

# ROLL CALL

## April 2021 Newsletter

**The April luncheon will feature a speaker from The WARM Place in Fort Worth.**



This organization was founded by Dr. John Richardson. What makes this a great story for Roll Call is that it tells the story of how one young (enlisted) Korean War Navy medic, came home to serve his community.

While serving in the U.S. Navy as a Hospital Corpsman, John discovered his love of medicine. After his Naval service, John graduated from Texas Wesleyan College, earned his medical degree from the University of Texas, Southwestern Medical Branch, and completed his pediatric residency at the Children's Medical Center of Dallas. Dr. Richardson practiced pediatric medicine in Fort Worth for over 40 years.



**The WARM Place®**  
Grief Support Center for Children

He co-founded the WARM Place, a haven for children and their families after the death of a loved one, which has served over 40,000 children and families.

He also initiated the Texas Safe Haven Law for abandoned babies, known as the Baby Moses Project, the first of its kind in the nation. Safe Haven laws have saved the lives of over 4,000 children.

**Veterans continue to serve long after taking the uniform off. Each and every one of us makes a difference where we are planted!**

**Dr. Richardson left this world 2 years ago in April 2019 but his legacy lives on!**

**RSVP By Sunday, April 18th—email [mary@roll-call.org](mailto:mary@roll-call.org) or call 817-507-5879**

### UPCOMING LUNCHEONS!

**May 28—Helen Patton - Granddaughter of General Patton**

**June 25—Ed Yrisarri, The History of the Korean (Forgotten) War**

**July—No Luncheon!**

**We are now able to take credit cards for merchandise, lunches, and donations!**



**Fort Worth VA Outpatient Clinic**

**Will reopen on Monday, 19 April with limited services by appt only in:**  
Mental Health, Dental, Physical Medicine & Rehab, Women's Health, Compensation & Pension

**Covid vaccines are still drive up, by appt**

**To make an appointment call 817-730-0000**



**Roll Call Benefit Dinner and Auction, Saturday, May 29th, 5pm**  
**Featuring Helen Patton, Granddaughter of General George S. Patton**

The event will be held at the Worthington Renaissance, downtown Fort Worth

The ticket price is \$100 per person, \$750 for a table of 8

Tickets may be purchased at a luncheon (eliminate the service fee) or at:

<https://ticketstripe.com/Roll-Call-Benefit-Helen-Patton>

We have donors who have purchased tables for veterans who wish to attend but this is not a good time for that kind of expenditure. If you fall into this category, please contact us at 817-507-5879.

We have not stipulated a dress code for the event. Anything from nice jeans and a shirt to a tuxedo work for us!

**WWII Veterans Project with the USMC Jazz Orchestra**

We are working with GySgt Ken Ebo out of the Joint Reserve Base. He is collecting pictures of WWII vets (service and now) to put in a music video he is creating. We have many but not all. If you are a WWII vet and wish to be included, please let us know so we can get your pictures included. We hope to have it ready to show at the Benefit on May 29th!

**Covid-19 Vaccinations**

*By now, all who wish to receive their vaccine should have been able to get it whether through the county or the VA. If you still have not received it and wish to but have been unable to schedule or need transportation, please contact us at 817-507-5879 for assistance.*

**MOBILE MUSEUM FEATURING YOU! OUR ROLL CALL VETERANS!**

More pictures of the progress on the trailer! We hope to have it at the luncheon for you to see!

The goal for the trailer is to showcase our great vets! But, we are still missing the critical piece! *Your story!*

We would love for you to share your personal story of service with us. Just a quick page or two with your personal story/experience, as much or as little as you are willing to share. Send it to us in an e-mail ([info@roll-call.org](mailto:info@roll-call.org)), mail it to us (P.O. Box 35052, Fort Worth, TX 76162) or just bring it to us at the next luncheon. We want your pictures too, we want to fill the walls of the museum with pictures of our veterans. Any pictures you would be willing to share with us just send with a description of where and when it took place. If you only have hard copies you can bring them to the luncheon too. We will scan them into a computer and bring them back to you the next luncheon. Help us share the history that is being lost and educate the community and younger generations.



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