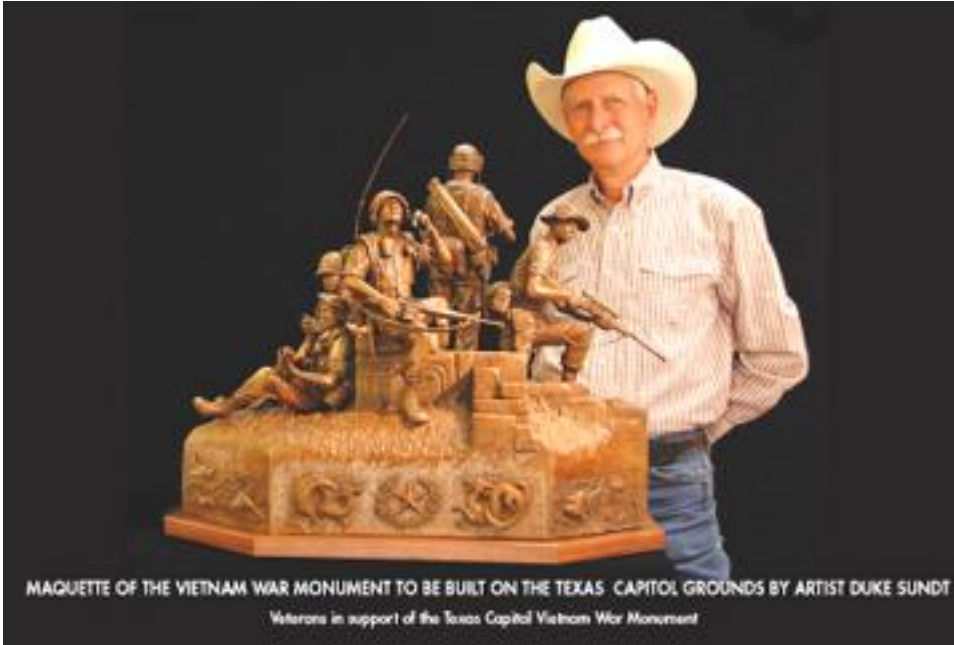
The Department Convention will be held in Gainesville, Texas, June 10th and 11th, and this promises to be an outstanding Convention with the hosting Chapter Commander Fred Rosenbaum. Information will be mailed to each Unit President soon.

Ladies, we have tickets to be sold for our Ways and Means. They are \$2.00 per Ticket and there will be (1) winner and they will receive ½ of the money collected. If your Unit has not received their tickets to sell, Please contact Our Ways and Means Officers, Mamie Campbell @ 1-210-219-1285, Susan Palmer @ 1-254- 702-5201 or myself @ 1-254-681-8845.

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APPEAL FOR SUPPORT OF TEXAS VIETNAM WAR MONUMENT

We are requesting assistance in raising the funds necessary to complete this Patriot Project and ask for your tax deductible donation and encourage you assist by asking for the support of your friends, family and colleagues.
 —**John Burkhardt, Commander, 497-5857**



“During the 79th Legislative Session, House concurrent resolution 36 was unanimously passed and signed into law by Gov Rick Perry, May 20, 2005.

This resolution allows for a monument on the Texas Capitol grounds In honor of over half a million Texans who fought and served in Vietnam.

During the war, 3,415 Texans made the ultimate sacrifice and currently there are over 100 still Missing in Action (MIA).”

The monument will reflect the racial diversity of Texas and recognize the diversity of skills the military branches represent.

No tax dollars will be used to construct the monument. Please make your contribution to: CAPITOL OF TEXAS VIETNAM WAR MONUMENT,

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VETERANS IN SUPPORT OF THE TEXAS CAPITOL

Prequel to Tributes

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 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 Patriot

SAMUEL BIER

ARMY AIR FORCE, WWII, EUROPE, POW
 465th Bomb Group, 8th Air Force

RUFUS DYE 5/10

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 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

CARL H. KLEIN

ARMY, WWII, WOUNDED IN FRANCE
 2nd BN, 38th INF, 2nd INFANTRY DIV

DONALD MORRISON 5/10

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

MARCH

- 2 LARRY ROMER
- 3 CLINTON N. (NAT) WOFFORD
- 4 SCOTT E. (PADRE) JOHNSON
- 4 JOHN L. SCHUETTE
- 5 ROBERT L. CRAWFORD
- 5 OLEN H. HOWARD JR.
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- 20 BEN J. SORRELL
- 21 DAVID M. (DAVE) WARD
- 22 JAMES KINIMAKA
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- 29 THOMAS P. MCNAMARA
- 29 ROBERT F. DILLON
- 31 CONRADO NIRA
- 31 JOHN H. (J.H.) HOMRIGHAUSEN



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Patriot Birthday's Cont'd

APRIL

- 1 DAVID A. (DAVE) TOSH
- 2 THOMAS M. MADISON
- 2 WILLIAM L. ROCKWELL JR.
- 4 JACK BALDWIN JR.
- 6 MICHAEL G. STANLEY
- 7 CHARLES C. KELLEY
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BIRTHDAYS FOR THE LADIES AUXILIARY

Unit 1919 Birthday—only one in March!
And that's incredible for a unit of 85 ladies.

MARCH 8—BETTY EDMUNDSON

—KATHERINE CONTRERAS, *Unit President*

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| <p>NO MEETINGS</p> <p>SUMMER BREAK !</p> | <p>2nd BREAKFAST-NORTH <u>16th BREAKFAST-SOUTH</u></p> <p>4th STAFF NOON SAT, 7TH, 11AM</p> <p>PURPLE HEART DAY CELEBRATION <i>"The 228th Anniversary Of the Purple Heart"</i></p> <p>FOOD AND DRINKS FREE FOR PATRIOTS, FAMILY & GUESTS</p> <p>AMER LEGION POST 76 2200 VETERAN'S DRIVE</p> | <p>6th BREAKFAST-NORTH <u>20th BREAKFAST-SOUTH</u></p> <p>15th STAFF NOON LEGION POST 76</p> <p>SAT, 18th, 10AM</p> <p>MONTHLY MEETING LEGION POST 76 2200 VETERAN'S DRIVE</p> <p>VIDEO PRESENTATION ON VN WALL EDUCATION CTR</p> | <p>4th BREAKFAST-NORTH <u>18th BREAKFAST-SOUTH</u></p> <p>20th STAFF NOON LEGION POST 76</p> <p>SAT, 23rd, 10AM</p> <p>MONTHLY MEETING LEGION POST 76 2200 VETERAN'S DRIVE</p> <p>SVC OFF TONY MOORE BRIEFING ON VA CLAIMS</p> | <p><u>1st BREAKFAST-NORTH</u> <u>15th BREAKFAST-SOUTH</u></p> <p>10th STAFF NOON</p> <p>THUR, 11th, 9AM VETERAN'S DAY PARADE</p> <p>up Congress Ave, then</p> <p>CEREMONY FOLLOWS AT 11AM SOUTH STEPS OF THE</p> | <p><u>6th BREAKFAST-NORTH</u> <u>20th BREAKFAST-SOUTH</u></p> <p>8th STAFF NOON</p> <p>SUN, 12th, 1—3 PM CHAPTER / UNIT HOLIDAY PARTY Combined with CHILDREN'S PARTY</p> <p>BOTH PARTIES HELD IN ODD FELLOWS LODGE #23 6809 GUADALUPE</p> |
| JANUARY '11 | FEBRUARY | MARCH | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
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