



ROLL CALL

January 2020 Newsletter

JANUARY LUNCHEON-JIM HODGSON



Jim Hodgson is from Chicago and graduated from the University of Illinois as an Industrial Engineer in 1971. He was a Naval Aviator with the Marine Corps from 1971 to 1978 and earned a master's in management and Human Relations in 1976. He is a retired Continental Airlines Captain with over 28,000 flight hours.

During his Marine Corps service, he was a Forward Air Controller in the OV-10 Bronco, flew the TA-4 Skyhawks, and the RF-4 Phantom II. He also was the Air Liaison Officer with the 4th Tank Battalion. As an airline Captain, he flew the Boeing 727, 737, 777, and 787.

In 1997, he helped found the OV-10 Bronco Association that operates the Fort Worth Aviation Museum. The museum maintains a collection of 26 warbirds used to inspire people of all ages.

Jim is Chairman and Executive Director of the Association. He is Chairman of Tarrant County Historical Commissioner and helped found the Texas WWI Centennial Commemoration group. He lives in Grapevine, Texas with his wife Donna of 43 years.

In 2016, he was recognized by the Tarrant County Historical Commission for the museum's aviation preservation programs and in 2017 received the Daughters of the American Revolution's Distinguished Citizen Award.

Following the speaker we will present pins and certificates to those Vietnam Era veterans who have not yet received them. Please let Mary know that you need to be on the list prior to the luncheon so we can have a solid, alphabetical list.

Luncheon Information

January 31, 2020

RSVP by Sunday, January 26, 2020

Mary Staffeld 817-899-0296 or email mary@roll-call.org

Birchman Baptist Church, Dan Ricker Family Activity Center
9100 N. Normandale St. Fort Worth, TX 76116. \$10.00 for non-veterans.
11:30am-1:30pm



Vets Eat Free!

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

MARK DONAHEW

Mark has been a part of Roll Call since the third get together in August, 2014, first as a volunteer before it was called Roll Call, then as Vice President, and now as the Board President. His military service started two weeks out of high school in June, 1988. Mark went through boot camp, electrician school, and nuclear power training before reporting aboard the ballistic missile submarine USS Von Steuben on March 28, 1990. Operating out of Kings Bay, Georgia, Mark made five nuclear deterrent patrols before going into the shipyard and serving on the decommissioning crew. Mark returned to civilian life in 1994 and has worked in trucking, Lockheed Martin, power plant production, and is currently in real estate. Mark feels that being involved with Roll Call is like being back aboard the submarine with a good crew, always sailing forward, and one Friday a month we pull into a liberty port.



VA Weekly Newsletter—www.VA.gov/VetResources

- ◆ Exchange and Commissary Access Expanded 1 Jan 20! Includes primary caregivers!
- ◆ Reconnect with former battle buddies
- ◆ Disabled vets get free National Park Service lifetime access pass

Check out their newsletter! May find some other useful information!

You may have noticed we've made a slight change to the newsletter. We have determined that there are some months that a reduced size works best and it cuts the cost significantly for those we mail! We will adjust based on the amount of information we include.

Roll Call supports all our North Texas Veterans, but can only do such by your generous donations. If you have a few bucks to spare, **please go to** www.roll-call.org

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