



# ROLL CALL

April 2022 Newsletter

**RSVP By Friday, April 15th—email [info@roll-call.org](mailto:info@roll-call.org) or call 817-507-5879**

**LUNCHEON—Friday, April 22nd—On Base**

**APRIL LUNCHEON SPEAKER—Ken Cordier**



### **One Incredible story! One incredible American!**

Ken Cordier was commissioned through the Air Force ROTC program at the University of Akron on July 16, 1960. He trained as a Minuteman Missile Launch Officer in 1961, later serving as an instructor in the course before entering Undergraduate Pilot Training in January 1963. Lt Cordier was awarded his pilot wings on December 19, 1964, and completed F-4 Phantom II Combat Crew Training. He flew F-4s with the 45th Tactical Fighter Squadron at MacDill AFB, Florida, and combat missions in Southeast Asia with the 45th TFS. In January 1965, while deployed to Ubon RTAFB, Thailand, he volunteered for another tour in June 1966, this time flying out of Cam Ranh Bay AB in the Republic of Vietnam. On December 2, 1966, while flying his 176th combat mission, Cordier was forced to eject over North Vietnam after his F-4 took a direct hit from a surface-to-air missile. He was immediately captured and spent the next 2,284 days as a Prisoner of War before being released during Operation Homecoming on March 4, 1973. After hospitalization, he requalified to fly jet fighters. From 1979 to 1981, he directed the flying operations at Sembach AB in West Germany, and then he was selected to command the reactivation of Wiesbaden AB, also in West Germany. Col Cordier served as Air Attache to the United Kingdom, based at the U.S. Embassy in London, from 1982 until he retired from the Air Force on January 31, 1985. After his retirement, Ken represented British Aerospace in Washington, D.C., as Director of Military Aircraft. He is a past President of NAM-POWs and the Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association. Col Cordier wears Command Pilot Wings as well as the Air Force Missile Badge and accumulated over 2,000 flying hours in fighter aircraft during his Air Force career.

### **UPCOMING LUNCHEONS**

May 27—Don Graves, WWII, Iwo Jima

June 24—Speaker TBD



**\*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT—April 22nd Luncheon\*\*\*\*\***

The April 22nd luncheon will take place on the Joint Reserve Base in the VR59 Hangar!  
(Please see attached directions & map)

The current roster of those attending is attached to this email. Please check to be sure you (and any guests) are on it! Everyone **MUST** be on the base access list.

We will have 2 vans at the church that morning to take those who prefer to park at the church and ride in. We can take 28 total. If riding in the vans, please let us know via email or phone so we do not leave without you.

The vans will leave the church at 10:00 and return at the conclusion of the event.

Be sure to bring a valid ID (drivers license, passport, state issued ID, etc.)  
Do NOT bring weapons of any kind on base

Volunteers to help prepare food or do set up, please arrive at the hangar no later than 9:00  
Volunteers who will be serving food can arrive at the normal time

This event is already at 420 attendees  
**RECOMMEND EVERYONE GET THROUGH THE GATE BY 11AM**

**ROLL CALL**  
2ND ANNUAL ROLL CALL BENEFIT GALA  
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**WOODY'S SALUTE**  
A Tribute to the Nation's Last Living  
Medal of Honor Recipient of World War II

4:30 PM Reception  
5:25 PM Gala Starts

Join us for this grand occasion at the Arlington Hilton  
2401 East Lamar Blvd. • Arlington, TX 76006

Welcome to  
The City of Arlington, Texas  
Mayor, Jim Ross

The poster features several photographs of veterans in military uniforms and a large image of a man in a red jacket standing in front of a memorial wall.

*Special thanks go out to the Fort Worth Air Power Foundation for their generous donation to cover part of the cost of the April luncheon.*

*We also thank the Fort Worth Air Power Council and Holidays & Heroes for contributing volunteers to supplement our wonderful Roll Call volunteers.*

*Roll Call is blessed by having the best volunteers on earth!*

**Tables for the 2nd Annual Roll Call Benefit Gala  
are available now!**  
**Can't attend but want to buy a table for veterans?  
See any Board member for information or email  
info@roll-call.org**

**Upcoming Events**

April 30th—Hops & Props—FW Aviation Museum—12-5pm

**June 11th—2nd Annual Roll Call Benefit Gala—Details to come soon!**

June 25th—The National Vietnam War Museum Grand Opening Ceremony—Mineral Wells—10am

**As a reminder: Only service animals may be brought into the luncheon.**

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