





# Chapter Notes



SEE THE REPORTS OF WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON IN THIS ISSUE THE WOUNDED WARRIORS PARACHUTE JUMP AT SAN MARCOS AND SOME DETAILS ABOUT THE "EDUCATION CENTER AT THE WALL" THAT WAS BRIEFED AT THE CHAPTER MEETING, AND.....

## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Patriots: Our last meeting was to honor The Air Force – 63rd Birthday - not counting the years as the Army Air Corps. To my knowledge, the only one we had present that served in both was Patriot Rufus Dye. Rufus served our country in WWII, Korea and Vietnam as a Fighter Pilot. Please visit our website [www.purpleheartaustin.org](http://www.purpleheartaustin.org) and review his Patriot Story. I'm sure you will find it very interesting.

I presented a short video and provided information regarding the project to raise funds for "The Education Center at the Wall." It is a national project, but we Texans will receive matching funds for all donations we make up to \$1,000,000, through a generous offer from Patriot Peter Holt. We request that you refer to the website; [www.buildthecenter.org](http://www.buildthecenter.org) for additional information and help us put faces with all the names on the Vietnam Memorial. Also, anyone desiring additional information, or for someone to speak at various functions regarding the project, please contact me at [commander@purpleheartaustin.org](mailto:commander@purpleheartaustin.org).

On September 4, 2010, I attended a meeting of the "Wheelers for the Wounded - San Antonio", regarding our May 1, 2010, event at Hidden Falls Park, Marble Falls, TX. The event was very successful and was covered in the September Issue - "Off-Road Adventures Magazine." We spent the rest of the meeting planning our next event coming up on May 7, 2011.

On September 10, 2010, I had the pleasure of attending "Leap of the Heroes" near San Marcos, TX. It was a Tandem Skydive event for Wounded Warriors and

sponsored by the Travis County Sheriff's Office. Chapter 1919 had the honor of sponsoring one of the Wounded Warriors. The event started at the San Marcos Police Department, where we were all escorted by 40 +/- police and sheriffs officers from the surrounding area, in marked vehicles. The first stop was at an Elementary School, where students honored the Wounded Warriors with presentations and patriotic songs. From there the police escort moved to "Skydive San Marcos" where the Wounded Warriors and families were honored with a fantastic meal before the big event. The Wounded Warriors were given instructions on what was going to transpire and safety instructions before assembling for their jumps. The entire event was spectacular with only one un-scheduled event, which you may have read about in the newspaper. When the very first Wounded Warrior jumped, somehow his artificial leg came loose and fell in the surrounding field. He landed safely and with a big smile on his face. Soon the wayward limb was recovered and reunited with the Wounded Warrior. Each of the participants received a video of the day's events and of their Tandem-Jump.

Please mark your calendars for our next meeting. It will be on October 23rd, starting at 10AM at American Legion Post 76 near Lake Austin Blvd and MOPAC - Loop 1. Our guest speaker will be Patriot Tony Moore to answer questions and provide updated information concerning Veterans Administration claims and rulings. If you are unable to attend please contact any of the Chapter 1919 officers to be sure your questions are answered.

Also, please mark your calendars for the upcoming, Veterans Day Parade, Thursday, November 11, 2010. We will form on the north side of the Ann Richards - Congress Ave. Bridge. The parade starts promptly at 09:00 and terminates at the front of the Texas Capitol. This year's theme will honor patriots who served in the various military branches in the air; to include the WASP, other pilots and their flight crews. Anyone who wishes to participate, but is unable to walk the distance, is asked to contact us as soon as possible so we can obtain a ride for them.

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**JOHN BURKHARDT**  
*Commander— Chapter 1919*



# Unit Notes



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

...AND THERE IS OTHER INTERESTING INFORMATION IN THIS ISSUE, BUT WHAT WE WANT EVERYONE TO REMEMBER IS TO COME TO THE MEETING ON OCTOBER 23rd, I HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE— AND THEN COME OUT AGAIN ON VETERANS DAY, NOVEMBER 11th AND PARADE UP CONGRESS AVENUE WITH US TO THE STATE CAPITOL

Greetings Ladies !

It has been another busy month and I have LOTS to share with you.

First, I want to thank all the ladies that participated in the “draping of the charter” ceremony. It moved me greatly to see each of you come up and pay homage to the memory of our two honorable members, deceased during the month preceding. I hope our coming together as LAMOPH would have made them proud.

Looking forward:

The next couple of months have some big events in store for our organization. In addition to an inspection by our Department of Texas President, Kathy Footman, at this next meeting on October 23rd, Veterans Day will soon be upon us and that is always a very special day for our chapter and unit.

For those of you that have not yet made it out to join MOPH and the Ladies Auxiliary for a Veterans Day Parade, I highly encourage you to come out this year and join us for your first (but hopefully not your last) parade on Thursday, November 11th. As someone who has participated by proudly carrying our Unit 1919

LAMOPH banner for the last couple of years, I cannot express to you the incredible feeling one gets as the parade makes its way down Congress Avenue. The sheer number of individuals, young and old, that line up to pay their respects to our veterans is truly stirring.

