



Message from the President

It has been an exciting start to 2018. We have so many new veterans attending our luncheons, we've gotten some excellent press coverage, people wanting to volunteer and we recently acquired a new sponsor, our friends at Zero Foxtrot in Austin!

Upcoming Events

Field of Flags in Granbury, TX

5.25.18-5.28.18

The Greater Granbury Chapter of the MOAA and its partners, American Legion Post 491, Blue Star Mothers, the Marine Corps League and the Granbury Brigade are proud to announce "A Field of Flags: Remembrance and Honor. Hundreds of flags will fly on Hwy. 377 during Memorial Day Weekend. Each flag represents a person being remembered for their ultimate sacrifice.

Arlington Elks Lodge #2114

Saturday 5.28.18

Join the Arlington Elks Lodge in cooperation with American Legion Post 60, Auxiliaries and VFW Post 8561 for a very special Memorial Day Ceremony 601 W. Pioneer Pkwy. Arlington. For more information call 817-721-7475.

Vintage Flying Museum History In Their Own Words

Saturday 6.2.18

Come out to the Vintage Flying Museum at Meacham Field located at 505 NW 38th St. in Fort Worth for "History in Their Own Words" lecture series. Colonel Graham flew F-4 Phantoms in Vietnam including "Wild Weasel" missions. He went on to fly SR-71's. For more information call 817-624-1935. Email: vfm@VintageFlyingMuseum.org



Roll Call Honors Female Veterans in May

The First Woman in the US Military

While Women's Veterans Day is officially June 12, Roll Call has decided to honor our female veterans in the month of May due to Mother's Day.

The first American woman soldier was **Deborah Sampson** of Massachusetts. In 1782, as the Revolutionary War raged on, the patriotic Sampson disguised herself as a man named Robert Shurtleff

and joined the Fourth Massachusetts Regiment. At West Point, New York, she was assigned to Captain George Webb's Company of Light Infantry. She was given the dangerous task of scouting neutral territory to assess British buildup of men and materiel in Manhattan, which General George Washington contemplated attacking. In June of 1782, Sampson and two sergeants led about 30 infantrymen on an expedition that ended with a confrontation—often one-on-one—with Tories.

ROLL CALL

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Luncheon

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Information

DEADLINE FOR MAY RSVPs IS FRIDAY 5/18/18.

WHERE

Birchman Baptist Church
Dan Ricker Family Activity Center
9100 N. Normandale St.
Fort Worth, TX 76116

WHEN

May 25, 2018
11:30a-1:30p

RSVP to
SMSgt. Mary Staffeld at
817.899.0296 mary@roll-call.org or Mark Donahew at 817.528.1535 mark@roll-call.org by Friday May 18, 2018.

- JUNE LUNCH 6.29.18
- NO LUNCH IN JULY

ROLL CALL

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- * Gene & Judy Richards
- * Weatherford Men's Christian Fellowship
- * Liberty Christian
- * St. Luke's Methodist Church

BGen. Robin Akin (Ret.), A Trailblazer for Women in the Military

She led a raid on a Tory home that resulted in the capture of 15 men. At the siege of Yorktown Sampson dug trenches, helped storm a British redoubt, and endured canon fire.

For over two years, Sampson's true sex had escaped detection despite close calls. When she received a gash in her forehead from a sword and was shot in her left thigh, she extracted the pistol ball herself. She was ultimately discovered—a year and a half into her service—in Philadelphia, when she became ill during an epidemic, was taken to a hospital, and lost consciousness.

She received an honorable discharge on October 23, 1783.

Robin Akin is a native of Nashville, TN and was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. in the Quartermaster Corps from the University of Tennessee in 1982. She attributes her father-in-law, Maj. Gen.



George Akin (Ret.) as a significant influence on her military career. He was promoted to BGeneral in

April at Texas A&M University, just as she was 15 years later at the A&M Campus in April of 2010.

BGen Akin grew up in poverty and lost her father, who was a Vietnam Veteran, at a young age. Her mother served as a role model exhibiting a strong work ethic



by working four jobs to support her family.

Akin has a long and distinguished career of 31.5 years in the military being the first woman to complete the Army's Jumpmaster School and attain



Master Parachutist rank, making 155 jumps.

She has served in senior leadership positions in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Desert Shield/Storm in Saudi Arabia, Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Unified Response in

Haiti. Akin was appointed the first female commander of the 3d Expeditionary Sustainment Command (ESC) Unit in 2007.

Akin is a member of the Fort Worth Air Power Council, an organization that supports veterans.

ROLL CALL FEMALE VETERANS (continued)

- Ashley Shoemaker, US Army, E-5, OIF/OEF
- Brittany Smith, USAF, SSgt. OIF/OEF
- Cecilia Sotelo, US Navy, OIF/OEF
- Mary Staffeld, USAFR OIF/OEF
- Amber Thomas, US Navy OIF/OEF

Roll Call is proud of our female veterans and those still on active duty! We have an interesting group of not only male veterans, but also female veterans.

We hope you will support the women who've served by attending our May Luncheon program!

ROLL CALL'S FEMALE VETERANS

- Anna Addington, US Army, Sgt., Vietnam
- Stacey Almond, USAFT, SSgt., Desert Storm/Desert Shield
- Shanna Ball, US Navy PO1C
- Jocelynn Bryant, US Navy, CPO, OIF/OEF
- Jean Buford, US Navy WAVE, WWII
- Tippy Foster, US Navy WAVE, WWII
- Sheryl Kolodetsky Frederick, US Navy, USAFR
- Jessica Gauthier, USAFR
- Ginger Gossett, USAF, Sgt., Peace Time
- Cinda Habgood, US Army CID, Peace Time, Desert Storm, OIF
- Susan Irving, US Army, Vietnam Era
- Elaine Kinnee, US Army, USAFR, OIF
- Joan Koeber, USAF, E-6, Desert Storm
- Erin McFatridge, US Army, SFC, MP OIF/OEF
- Mary Mohr, US Army Nurse, WWII
- Karen Myrick, USAF, Cptn., Vietnam, Cold War, & Desert Storm
- Kate Nelson, USAF, MSgt. Ret., Vietnam, Cold War
- Chari Petrie, USAFR, OIF/OEF
- Danielle Selby, US Navy HM3/E-4, 9/11 DC