

ROLL CALL



Kevin Boldt

Roll Call is celebrating its three-year anniversary this month! In June 2014 Kevin Boldt, founder of Roll Call, wanted to show his gratitude to the “Greatest Generation” by taking some WWII veterans to lunch. At the very first lunch there fifteen veterans and since that time, the luncheons have continued to grow to where there are nearly 300 individuals in attendance, with the majority of these being

veterans. Amazingly, the largest group of veterans in attendance continues to be WWII veterans! Those WWII veterans considered the “original 15” include Arturo Camacho, Walter Douglas, Jack Dye, Dick Hatch, Henry

Fengolio, P.A. Foster, Tippy Foster, Duncan Guest, John Johnson, Leon Long, Bill McIntyre, Wesley Neill, Wayne Pricer, Marvin Rudd, and Joe Simpson. Sadly, we have lost several of the “original 15” over the last few years. They will be greatly missed, but *never* forgotten.



Seated: P.A. Foster, Tippy Foster, Leon Long, Arturo Camacho, Joe Simpson, Duncan Guest, Walter Douglas, Bill McIntyre
Standing: Marvin Rudd, Dick Hatch, Wayne Pricer, Jack Dye, Wesley Neill, John Johnson, Henry Fenoglio

HIGHLIGHTS FROM MAY LUNCHEON

Last month in May, Kevin was unable to attend the luncheon for the first time in almost a year, as his son who lives in China was visiting. Mark

Memorial Day Remembrance of our Roll Call Family and Friends K.I.A.



Donahew and Kelli Martin, Roll Call Board members, led our meeting which focused on family & friends of Roll

Call luncheon attendees who were killed in action during various wars. R.V. Burgin, Roy Falls, Mark Donahew, and the Phillips family shared photos of their family members, as did Harmon Moody, Ed Vernon, Joe Simpson, Rex Payne, Tom Clark, Bob Adams, Bill McIntyre, and of Carla Kessler.

Several of our veterans have passed away, including most recently Ernest Starnes, as well as wives of our veterans. Our deepest sympathies go out to the families during their time of loss.

UPCOMING LUNCHEONS

Our next meeting is Friday, June 30, 2017 from 11:30a-1:30p at 9100 N. Normandale St. Fort Worth, TX 76116. Birchman Baptist Church, Dan Ricker Family Activity Center. \$10 for Non-Veterans

★ June 30, 2017

Celebration of the 3-year anniversary of Roll Call and WWII veteran, Homer Cox, U.S. Army, 2nd Infantry turning 100 years old 6/28/2017!



★ July, 2017

NO luncheon due to VBS.

★ August 25, 2017

We will focus on Korean War. In August, 1950 U.S. Congress appropriated \$12 billion for military action in Korea.

★ September 29, 2017

This luncheon will focus on veterans of Desert Storm and those in the most recent conflicts in Iraq & Afghanistan.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM KEVIN BOLDT

Hello Veterans, families, and friends I heard the May meeting went well. I regret I was unable to attend, but I enjoyed spending time with my three sons. My son Jeff who lives in China and teaches English there was only here for a short time.

At this time, I would like to inform you I have decided to step down as President of Roll Call, but will continue to attend the monthly luncheons. Due to increasing demands on my personal time, I am unable to be as active as I once was. However, I am NOT leaving altogether; I will just no longer be involved in the daily operations of Roll Call.

In the last few months the business that I own and operate has become increasingly demanding. I have also been spending more time with my parents who are in their 90s, as they need more of my assistance. Additionally, in the next few months I will be making a couple of trips to Nepal and India to work on a project I am involved in.

In the best interest of continuing the efforts of Roll Call and moving the organization forward leadership will transition to Kelli Martin being President and Mark Donahew continuing as Vice President.

It has been a great pleasure to serve you for the last three years and witness the amazing growth of Roll Call. I look forward to continuing to serve you at the monthly luncheons.

Due to this transition in leadership we decided to reschedule our Korean War veteran emphasis to August so that we could devote the proper amount of time and attention to this group of veterans.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

★ Joe Schneider & Ken Eastwood will be taking individual photos of each veteran & active duty Roll Call attendees at the June 30, 2017 and at the August 25, 2017 luncheons. Attendees can arrive early around 10:30am to get photos taken prior to the luncheon starting. **Veterans please bring a service photo** as well so we can compile a complete Directory and a CD.

ROLL CALL WOULD LIKE TO THANK...

- ★ The Lions Foundation of Greater Arlington, Inc. for their generous donation and continued support of Roll Call.
- ★ Texas Warehouse Association for their generous donation in support of our veterans.
- ★ The Chief Petty Officers Association and Master Chief Devin Kroshus at the JRB in Fort Worth for their donation, support, and attendance to the Roll Call Luncheons.
- ★ Annys Laufer, realtor at Stanfield Realtors, Inc.
- ★ Active military personnel for their attendance to the meetings & support of Roll Call's efforts.
- ★ Joe Schneider & Ken Eastwood for continuing to serve as photographers for Roll Call.
- ★ Birchman Baptist Church, Brenda Leonhart, and her volunteers for helping our luncheons be a great success.
- ★ All the volunteers that make these luncheons possible, including the Phillips family, and Cynthia Hipolito, Alma Lara, and Mindy Smith for their efforts with Mail Call (birthday cards, sympathy cards, etc).

RESERVATIONS

For reservations or information call or email Kelli Martin • 817-888-0209 • kelli@roll-call.org or Mark Donahew • 817-528-1535 • mark@roll-call.org

Please RSVP by Friday June 23, 2017 so we have plenty of food for everyone. If you are bringing guests, please provide their names and info and whether or not they are first-time guests and/or a veteran.

It is imperative that we get an accurate headcount of those attending prior to the deadline. We order so much food and if our count is off, we still have to pay for the number of lunches we order.