This event brings people from all walks of life together: teenage cadets in Junior ROTC, serving Soldiers and Marines recently returned from overseas, veterans of all foreign wars, and their loved ones. We all come together as one to pay tribute to the sacrifices that each of these individuals have made and will continue to make for the sake of freedom all across these lands. “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” (John 15:13)

I urge each of you to take one day out of your schedule and join us on November 11th, come and wear your purple to show your support for our combat wounded vets, and help us honor all those who have given so selflessly of themselves.

Serving with pride,

**Katherine**  
*President, Unit 1919*

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# NEW MEMBERS



They are not really new, but this month we have caught up to some overdue recognition for two members of Chapter 1919 that joined a couple of months ago, but were recorded incorrectly at the time. They knew they were members and they probably wondered why their names were not listed in the newsletter at the time. Anyway, we wanted everyone to know who they are, so here is *PATRIOT BULLETIN'S* congratulations and welcome to:

**HUGO ALMARAZ** is an Army Iraq veteran. He was wounded September 6, 2004 by an IED while serving in Company B, 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division when on operations with Task Force Lancer.

**JAMES M. HUCKABY** is an Army Vietnam veteran. James was a paratrooper, wounded on February 8, 1968 in Vietnam during TET-68.

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*PATRIOT BULLETIN* is about us, combat wounded veterans, and we do not often include information about our associate members. But, we have one that has just joined MOPH who has done volunteer work for the chapter and is already well known to many of us. That's reason enough to break precedence here.

Welcome to new Associate Member, **WILLIAM D. (BILL) BROWN**, twin brother of our Finance Officer and Chapter Charter Member James L. Brown. Bill is also an Army Vietnam veteran.



WILLIAM D. (BILL) BROWN, R), VISITS WITH SENIOR VICE COMMANDER LEE HAGAN AND PAST CHAPTER COMMANDER RAY DIAZ AT A RECENT BREAKFAST MEETING

RIGHT PHOTO, BILL DID THE COOKING FOR CHAPTER 1919 AT "WHEELERS FOR THE WOUNDED" EVENT ON MAY 1ST



## YOU CAN LOOK OUT FOR **VETERANS DAY** FREEBIES, BUT YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN

Several nationwide restaurant chains that have eating places in the Austin area in recent years have offered free meals for military personnel (both active duty and veterans) as a special feature in observance of Veterans Day. This *PATRIOT BULLETIN* is a bit too early to have found news releases about all those planned for this year, but you can look for whichever one you are most interested in for yourself when it gets closer to November 11th. Last year, Applebee's Restaurants offered a free meal and McCormick and Schmick's Seafood Restaurants offered a choice of several free entrees on Veterans Day. Golden Corral Restaurants have been doing this for a number of years, last year they offered a free meal on the Monday following Veterans Day. Outback Restaurants gave a free drink and a Bloomin' Onion on Veterans Day.



# ADJUTANT'S CALL



The next chapter meeting is on October 23rd and since Veterans Day comes up only a couple of weeks after that, *PATRIOT BULLETIN*'s next publication will be the December issue. Look for it in your mailbox shortly after the Thanksgiving holiday weekend (or on the web a few days before Thanksgiving). That leads us to the subject that I want everyone to keep in mind.

Come out and join us on November 11th. Parade up Congress Avenue to the State Capitol with Chapter 1919 on Veterans Day. If you are among the great majority of America's veterans then you always intended to participate in a Veterans Day observance, but just never got around to actually doing it. Do something different, join in with us this year. Austin does Veterans Day up right, and you will be glad that you were a part of it. Unit President Contreras' message on page 3 touches on the reason why. As our parade entry moves up Congress Avenue the spectators, young and old alike, without fail, while looking on impassively as other groups go past, suddenly come alert in an obvious showing of special respect for combat wounded veterans as our Purple Heart banner approaches; and those emotions are even more pronounced when they see some of our Iraq and Afghanistan wounded in uniform. That crowd response happens every year, it is unmistakable, and it is a good feeling, just being there and being a part of it. Following the parade, you also don't want to miss the traditional ceremony on the grounds of the Capitol starting at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, that timing coinciding with the Armistice when the guns fell silent in 1918 ending the Great War. Chapter 1919 will participate in the "wreath laying" ceremony. If you haven't done this before, here are some tips.

The parade begins at 9AM, but there is always a lot of congestion in the area so you should plan to arrive and link up with us on the Congress Avenue Bridge by about 8AM (look for our banner and a lot of people wearing purple). There will be various

groups giving out coffee, donuts, and maybe breakfast tacos during the milling around before the parade starts. Many of our members, in fact most, do not walk the parade route (calling us a "marching unit" would be a bit presumptive) so we always have parade vehicles to transport those who must ride. If you are one of those, Chapter Commander Burkhardt asks to be informed ahead of time in order to arrange adequate vehicles for all our riders. We don't want to leave anybody standing on the bridge for want of a ride when the parade moves out.

Notice on page 6 of the latest Sept/Oct issue of *Purple Heart Magazine* that congratulations are in order for our Chapter Commander, John Burkhardt. He made that short list of the eleven top individual recruiters in the nation (with 16 for

last year), and it was mostly his work in signing up new members, especially the Iraq and Afghanistan wounded veterans, that has been largely responsible for the chapter's growth despite the unusually heavy losses last year.

