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ROLL CALL

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Greetings veterans, family and friends,

We hope you had an enjoyable summer. It's hard to believe it's already September. As you know we often try and plan our monthly program around certain significant dates and since September marks the 16th anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center we thought we would focus our program on Desert Storm/Shield, Iraq & Afghanistan. Roll Call has made significant strides to bring together veterans of all eras. We now have more younger veterans, active duty and reservists attending our luncheons!

September's program will consist of interviews of several veterans. We want to highlight a few of our younger veterans in this



newsletter. **Richard Bohannon**, a new Roll Call member, was a Captain in the US Army in the 1st Armored Division during the Gulf War in the early 1990s. He fought in the Battle of Medina Ridge on February 27, 1991. During the battle, Americans destroyed 186 Iraqi tanks and 127 armored vehicles.

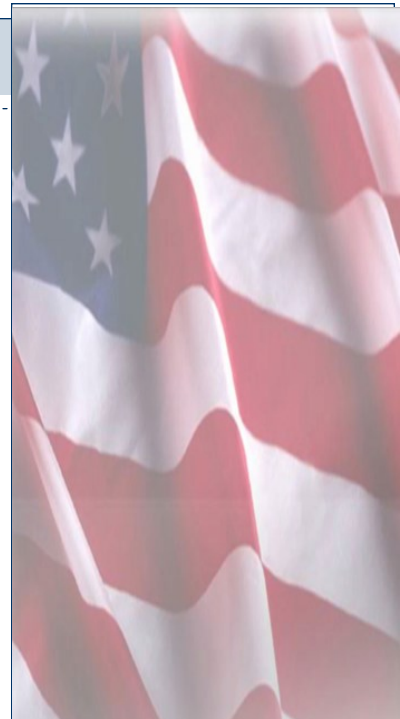
Andrew Van Wey, a Fort Worth Police Officer, is a combat veteran who served in the USMC Infantry from 1998 to 2005. He fought in Iraq and Afghanistan. Andy is also a Board member of Cowtown Warriors, a non-profit in Fort Worth providing financial assistance to wounded veterans.



Ret. Lt. Col. **Jeff Olesko** graduated from the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland in 1997 with a Bachelor's Degree in Aerospace Engineering. He received his commission in the USMC and was designated a CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter pilot receiving his



wings in 1999. Jeff spent the bulk of his career stationed at MCAS Miramar, CA with the Sea Elk of HMM-166. There he deployed four times, including three combat deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is the president elect for Cowtown Warriors.



UPCOMING LUNCHEONS

- ★ September 29, 2017— Gulf War, OIF/OEF
- ★ October 27, 2017— Jewish Holocaust
- ★ November—NO LUNCH DUE TO HOLIDAY

Birchman Baptist Church 9100 N. Normandale St. Fort Worth, TX

PLEASE RSVP BY 9/22/17 to:

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SFC Roy Davis at
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SANTIAGO DIAZ turned 102 on 9/6/17!

HaPpY bIrThDaY Help us celebrate this hero's birthday at our September luncheon.

AUGUST LUNCHEON RECAP

We were so honored to have Congresswoman Kay Granger and Fort Worth City Councilman Dr. Brian Byrd, District 3, attend our August luncheon and address our group. Roll Call is so appreciative to these leaders' show of support for veterans.



We heard from three of our Korean War veterans, Jim Sharp, Gerald Brown, and Bill

MacSwain who saw some pretty heavy combat during the war. Roll Call would like to give a very special thanks to our Korean War veterans and their service to our country.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

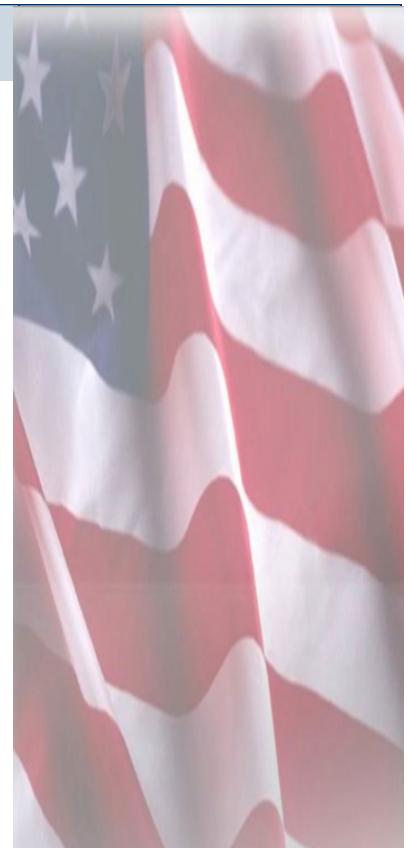
Roll Call is pleased to announce we have received a verbal commitment from **Lockheed Martin** to be a **Corporate sponsor** beginning in 2018.

Wings Over Dallas Air Show is coming up 10/6/17—10/8/17. They will be handing out wrist bands at our Sept. meeting for WWII veterans for free admission to the show. Please contact Mark Donahew if you are a WWII veteran who would like to participate by sitting at the booth to meet people.

Al McCluney & Dan Varnedore are having a **birthday party** on 9/14/17 at 7:00pm at the Texas Star Golf Course located at 1400 Texas Star Pkwy Euless, TX. Please RSVP to Dan at 817-685-1847 or Al McCluney at 817-282-5410 if you are interested in celebrating with them.

Roll Call has applied to participate in the **Tarrant County Veterans Day parade Saturday 11/11/17** to honor our Vietnam veterans since this year's theme for the parade is "Vietnam Letters from Home." Any Vietnam veteran interested in participating, riding the floats, helping construct floats please contact Kelli at 817-888-0209. We may need another trailer for a second float.

Our January, 2018 meeting will focus on **Vietnam** to coincide with the 50th Anniversary of the Tet Offensive - we didn't forget about you guys!



SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS...

- ★ Greater Arlington Lions Club
- ★ Mike & Debbie Meek
- ★ VFW Post 7538, Granbury TX
- ★ Cathryn Jauch
- ★ Gary & Karen Dozier
- ★ Gene Stephens
- ★ Hebron Baptist Church