

ROLL CALL

February 2021 Newsletter

Our February Luncheon Speaker—Mr. Barney Baker, WWII Veteran



Barney Baker was born and raised just south of Ft Worth. Barney went into the army in 1944 and was shipped to Europe in January of 1945. He was assigned to the 773rd Tank Destroyer Battalion which operated with the 90th Infantry Division. The Germans were being pushed back but they would make a stand every so often, normally in a tree line looking across an open valley. The infantry would make an assault while the tanks would fire over the infantry into the German positions. Barney operated the .50 caliber Browning on the turret during these assaults. Barney had to stay over for occupation duty before returning home. Barney married, raised a family, and had a very successful career after his military service ended.

At this time we plan to host a luncheon on February 26th at our normal time of 1130.

We continue to hear that many of you have gotten vaccinated so we feel confident that we can hold a safe luncheon.

Please RSVP to mary@roll-call.org or call 817-899-0296 by Sunday, February 21st as space is still limited

Save the date!



We will be having a drive by birthday celebration to mark Ernie Lacroix's 102nd birthday!



It will be on Sunday, February 21st at 2pm. Details will be sent out as soon as solidified! Please join us in showing Ernie our love!

Free tax returns preparation for veterans:

<https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/16726/free-tax-return-preparation-for-veterans-military-members-and-their-families/>

VA pension benefits:

<https://www.va.gov/pension/>

Available to some wartime Veterans and their survivors!



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

Cards for Veterans!

Why do we ask members to send birthday cards and participate in drive by birthday parades for our WWII vets?

Let me share this with you from the wife of one of our precious WWII vets:

"I just wanted to comment on the importance of taking the time to send cards to the Veterans for special occasions. Recently, my husband, was included on the birthday list for cards and many people responded with personal comments, even a high school student. My husband cherished the many good wishes and brought back many memories of the great nation they served in WWII."



VACCINATION INFORMATION

VA covid vaccines:

The medical director of Dallas VA, Dr. Steven Holt announced, the evening of 25 Jan., all disabled vets registered in the VA system can receive the COVID vaccine at the Dallas facility by calling 214-857-4791 to make an appointment. Hours 0800-1600, M-F. Other vets registered at the Dallas VA have been and are receiving the vaccine but at this time the disabled vets have priority.

The Fort Worth VA OP Clinic began its vaccine distribution for VA registered vets. Vets can contact their Primary Care Provider (PCP) to register for a vaccination appointment. If you don't have a PCP at the VA, but do have a VA ID, you can call to determine if they can accommodate you. Either way, the number to call is 817-730-0000.

Information to schedule vaccines:

Tarrant County—<https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/public-health/disease-control---prevention/COVID-19/COVID-19-Vaccine.html>

Dallas County—<https://www.dallascounty.org/covid-19/covid-19-vaccination.php>

Collin County—https://www.collincountytx.gov/healthcare_services/Pages/COVID19vaccines.aspx

Johnson County—<http://www.cleburne.net/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=561>

Parker County—<https://www.parkercountytx.com/456/COVID-19-Update>

Visiting Colorado Springs? Take some time to check this private military museum out!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=9hUI5Fz1jOq>

Veterans we've lost since the December luncheon. Please take a moment to say a prayer for them and their families.



Robert Blatnik, WWII
12/5/20



Mike Gross, WWII
12/14/20



Robert Tanner, WWII
12/23/20



Lee Wreyford, WWII
12/26/20



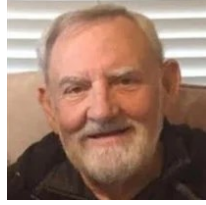
A.L. McCluney, Korea
1/2/21



Clyde Picht, VN
12/1/21



Richard "Tex" Stanley, WWII
1/10/21



Rich Kresler, VN
1/19/21



Bob Green, VN



Russell Eagleton, VN
1/28/21



Jay Suter, Korea
2/1/21

MOBILE MUSEUM FEATURING YOU! OUR ROLL CALL VETERANS!

Our mobile museum is a work in progress. The idea is to showcase the stories of our veterans (along with the uniforms and tools used in your service) with the local community. What we need from each of you is pictures of you then and now. We need the details (when, where, etc.) of the service pictures to properly label them. We also need a brief narrative (1-2 pages) of your story. Any details you feel comfortable sharing. History is being erased and not taught. We need to be the teachers of our stories!

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