Do you use a computer? You can see this newsletter with photos and graphics in color, and at the same time, save your chapter some money by stopping your mailed paper copy. Please notify us by e-mail at: [adjutant@purpleheartaustin.org](mailto:adjutant@purpleheartaustin.org) to make sure we have your correct e-address and we will send you a message each month when the newsletter has been posted on the web.

.....YOUR NEXT.....

**PATRIOT BULLETIN**  
COMING OUT WILL BE  
THE DECEMBER ISSUE  
ANNOUNCING OUR  
DECEMBER 12th  
HOLIDAY PARTY.  
LOOK FOR IT IN EARLY  
DECEMBER.....

**SO, SAVE THIS ISSUE !**  
IT HAS EVERYTHING  
ABOUT THE OCT 23rd  
MEETING AND IT IS  
OUR ONLY WRITTEN  
NOTICE THAT YOU  
WILL RECEIVE ABOUT  
VETERANS DAY ON  
NOVEMBER 11th.

—Milt Carr, Adjutant, (512) 343-7940

...Scenes From The Last...

# CHAPTER MONTHLY MEETING

...10:00am, Saturday, September 18, 2010, American Legion Post 76, 2200 Veterans Drive...

COMMANDER JOHN BURKHARDT AND ADJUTANT MILT CARR WELCOME THE ARRIVALS AT THE ENTRANCE FROM THE PARKING LOT. THE MOPH CHAPTER 1919 SIGN WAS PROVIDED BY MIKE TARPLEY, HE USED THE SAME PATTERN FOR THE MEMORIAL HE CONSTRUCTED FOR THE MALL IN BIG SPRING. SEE MIKE'S STORY NEXT ON PAGES 8 & 9



THOSE IN ATTENDANCE INCLUDED RUDY ALANIZ, DANNY BAKER, ERNIE BANASAU, IZELL BANKSTON, JIM BROWN, JOHN BURKHARDT, JOHNNY CAMPBELL, MILT CARR, RICHARD CONTERAS, RAYMOND DIAZ, RUFUS DYE, LEE HAGAN, JOE HARTNESS, FRED HUDGEONS, FRED LORD, CURT MARTELL, JON MEDINA, KERRY MERRITT, DAVE PENNINGTON, PATRICK REILLY, FEDERICO REY, & HAROLD WEEDEN



SCENE FROM THE VIDEO PRESENTATION FOR THE "EDUCATION CENTER AT THE WALL," A NATIONWIDE PROJECT FOR A BUILDING AT THE VIETNAM MEMORIAL ON THE MALL IN WASHINGTON, D.C. SEE THE WEBSITE [www.buildthecenter.org](http://www.buildthecenter.org) FOR DETAILS ABOUT THE PLANS FOR THE PROJECT. INFORMATION ON THE ORGANIZED FUND RAISING EFFORT IN TEXAS, AND COORDINATION FOR A SPEAKER AND PRESENTATION FOR GROUP MEETINGS CAN BE PROVIDED BY CONTACTING: [commander@purpleheartaustin.org](mailto:commander@purpleheartaustin.org)



FROM LEFT, DAVE PENNINGTON, HAROLD WEEDEN, JIM BROWN, AND FRED LORD IN SERIOUS CONVERSATION BEFORE THE MEETING CONVENED



PATRIOT CURTISS MARTELL, A WWII PLATOON SGT IN CO C, 119TH INF, 30TH INF DIV AND SILVER STAR RECIPIENT FROM THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE. LOOK FOR HIS FEATURE STORY IN PATRIOT BULLETIN SOON

...And The Ladies Of **UNIT 1919** Meeting Separately...

CONDUCTED THEIR DRAPING OF THE CHARTER RITUAL, THIS BEING THEIR FIRST MEETING SINCE HAVING LOST TWO OF THEIR MEMBERS, LADIES MARY FRANCES COWDEN AND SALLIE CASTRO, BOTH IN THE BRIEF SPAN OF A SINGLE WEEK. PICTURED HERE WITH PRESIDENT KATHERINE CONTRERAS ARE, AT RIGHT, JOSEPHINE MAYS, AND LEFT, BETTY CEPEDA



## National MOPH Scholarship Program

Take a look at our latest Purple Heart Magazine, the Sept/Oct issue. It lists 79 recipients of 2010 MOPH Scholarships and each one of them received \$3,000. Several are from Chapter 1919, and that must mean our readers have been alert to what National has been offering. It is time for you to be alerted again.

The 2011-2012 Academic Year Military Order of the Purple Heart Scholarship application package has just been posted to National's MOPH website, that being: [www.purpleheart.org](http://www.purpleheart.org). To download a copy, select "Programs" at the top of the homepage, and then "Scholarships" from the dropdown box. Alternatively, you may request that a copy be mailed to you by calling (703) 642-5360. Applicants must be: (1) a recipient of the Purple Heart who is a member of MOPH or, (2) the direct descendant (child, stepchild, adopted child, or grandchild), spouse or widow of a member of MOPH or, (3) a direct descendant, spouse or widow of a veteran who was killed in action or died of wounds, never having had the opportunity to join MOPH.

Completed applications must be received at MOPH Headquarters in Springfield, VA by close of business on February 15, 2011. That may appear to be a long way into the future, but the application requires submission of a lot of documentation, so prospective applicants need to get started on it right away.

Questions?, e-mail [scholarship@purpleheart.org](mailto:scholarship@purpleheart.org) or call (703) 642-5360 and ask for the Scholarship Department.

