

# ROLL CALL

## March 2021 Newsletter

### Our March Luncheon Speaker—Mr. Billy Roan, Vietnam Veteran



Billy Roan served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the early part of the Vietnam War. In 1965 Billy was assigned to E Company, 2nd Batt., 1st Marines. The entire battalion was loaded onto the USS Montrose and shipped to Vietnam in late 1965. Billy participated in Operation Dagger Thrust and Operation Harvest Moon which were amphibious assaults. Like the Marines a generation before, they went over the side of the transport, down cargo nets, and into landing craft which hauled them to the beach. Fortunately they didn't receive the same reception that the WW2 Marines received. They did however participate in patrols and ambushes and Billy had a few close calls and lost some friends. Billy spent the next six months or so around Phu Bai conducting patrols, ambushes, and search and destroy missions. His last five months in Vietnam was spent around Chu Lai with the 7th Marines. Finally in February, 1967 Billy came home and spent the remaining year of his enlistment at the Marine Barracks in Charleston, S.C.

**RSVP By Sunday, March 21st—email [mary@roll-call.org](mailto:mary@roll-call.org) or call 817-899-0296**

### UPCOMING LUNCHEONS!

April 23—working on speaker, will announce when we have finalized

May 28—Helen Patton - Granddaughter of General Patton

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

### VIETNAM VETERAN'S PINNING

We will do a pinning for those Vietnam Veterans that have not yet been pinned. We'd also like to do a slide show but so far have received few pictures of the service time with a little of the story. If you would like to be included in the pinning, please email [mary@roll-call.org](mailto:mary@roll-call.org) so we can be sure we have an ample supply of pins and certificates. If you have pictures/stories to share, please email those as well.

If you are unable to join us on the 26th, the Daughters of the American Revolution will be holding a pinning on March 20th at a ceremony at the Botanic Garden in Fort Worth that begins at 1000. Our own Doug Petersen will be the guest speaker. Reservations are required. Please see the attached flyer.

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



Available to some wartime Veterans and their survivors!

VA pension benefits:

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

Free tax returns preparation for veterans:

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

### VA Clinic Fort Worth

The clinic remains closed, and likely will, through the end of the month. It suffered serious damage in the storm.



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

Our mobile museum is almost complete! The pictures show the inside. We are working on the outside and hope to showcase that soon! We know you will love it!

We will showcase the stories of our veterans (along with the uniforms and tools used in your service) with the community.

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.



### WWII Vets

**Al Chatwin, Barney Baker, Bill McIntyre, and Cliff Stump**

**Get a sneak peak at the Supercross on Friday, March 12th!**



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