

ROLL CALL

May 2022 Newsletter

RSVP By Friday, May 20th—email info@roll-call.org or call 817-507-5879

LUNCHEON—Friday, May 27th

MAY LUNCHEON SPEAKER—Don Graves



Don is a survivor of the Battle of Iwo Jima, the bloody South Pacific battle that killed thousands of American and Japanese fighting men in World War II. The battle began on Feb. 19, 1945, when Marines landed on the southeastern beaches of the island. It ended March 26 with 6,821 Americans killed and nearly 20,000 wounded. Graves, at 5-foot-6 inches and 145 pounds, carried a 72-pound flamethrower on his back and a .45-caliber pistol on his hip during the battle as a member of the 5th Marine Division, one of three Marine divisions that assaulted Iwo Jima. Their orders: Secure the island and its three airfields. And secure it they did! When he and his unit assembled to leave the island, 18 of the 335 men in his unit who hit the beach with him were left. At their officer's suggestion, they visited the island's cemetery to pay their respects to their fallen comrades.

Graves' path to the foot of Mount Suribachi began after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Like most young men in America, Graves felt a duty to enlist. At the age of 17, he quit school and went to the Marine Recruiting office. He felt there was no time to wait. Our nation needed to be protected and as Don says, "No. 1, we were patriots – it was drilled into us".

Come out and hear this incredible story!

UPCOMING LUNCHEONS

June 24—Ken Cordier, VN Veteran, Former POW

July—NO LUNCHEON

August 26—Chris Cassidy, MOH Museum, Former Astronaut, 1-3 MOH Recipients



2nd Annual Roll Call Benefit Gala

Proudly Sponsors

Woody's Salute

Saturday, 11 June

Come out and help us honor the Nation's last living Medal of Honor Recipient of WWII!

Hear from General (ret) Joseph Dunford, 19th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

And a few other incredible Americans!

In addition, you will be supporting Roll Call's efforts to continue our mission of honoring and serving our local veterans. This is our major annual fundraising effort. We currently have a limited number of tables still available so get a group of friends together and purchase a table!

Please share this information with your family and friends.

Upcoming Military Holidays!

21 May—Armed Forces Day—celebrates those serving today

30 May—Memorial Day—honoring those who paid the ultimate price while serving

Freedom Celebration Welcome Home Vietnam Vets



Bring the family and celebrate Freedom at a special community event! Meet Military Order of the Purple Heart Vietnam Veterans!



Visit Roll Call's Mobile Military Museum! Ask for your free copy of Hacksaw Ridge!



5 - 7pm - Visit Military Display

7pm - Thank You Service for Vietnam Veterans
Speaker - Decorated Vietnam Dustoff Pilot
Doug Peterson



HOPE Medical/Dental Clinic
817-641-5858

Cleburne 1st SDA Church
111 Meadowview Drive
817-645-2520



Sunday, May 15th

April Luncheon

The April Luncheon was a fabulous event! We can't thank Capt. McLean and his team enough for making it happen! Throughout the process we had great communication, in person meetings, and lots of emails.

Brenda's team, along with volunteers from Roll Call, base personnel, The Fort Worth Air Power Council, and Holidays & Heroes, served more than 600 people in 15 minutes! Our thanks to The Fort Worth Air Power Foundation for helping us cover the additional costs for the luncheon.

Desserts were provided at every seat (some even took some home to enjoy later!) by the wonderful people at Town Village Crossing Senior Living Community.

Taking pictures with the F-16, F-18, and Paul Lemon's 55 GMC Pickup was icing on the cake!

Upcoming Events

June 11th—2nd Annual Roll Call Benefit Gala—Cocktail hour 1630, gala starts 1725

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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