## Medallions for Veterans' Graves

The VA will provide bronze medallions to be attached to existing, privately purchased headstones of deceased veterans. The new item can be furnished instead of a traditional government headstone or marker for veterans whose death occurred on or after Nov 1, 1990 and whose grave in a private cemetery is marked with a privately purchased headstone.

Under federal law, eligible veterans buried in a private cemetery are entitled to either a government furnished grave marker or the new medallion, but not both. Veterans buried in a national or state veterans cemetery will receive a government headstone or marker of standard design authorized at that cemetery.

The medallion is available in three widths: five, three and one and one-half inches. Each medallion features the image of a folded flag adorned with laurels and is inscribed with the word "Veteran" at the top, and the branch of service at the bottom.

VA is currently developing an application form for ordering the medallion. Until it is available, applicants may use the form for ordering government headstones, VA Form 40-1330. Instruction on how to apply for a medallion are found on the VA website at: [www.cem.va.gov/hm\\_hm.asp](http://www.cem.va.gov/hm_hm.asp).

...September 10, 2010, In San Marcos, Was The Latest "Wounded Warriors" Event....

## LEAP of the HEROES

IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN WOUNDED VETS WERE TREATED WITH A TANDEM-JUMP SKY DIVE ORGANIZED BY THE TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AND CHAPTER 1919'S COMMANDER BURKHARDT WAS THERE TO SPONSOR ONE OF THE JUMPERS. THE WOUNDED WARRIORS AND THEIR FAMILIES WERE ENTERTAINED BY HAYS COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KIDS AND THEN ALL HAD A BARBECUE LUNCH BEFORE THE JUMP AT "SKYDIVE SAN MARCOS."

THE BIG EXCITEMENT WAS THAT THE VERY FIRST JUMPER, IRAQ WOUNDED AMPUTEE, ORLANDO GILL'S PROSTHETIC LEG CAME OFF WITH THE SHOCK OF THE PARACHUTE OPENING. THERE WERE PLENTY OF OBSERVERS SO IT WAS EASY TO FIND, AND NEITHER THE JUMPER NOR THE ARTIFICIAL LIMB SUSTAINED ANY DAMAGE IN THE EXPERIENCE



# MIKE TARPLEY

*Army, Vietnam  
Patriot, Chapter 1919*

Mike Tarpley was born in Merkel, Texas in 1947, one of three children in a family that followed work in the oil fields. His mother once told him they had lived in 47 different places before settling for good in Snyder, Texas when Mike was eight years old. He went through public schools and was scheduled to graduate from Snyder High School with the class of 1966. But, having completed all the courses needed for a diploma except for a half semester of senior English, he got into an argument with his English teacher and left school. Six months later, rather than taking summer school or going back for another year, he enlisted in the Army.



SERGEANT MIKE TARPLEY  
FORT HOOD, TEXAS  
1969

Mike volunteered for the Airborne, preferring to be in the paratroopers rather than in the regular Infantry. He entered active duty in December 1966 and went through Basic Training at Fort Polk, Louisiana, proceeded to Fort Gordon, Georgia for Advanced Individual Training in Indirect Fire-Infantry (MOS 11C), and from there was sent to Fort Benning, Georgia to attend Airborne School.

Today, he says, *"I graduated at Benning, receiving my jump wings in mid-1967. From there, I was sent directly to Fort Bragg, North Carolina and assigned to my first unit, Company B, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 504 Infantry, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, but was only there for a couple of months."*

In October 1967, Pfc Tarpley was among a number of Fort Bragg paratroopers arriving at Fort Campbell, Kentucky to fill out the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (minus 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade which had deployed to Vietnam in 1965) in preparation for its deployment to Vietnam. Mike was assigned to an 81mm mortar crew in Weapons Platoon, Company B, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 506<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Currahees) of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade. The division made the move in December 1967 carrying out an operation that was code named "Eagle Thrust," that was the Army's largest and longest distance airlift from the United States directly into a combat zone.

The division arrived at Bien Hoa Air Base and established its headquarters there, then quickly dispatched the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade to Phuoc Vinh where they began conducting operations in War Zone D, south of Phuoc Vinh. Shortly after arrival, Mike's 81mm mortars were determined to be of limited usefulness in that terrain so thereafter the mortar crews were employed as riflemen. In late January 1968, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion was on an



101st AIRBORNE DIVISION  
"SCREAMING EAGLES"  
PATCH



506th INFANTRY REGIMENT  
"CURRAHEES"  
DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA

operation in the Aschau Valley when the enemy struck in TET-68. Bien Hoa Air Base came under attack and the battalion was quickly picked up and moved there by helicopter. They set down just to the rear of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division headquarters and ran into the enemy barely 50 meters beyond the headquarters. After 36 hours of persistent fighting there were 150 enemy killed in action, and it was during this fighting (February 1, 1968) that Mike Tarpley was first wounded.

