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# LUNCHEON—Friday, August 26th

# AUGUST LUNCHEON SPEAKERS—Chris Cassidy and Maj Gen Pat Brady











#### **Chris Cassidy**

Chris served as a Navy SEAL for 10 years. He specialized in long range special reconnaissance (vehicular and foot patrols), direct action building assaults, non-compliant ship-boardings, desert reconnaissance patrols, combat diving, underwater explosives, and a variety of air operations. In May 2004, he was selected as an astronaut candidate and completed training in February 2006. Chris went on his first Space Shuttle mission in July 2009. All told, he served over 377 days in space by his retirement in May 2021. Today, Chris serves as the President and CEO of the National Medal of Honor Museum.

#### Major General Patrick Brady, US Army, ret.

Gen Brady was awarded the Medal of Honor for his service as a "Dustoff" medevac helicopter pilot during the Vietnam War. (See entire citation on page 2). He served a total of 34 years in the US Army. This included two combat tours in Vietnam with the 54th and 57th Medical Detachments. He flew over 2,000 combat missions and rescued an estimated 5,000 soldiers and civilians. He is one of two Vietnam soldiers to earn both the Medal of Honor and the Distinguished Service Cross (he has 2). His other awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross (6), Bronze Star (2), Distinguished Service Medal (2), Purple Heart, and 53 Air Medals.

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

#### **UPCOMING LUNCHEON**

September 23—Speaker TBD October 28—Speaker TBD













### Citation to Accompany the Award of the Medal of Honor



For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty, Maj. BRADY distinguished himself while serving in the Republic of Vietnam commanding a UH-1H ambulance helicopter, volunteered to rescue wounded men from a site in enemy held territory which was reported to be heavily defended and to be blanketed by fog. To reach the site he descended through heavy fog and smoke and hovered slowly along a valley trail, turning his ship sideward to blow away the fog with the backwash from his rotor blades. Despite the unchallenged, close-range enemy fire, he found the dangerously small site, where he successfully landed and evacuated 2 badly wounded South Vietnamese soldiers. He was then called to another area completely covered by dense fog where American casualties lay only 50 meters from the enemy. Two aircraft had previously been shot

down and others had made unsuccessful attempts to reach this site earlier in the day. With unmatched skill and extraordinary courage, Maj. BRADY made 4 flights to this embattled landing zone and successfully rescued all the wounded. On his third mission of the day Maj. Brady once again landed at a site surrounded by the enemy. The friendly ground force, pinned down by enemy fire, had been unable to reach and secure the landing zone. Although his aircraft had been badly damaged and his controls partially shot away during his initial entry into this area, he returned minutes later and rescued the remaining injured. Shortly thereafter, obtaining a replacement aircraft, Maj. BRADY was requested to land in an enemy minefield where a platoon of American soldiers was trapped. A mine detonated near his helicopter, wounding 2 crew members and damaging his ship. In spite of this, he managed to fly 6 severely injured patients to medical aid. Throughout that day Maj. BRADY utilized 3 helicopters to evacuate a total of 51 seriously wounded men, many of whom would have perished without prompt medical treatment. Maj. BRADY'S bravery was in the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself and the U.S. Army.



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RSVP here to attend a luncheon

AUGUST RSVP

#### **NEW Luncheon RSVP Process starting in August!**

The RSVP process will open online on 11 Aug for members to be able to get their RSVPs in!

The link is: <a href="https://roll-call.org/">https://roll-call.org/</a>

Click the link or type in the web address and you should see the image to the left. Go to the "Luncheon RSVP" and click the blue button that says "August RSVP". Once you have done this, you will be directed to a page where you will fill in the information for you and any guests, potential new attendees, or other Roll Call members you are RSVPing for. Once you submit the RSVP, you will receive an email confirmation that you are signed up. This site will NOT accept RSVPs until 11 August. If you try earlier than that, the link will not allow you to fill in any information. Once you submit the RSVP, you will be provided a link in the confirmation email that will allow you to modify or cancel your reservation.

The Church has worked hard to ensure we can get as many people in for the luncheon as possible. We have a maximum number (includes those that receive the newsletter via email and snail mail).

We cannot go over that number. We need you to help us make this work!

For those who do not have email and are receiving this newsletter in the mail, you will continue to simply call the 817-507-5879 number to RSVP.

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2022 2nd Annual Gala benefitting Roll Call and the Woody Williams Foundation—Woody's Salute

Our June 11th event was a huge success!

Roll Call, in coordination with US VetFund and generous supporters, raised \$43,263 for the Woody Williams Foundation.

Roll Call raised another \$42,000+ for Roll Call of North Texas to support our mission "To Honor and Serve our veterans" and keep our luncheons free for any veteran who wishes to attend.

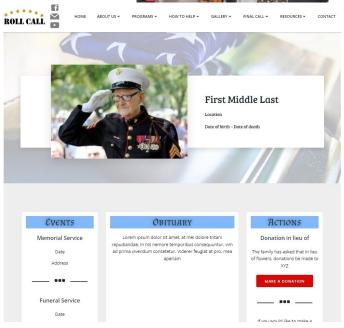






# NEW BENEFIT FOR ROLL CALL MEMBERS FINAL CALL

Roll Call realizes that dealing with the death of a loved one can be a difficult, and sometimes expensive, process. We are now offering our members the capability of publishing an obituary on our website at no cost to them. If you would like more information about this process you can reach out to us at info@roll-call.org.



#### It's that time of year again! North Texas Giving Day is coming on 22 September!

<u>What it is:</u> Communities Foundation of Texas' NTX Giving Day is an 18-hour online giving event designed to empower every person to give back to their community by supporting local nonprofits and causes they care about in one easy-to-use platform.

How can you help? Simply go online using the link below (or copy and paste the link into your browser). This will bring you to our Roll Call page. Simply click the donate button!

# COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION of TEXAS NTX GIVING DAY presented by amazon



#### https://www.northtexasgivingday.org/story/Roll-Call-Ntx

You can also help by sharing this with your friends and families! Every dollar goes to keep Roll Call operating and bringing great programs to you every month!



The Azle Sting Fling Festival is an annual event hosted by the Azle Area Chamber of Commerce. It is the largest community event held in Azle hosting thousands of guests during the one-day festival. It provides affordable, wholesome family entertainment to the citizens of Azle and surrounding communities.

This year's Festival will be held on: Saturday, September 10, 2022 9am to 3pm Main Street Azle

Roll Call will have a float in the parade that morning and will have the mobile museum outside along with a table set up inside. We would love to have our veterans come out to ride in the parade. We would also love it if you would be willing to hang out by the museum or inside to meet and greet people! So many would love to shake your hand, thank you, and maybe even hear a war story or two! Please let a board member know if you are interested!



#### **Korean War Vets!**

Have you been awarded the Ambassador for Peace Medal?
This commemorative medal is an expression of appreciation from the Korean government to American service men and women who served in the Korean War.

To be eligible, the veterans must have served during the Korean War from June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953. It is also available for the veterans who have participated in UN peacekeeping operations until the end of 1955.

We have the form if you are interested in applying!

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