



ROLL CALL

May 2021 Newsletter

RSVP By Sunday, May 23rd—email info@roll-call.org or call 817-507-5879



The May 28th luncheon will feature Helen Patton!

Helen Ayer Patton is the granddaughter of Gen. George S. Patton, Jr. and Brigadier Gen. Willard Ames “Hunk” Holbrook. Her family’s military heritage spans 300 years. Helen’s father, the late Maj. Gen. George S. Patton, was even more highly decorated than his famous father. He fought in the Korean war and was wounded in Vietnam. On the forefront of deciphering concepts of counterinsurgency, guerilla warfare, and principles of readiness, Patton led and trained leaders who would fight in Operation Desert Storm. He is survived by Helen’s mother, Professor Joanne Stanley Holbrook, one of the early pioneers of Army Community Services and Child Development Centers with a scholarship created in her name by The National Military Families Association to assist higher learning for military spouses.

Helen worked closely with youth from the three main factions in Bosnia and Herzegovina helping them to pen a unifying charter promoting a single presidency for a unified Bosnia. She facilitated reunions between concentration camp and death march survivors and their liberators and is active in reaching out to German veterans in the spirit of reconciliation. She has produced and participated in several acclaimed documentaries, plays, and concerts. She devotes most of her time welcoming WWII veterans back to Europe with various centers of hospitality.

UPCOMING LUNCHEONS!

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

July—No Luncheon!

August 27—Doug Petersen

Roll Call Benefit & Auction

Tickets are still available for Saturday, May 29th!

(Helen will give a brief talk on Friday, May 28th)

This event is to help us carry on our mission as we finish 2021 and go into 2022

Tickets are available for \$100 each/\$750 for a table of 8—must be purchased by Tues, May 25th

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

Tickets will NOT be available at the May 28th Luncheon or at the door

(A limited number of tickets have been donated by members/community leaders for vets who wish to attend but the cost is out of range. Contact us at info@roll-call if you would like a ticket)



To see what will be auctioned at the Benefit go to:

<https://www.myersjackson.bid/auctions/7272?page=1&search=&sort=&lotsTotal=4&pageSize=25>

GOOD TO KNOW INFORMATION!

Year Round Veterans Discounts:

<https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/85765/veteran-discounts-available-year-round/>

Veteran ID Card—a photo ID you can use to get discounts!

<https://www.va.gov/records/get-veteran-id-cards/vic/>

Free access to National Parks and other National Wild Lands (BLM Land, USACE land, etc.) for all veterans! - how to get the annual pass!

<https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/veterans-and-gold-star-families-free-access.htm>



What started as a mission to restore the true meaning of Memorial Day has grown to include more than just our military heroes and more than just the one holiday. Carry The Load works to bring all Americans together to participate in honoring our nation’s heroes every day.

The Dallas Memorial March, hosted in Carry The Load’s hometown, is their flagship event and the culmination of the National Relay. The March is a **2-day Memorial Day weekend** event honoring service members and their families for the sacrifices they make.

The centerpiece of the two-day event that **begins at 12 pm on Sunday and culminating 1:30 pm on Monday**. The March is the symbol of how Carry The Load started, represents carrying the fallen heroes we honor, and you are welcome you to join whether for 20 hours or 20 minutes.

The event begins:
Sunday, May 30, 12pm
Reverchon Park
3505 Maple Ave
Dallas, TX 75219

https://www.carrytheload.org/site/SPageServer/?pagename=dallas_memorial_march

The event ends:
Monday, May 31, 1:30pm
Reverchon Park
3505 Maple Ave
Dallas, TX 75219

We would love to have a Roll Call Group there on Monday from 9:30am to 1:30pm
With as many as possible at 11:30 for closing ceremonies
Our Team is registered under
Roll Call of North Texas
https://www.carrytheload.org/site/TRR/Events/General?fr_id=1760&pg=ttind
Lace up those tennis shoes and come on out!
(Rally point to start our day at 9:30 will be emailed out in advance of the event!)

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



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.

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