He describes it this way, *"I was wounded by a hand grenade. Shrapnel went across and through my mouth, knocking out eight of my front teeth, top and bottom, along with some bone. They operated on me there at Bien Hoa and basically just removed the roots of the teeth and cleaned up the damaged bone. I was a squad leader and really did not want to be away from the unit. My choice was to decline evacuation for more surgery, so they put me on profile and sent me back to duty. Eating was something of a problem, but since we were mostly on C-rations anyway, I traded with the other guys for cans with only soft food and got by just fine that way. I was wounded the second time about two months later, in April 1968 but I don't remember the exact date. We were in the Aschau Valley again and Company B had been in contact and was pulling back. My squad was out on the perimeter, as flank guard, and we came under fire as we were on the move. An AK-47 round took out*

*about one-third of my ankle and I had to crawl away under fire, unassisted because those with me had also been wounded. Back with the main body, I was flown out by "dustoff" helicopter directly to a hospital in Saigon."*

The war was over for Mike Tarpley. Two days later he was flown to a hospital in Japan where in three weeks he had several surgeries. He was then medically evacuated back to the United States, to William Beaumont Hospital in El Paso, Texas. He says, *I spent 363 days in the hospital. They operated on me, going back and forth, five times on my ankle and about 8-12 times on my face. They wanted to continue with some experimental surgery, but I declined to accept it. So, in April 1969 I was sent to Fort Hood and returned to limited duty. I could not march or handle weapons, could not be exposed to cold weather and had to wear special boots. That was no way to be a soldier, so at the end of my enlistment in 1969, I was discharged from the Army and returned home, rated by the VA as a 20 percent disabled veteran."*

Mike worked a second career in the oil fields. Starting out as a roughneck he moved up successively to driller, tool pusher and finally as company man on drilling rigs working in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, New Mexico, Utah, and Bahrain. Everyone in the industry came to recognize Mike Tarpley's rig from any distance because the flags of the United States, Texas, and the POW/MIA flag were always flying from the top of the rig. Meanwhile, he had established a permanent home in Big Spring, Texas in 1991 and, he retired there after 35 years of oil field work.

Since then he has become increasingly involved in volunteer service for veterans in several different initiatives. Upon request, in his best Class A paratrooper uniform he provides the playing of Taps at graveside services for veterans in his local area, does volunteer work for Iraq and Afghanistan "wounded warriors" in treatment at the Big Spring VA Hospital, created a memorial display for the Big Spring Mall honoring the nine men from Big Spring lost thus far in the War on Terrorism, and he participates in a public ceremony there on 9/11 each year. In 2006, he transferred his at-large membership in the Military Order of the Purple Heart to our Chapter 1919 for the benefit of associating with a chapter. He immediately credited the first chapter newsletter that he received for informing him of the Texas state law that resulted in him receiving his long delayed high school diploma (as can any Texas veteran who left high school early to serve the military in time of war) the following spring when he traveled back to Snyder and participated in graduation ceremonies with the class of 2007. He remains in periodic contact with us and does good deeds in our name as a sort of one-man Big Spring sub-chapter for Chapter 1919. Last month he shipped us at his expense a 4-foot tall Chapter 1919 sign hand crafted in the shape of a ribbon. This month **PATRIOT BULLETIN** proudly salutes Patriot Mike Tarpley.



PFC TARPLEY HOME ON LEAVE, SEPTEMBER 1967, ENROUTE DURING HIS REASSIGNMENT FROM THE 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION AT FORT BRAGG TO THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION AT FORT CAMPBELL, KY



PFC TARPLEY HOLDING "GENERAL PHUOC VINH" JANUARY 1968, IN BASE CAMP AT PHUOC VINH



BUNKER AT PHUOC VINH IN 1968



ESCORTING AN IRAQ WOUNDED VETERAN ON A SHOPPING TRIP TO THE FORT HOOD PX IN 2008

SGT TARPLEY 1969 AWARD CEREMONY AT FORT HOOD. RECIPIENT OF BRONZE STAR WITH "V" DEVICE. HE PREVIOUSLY HAD RECEIVED PURPLE HEART WITH OAK LEAF CLUSTER AND THE AIR MEDAL



# DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS NEWS

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

## FOR MOPH CHAPTERS

The Department of Texas Mid-Year Conference will be held in San Antonio on January 7th and 8th. Make plans to attend this conference, hosted by Alamo Chapter 1836 under Commander Jerry Terry.

I want to say a heartfelt "Thanks" for everyone's assistance in getting their chapter's EIN numbers and their IRS form 990's. Those still needing assistance with the 990's, please call or e-mail me for help.

Thanks also to those chapters that made the October 1st deadline for submission of the Life Members Verification Report to National Headquarters. Those that did not are missing out on the distribution of their share of Annual Dues Rebates.

We have not been able to secure any funds for our chapters or any money for the department. We are working on getting all receipts for monies that have been spent in the past so that we can be in compliance with the Service Foundation. As soon as we hear anything we will contact all the chapters with the news. We need to get involved in fund raisers to assist the chapters in sustaining their veterans programs. Holidays are fast approaching. Please enjoy to the fullest and participate in Veterans Day events in your home communities; and a most wonderful season closely follows, "The Thanksgiving Season;" we all will be saying thanks for living in a country that can still enjoy Freedom.

We wish all the Chapters and Units have a very "Happy Thanksgiving."

God Bless Our Troops,  
God Bless America,

**John D. Footman**  
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## FOR LAMOPH UNITS

All preparations for the Region V Conference at the Springhill Suites in Austin were far advanced when this newsletter went to press, and it will be past history when many Units receive it. So, I'll say "thank-you" here for those Units that donated raffle items and assisted with the conduct of the event.

