



ROLL CALL

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LOCAL MILITARY INSTALLATIONS PARTNER WITH ROLL CALL

As mentioned at our June 2017 Luncheon, Roll Call is finding other ways to show appreciation to all our veterans that do not cost the organization anything. Local military installations in Fort Worth, such as the US Navy Chief Petty Officers Association at the Naval Air Station/Joint Reserve Base (NAS/JRB), USAF 355th Fighter Squadron, and the 90th Aviation Support Battalion HSC from the US Army Reserve Center want to visit veterans at their residences, maybe go for coffee or lunch too. If any of our veterans need help these volunteers stand ready, but they can also link veterans to other organizations to address identified needs with the goal of obtaining these services free of charge.

Roll Call also continues to recruit civilian volunteers to serve our veterans in a variety of ways.

Our main event will continue to be the monthly Veterans Appreciation Luncheon, but people in the community want to become involved and Roll Call wants to find ways to engage committed volunteers with our organization and veterans.

OUR NEW MISSION

To honor and serve our local veterans by providing a regular venue for fellowship and comradery, providing outreach and home visitation services, informal needs assessments where warranted, and sharing the stories of our local veterans through community engagement and publication.

FUNDRAISING

The cost of the luncheon meals is getting close to \$3,000 per month, **minus** the contributions received by non-veterans at the door. This *does not* include administrative costs such as printing of the newsletters and postage. We are emailing more newsletters to reduce these costs. Since more and more veterans are attending, our cost is increasing.



UPCOMING LUNCHEONS

- August 25, 2017—
Korean War focus
- September 29,
2017—Wars in Iraq
& Afghanistan

**PLEASE RSVP BY
8/18/17 to:**

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The organization is in the process of developing sponsorships for businesses and organizations who would like to sponsor tables and so forth to cover the cost of veterans' meals at our luncheons. Roll Call does not receive any portion of the \$10 civilians pay for their meals. If you have any connections with a business or organization that would be interested in sponsoring a table or even an entire luncheon, please contact Dan Duda, Director of Fundraising at (575) 430-5446 or by email dan@roll-call.org

AUGUST LUNCHEON FOCUSES ON KOREAN WAR VETERANS

Roll Call began with a small group of fifteen WWII veterans, but has expanded over the last three years to honor and serve veterans of all eras and campaigns. In August, our luncheon theme will focus on the Korean War, which has been dubbed "The Forgotten War."



Our program will include a brief overview of the war, a short video featuring a Fort Worth native & USMC officer, 2nd Lt. George O'Brien, who received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroic actions during the war, on-stage interviews, and short biographies and photos of Roll Call Korean War veterans.

We are also expecting a **special guest, Congresswoman Kay Granger** of the 12th District of Texas to join us in honoring our Korean War veterans, whom we appreciate and have not forgotten!

DON'T FORGET... Joe Schneider & Ken Eastwood, Roll Call photographers, will be taking individual pictures of all veterans who did not have their photo taken at the June luncheon. Bring a service photo as well that will be included in our Directory of Veterans.



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- Mike & Amy Reppert
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- Brenda Leonhart & volunteers