We still have Life Membership for only \$50.00. Ladies, we need to get our family members joining us in LAMOPH.

All Units, we must remind you that we MUST have your EIN number and completed 990 forms. This is an IRS requirement, and we have no choice but to be in compliance. Please let me know if you need assistance in getting your forms completed. We are out of time and if we do not have both your EIN number and 990 form, you will not be granted a tax-exempt status. Ladies, this is extremely important and I will assist you in any way that I can. We must all work together and assist our Units that do not have their 990 forms.

We will soon be entering into the November/December Holiday Season and we want to say a "Happy Thanksgiving" to all of our members, we truly all have many blessings for which to give thanks.

Ladies, if you have any questions or if our team can assist you, please call or e-mail.

Keep our Troops, and their families in your prayers, and  
God Bless America,

**Kathy Footman,**  
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## MEDAL OF HONOR

On September 10, 2010 the President of the United States awarded the Medal of Honor to Salvatore Giunta for actions in the Korengal Valley, Afghanistan on October 25, 2007 when then Spc Giunta was a paratrooper in Company B, 2d Bn, 503rd Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade. He is the first recipient of the award since 911 to have survived to wear his award.

## JOBS FOR PERSIAN GULF VETS

Texas Center Point Veterans is a new organization specifically created to provide career assistance and referral services for unemployed Persian Gulf War Veterans (from Desert Shield 1990 to the present) and for their immediate family members. Texas Center Point Veterans is located at 2101 IH-35 South, Suite 219, in Austin. Phone (512) 297-2990.

## COMBAT RELATED SPECIAL COMPENSATION (CRSC)

CRSC has been available for military retirees who served 20 years or more Active Duty, or reservists who are at least age 60 (in receipt of retired pay), and are entitled to retired pay that is offset by VA payments; and have at least 10% VA disability rating that is combat related. Due to a recent law change, Medical Retirees who have less than 20 years who meet the criteria are now also eligible. Call our CRSC Ambassador, Fred Lord, 733-2422.

## PURPLE HEART ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND AT ACC

News about the National Scholarship application forms for next year being available now was back on page 7. But, don't forget that here in the local area that Austin Community College has had a Purple Heart Scholarship Fund in place since 2001 and up through the last school year it had awarded a total of \$42,000 to 142 scholarship recipients. We have been recently advised that the National Purple Heart Service Foundation and the ACC Foundation have worked out a restructuring agreement in which scholarship recipients will now each receive \$1,000 (instead of the previous arrangement where the recipients costs would be paid for two beginning courses in computer science). An interim report thus far into the Fall Semester says four awards have been granted, all four to veterans, with each receiving the \$1,000 scholarship.

## “STOLEN VALOR”

Just when we thought the 2006 law in place would work reasonably well, recent court actions put things back where they started. U.S. District Judge Robert Blackburn in Colorado dismissed charges against a man falsely claiming to be a decorated Marine; and in August the 9th Circuit, U.S. Court of Appeals in San Francisco declared the Stolen Valor law unconstitutional in the case of a man falsely claiming to be a Marine recipient of the Medal of Honor, the majority ruling, “.....we presumptively protect all speech, including false statements.” We look for more on this subject for years to come.

<p><i>In Memory Of Patriot</i>  <b>WILLIAM J. DALLAS</b>                  ARMY AIR FORCE, WWII, EUROPE, POW                  303rd BOMB GROUP, 8TH AIR FORCE                  WOUNDED IN THE AIR OVER GERMANY                  RUFUS DYE 5/10</p>	<p><b>Prequel to                  Tributes</b></p>	<p><i>In Memory Of Patriot</i>  <b>SAMUEL BIER</b>                  ARMY AIR FORCE, WWII, EUROPE, POW                  465th Bomb Group, 8th Air Force                  RUFUS DYE 5/10</p>
<p><i>In Memory Of Patriot</i>  <b>SERVANDO C. VARELA</b>                  ARMY, WWII, WOUNDED IN NORMANDY                  COMPANY B, 300th ENGINEER BATTALION                  by both RAY DIAZ &amp; DON MORRISON 8/10</p>		<p><i>In Honor Of</i>  <b>JOE S. CASTRO</b>                  ARMY, WWII, PACIFIC                  Medic, 105th Inf, 27th Infantry Division                  Wounded on Saipan, June 21, 1944                  by both RAY DIAZ &amp; JENNYNE BILSKY 8/10</p>

# PATRIOT BIRTHDAYS

Of the TEXAS CAPITAL CHAPTER

## OCTOBER

- 1 NICHOLAS SCHOON
- 2 CHARLES E. BONNEY
- 2 JOSEPH ZORNICK
- 3 DANA M. BECKER
- 4 FRED E. LORD
- 4 ARNOLD E. (A.E.) KAUFFMAN
- 5 JASON E. WORSDALE
- 5 THOMAS A. LYKE
- 6 JOHNNIE L. MATL
- 7 FOY W. WATSON
- 7 JOHN A. HENNEN
- 7 ALVIN LANGHAMER
- 8 JOHN T. (JACK) HODES
- 8 JOHN E. (JACK) ESHELMAN
- 9 RAYMOND T. (TOM) HARP
- 10 STANLEY B. WILLBANKS
- 12 CHARLES H. (TIM) McCOY
- 14 ANTHONY W. (TONY) MOORE JR.
- 17 EDWARD (ED) GARR
- 17 JAMES R. (J.R.) RICHIE
- 18 JOHN E. PRICE
- 18 ARTHUR W. (ART) TRANTHAM SR.
- 19 GEORGE C. CARRUTHERS
- 21 JASON ROBEN
- 22 DONALD W. SLOAN
- 23 LESLIE D. GOEBEL
- 23 RAYMOND L. (RAY) MCKEE, SR.
- 24 LARRY D. BARBEE
- 25 MAXIMO (MAX) VASQUEZ
- 26 PAUL C. ANDERSEN
- 26 CRAIG GREENBAUM
- 26 BUREN H. (LEW) LEDBETTER
- 26 FRANCISCO RENE (FRANK) CORTEZ
- 27 CLEBURNE A. MEDLOCK
- 27 ALFREDO, (AL) GARCIA JR.
- 27 JAMES A. GORDON
- 28 EDWARD A. DAY
- 28 PEDRO, (PETE) ESPINOZA JR.
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- 29 SHERMAN W. BRAND
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- 30 JAMES P. BRYANT
- 31 MICHAEL E. (MIKE) MOORE
- 31 MILTON B. (MILT) CARR
- 31 JUAN A. GAUNA
- 31 LYNN E. HICKS



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## NOVEMBER

- 1 JOHN P. BLACKWELL

- 2 KENNETH R. KASSNER
- 2 WILLIAM H. (BILL) DECKER JR.
- 2 LUKE A.P. CONNALLY
- 4 SCOTT R. FEIL
- 5 JOSEPH D. (JOE) HARTNESS
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- 30 JOHN M. BRYANT

## BIRTHDAYS FOR THE LADIES AUXILIARY

### October

### November

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| 2 JOSEPHINE MAYS        | 14 DEBORAH KAY WEBB  |
| 19 BARBARA HANSON       | 17 SUE LICHTENBERGER |
| 21 ROSALIE DYE CASTILLO | 26 PAULINE HUTH      |
| 23 ELYSSA REY           | 28 CLAUDINE FARMER   |
| 24 NETTY MALMQUIST      |                      |
| 31 VALERIE DYE          |                      |

—KATHERINE CONTRERAS, *Unit President*

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<p><i>In Memory and Gratitude</i>  <b>CPL BENNY MATIAS, JR.</b>  <i>9th Infantry Division 12-11-68-RVN</i>  <b>CPL JOE GARCIA</b>  <i>173rd Airborne Brigade 6-4-69-RVN</i>  <b>Who gave their all to their country and will never be forgotten</b>                  RAYMOND DIAZ 8/10</p>	<p><i>In Memory of My Fallen Comrades</i>  <b>5th REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM</b>  <b>ARMY, KOREA</b>  <b>1950-1953</b>  <b>LEST WE FORGET</b>                  JAMES P. BRYANT 8/10</p>	<p><i>In Tribute To All The Men Who Served In</i>  <b>COMPANY "G"</b>                  187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team  <b>"RAKKASANS"</b>                  DURING THE  <b>KOREAN WAR</b>                  HAROLD WEEDEN 11/09</p>
<p><i>In TRIBUTE to the Men of</i>  <b>Company "M"</b>  <b>223rd Infantry Regiment</b>  <b>40th Infantry Division</b>  <b>KOREAN WAR</b>                  JOHN &amp; ANN LINGO 5/10</p>	<p><i>In Memory and Honor of the Heroes of</i>  <b>ADVISOR TEAM 1, I CORPS, VIETNAM-1971</b>                  And Of The  <b>Heroes of Operation Enduring Freedom</b>  <i>Thank You For Sacrificing Your All To Ensure</i>  <i>Peace and Freedom for all Mankind</i>                  JOE &amp; GAIL HARTNESS 9/10</p>	<p><b>GOD BLESS THOSE WHO</b>  <b>GIVE AID AND ASSISTANCE</b>  <b>TO THOSE IN NEED</b>                  HAROLD [TEX-HOSS-HAL] LEWIS 2/10</p>
<p><i>IN MEMORY OF</i>  <b>J.M. HICKS</b>  <b>P.O.W. IN JAPAN FOR 36 MONTHS</b>  <b>DURING WWII</b>                  JACK HADSELL 3/10</p>	<p><i>In Memory OF</i>  <b>BETTY DYE</b>                  AND ALL OTHER PATRIOTS AND LADIES  <b>OF THE CHAPTER &amp; UNIT 1919</b>  <b>WHO HAVE PASSED ON</b>                  RUFUS DYE 8/10</p>	<p><i>TO THOSE</i>  <i>WHO SERVED</i>  <b>Semper Fidelis</b>                  WILLIAM NEWBERRY 3/10</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>  <b>Staff Sgt JOHN J. BROWN</b>  <i>A Good Soldier,</i>  <i>A Great Father</i>                  JIM BROWN 12/09</p>	<p><i>In Memory of "Troopers"</i>  <b>Ron -Charlie -Dick -Johnnie</b>                  KIA - Korean War - 1950  <b>Eighth Cavalry Regiment</b>  <b>First Cavalry Division</b>                  JAMES LOGAN BROWN 1/12</p>
<p><b>HANG IN THERE</b>  <b>MEN OF MOPH 1919</b>  <b>"HAVE A GREAT YEAR"</b>                  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  <b>439th Troop Carrier Group</b>                  JACK HADSELL 3/10</p>	<p><i>In Memory of Patriot</i>  <b>ARTHUR RICE</b>                  SURVIVOR OF THE  <b>BATAAN DEATH MARCH</b>                  WORLD WAR II                  MINNIE RICE 5/10</p>
<p><i>To Honor</i>  <b>Col Bill Brant</b>                  WWII                  Vietnam                  HIS FAMILY 6/10</p>	<p><i>In Memory of Members of</i>  <b>MACV Advisory Team 79</b>                  who were killed or wounded, and                  to those who survived the conflict  <b>Vietnam —1964 - 1965</b>                  HAL HUTH 1/10</p>	<p><i>MEMORIAL</i>  <i>IN HONOR OF HAROLD'S BIRTHDAY</i>  <b>PATRIOT HAROLD MARBURGER</b>                  MARCH 22nd                  BETTY MARBURGER 3/10</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>  <b>18th Fighter / Bomber Group</b>  <i>Who Lost Their Lives</i>                  During The  <b>KOREAN WAR</b>                  RUFUS DYE 8/10</p>	<p><i>To those who gave their lives</i>  <b>103rd Infantry Division</b>                  Europe, 1944-45                  JOHN BRAND, D.Min., J.D. 5/10</p>



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OCTOBER 23rd**

JULY '10	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<b>NO MEETINGS</b>  <b>SUMMER BREAK !</b>	2nd BREAKFAST-NORTH <u>16th BREAKFAST-SOUTH</u>  4th STAFF NOON SAT, 7TH, 11AM <b>PURPLE HEART DAY CELEBRATION</b> <i>"The 228th Anniversary Of the Purple Heart"</i> FOOD AND DRINKS FREE FOR PATRIOTS, FAMILY & GUESTS AMER LEGION POST 76 2200 VETERAN'S DRIVE	6th BREAKFAST-NORTH <u>20th BREAKFAST-SOUTH</u>  15th STAFF NOON LEGION POST 76  SAT, 18th, 10AM <b>MONTHLY MEETING</b> LEGION POST 76 <b>2200 VETERAN'S DRIVE</b> VIDEO PRESENTATION ON VN WALL EDUCATION CTR	4th BREAKFAST-NORTH <u>18th BREAKFAST-SOUTH</u>  20th STAFF NOON LEGION POST 76  SAT, 23rd, 10AM <b>MONTHLY MEETING</b> LEGION POST 76 <b>2200 VETERAN'S DRIVE</b> SVC OFF TONY MOORE BRIEFING ON VA CLAIMS	<u>1st BREAKFAST-NORTH</u> <u>15th BREAKFAST-SOUTH</u>  10th STAFF NOON  THUR, 11th, 9AM <b>VETERAN'S DAY PARADE</b> up Congress Ave, then <b>CEREMONY</b> FOLLOWS AT 11AM <b>SOUTH STEPS OF THE CAPITOL BLDG</b>	<u>6th BREAKFAST-NORTH</u> <u>20th BREAKFAST-SOUTH</u>  8th STAFF NOON  SUN, 12th, 1—3 PM <b>CHAPTER / UNIT HOLIDAY PARTY</b> Combined with <b>CHILDREN'S PARTY</b>  BOTH PARTIES HELD IN ODD FELLOWS LODGE #23 6809 GUADALUPE
JANUARY '10	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<u>4TH, BREAKFAST</u>  13TH —STAFF NOON  SAT., 16TH, 9AM <b>MONTHLY MEETING "G.I. BREAKFAST"</b> CAMP MABRY, CAFETERIA, HEADQUARTERS BLDG #8	1st, BREAKFAST-NORTH <u>15th, BREAKFAST-SOUTH</u>  17TH —STAFF NOON  FRI, 19TH, 6PM <b>GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY</b> DINNER PARTY At "The Austin Club" <i>Great Entertainment, Great Food, and, a Great Time at a Great Party</i>	1, BREAKFAST-NORTH <u>15th BREAKFAST-SOUTH</u>  17TH —STAFF NOON  SAT, 20TH, 10AM <b>MONTHLY MEETING</b> CAMP MABRY HQS BLDG #8 AUDITORIUM	5th, BREAKFAST-NORTH <u>19th BREAKFAST-SOUTH</u>  21ST—STAFF NOON  SAT, 24TH, 10AM <b>MEETING &amp; PICNIC ANNUAL ELECTION</b> AT THE WEEDEN'S IN DRIFTWOOD 1175 ENCHANTED OAK	3RD, BREAKFAST-NORTH <u>17th BREAKFAST-SOUTH</u>  12TH- STAFF NOON SAT, 15TH, 10AM <b>OFFICERS INSTALLATION, on ARMED FORCES DAY</b> <b>HILL'S CAFÉ 4700 S CONGRESS AVE</b>  <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> 11AM, MAY 31ST, AT PFLUGERVILLE COOK-WALDEN CAPITAL PARK 14619 N IH-35	<b>NO MEETINGS</b>  <b>SUMMER BREAK !</b>

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