

# ROLL CALL

November/December 2022 Newsletter

**RSVP By Sunday, November 13th—email [info@roll-call.org](mailto:info@roll-call.org) or call 817-507-5879**

**LUNCHEON—Friday, November 18th**

**NOVEMBER LUNCHEON SPEAKER—Jack Stowe**



*Jack Stowe was born in Denton, Tx and around 1934 the family moved to Ft. Worth. When Pearl Harbor was bombed Jack was 15 years old and was known for getting into trouble. About four months later it looked like Jack was going to end up in the reformatory because of his behavior so, with the help of a secretary doing some paperwork magic, Jack suddenly was old enough to join the Navy. After boot camp and an attempt at radio school, Jack ended up in a seaplane observation unit and shipped out to the Solomon Islands.*

*The Japanese pulled the last of their troops off of Guadalcanal in February, 1943, the same month Jack arrived on Florida Island, 20 miles across Iron Bottom Bay from Guadalcanal. Japanese bombers prowled the skies while US Navy patrol torpedo boats prowled the waters around the Solomon Islands. Jack would watch Henderson Field get bombed and then see the PT boats head out in the evening on their way to patrol. Who knows how many times he witnessed Lt. Kennedy go by in PT 109. After almost two years in the South Pacific, Jack returned to the states and was discharged in January, 1946. Jack's brother also served in the Pacific after also joining at the age of 15. Last December the two of them went to Pearl Harbor together for the 80th anniversary of the attack.*



## UPCOMING LUNCHEON

December 9—Chris Crawford, Vet & Comedian

January 27—TBD

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



**The new website is up and nearly ready. Instructions will be sent out to use it to RSVP for the December luncheon!**



## December 9th Luncheon Featuring Chris Crawford

**A comedian by night and Military Tech School instructor by day. I'm a retired USAF member that used to be a professional badass but am now just a professional smartass.**

**I can't wait to meet everyone at Roll-Call.**

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### Biography

Chris Crawford is one the Veterans of Comedy's premiere comedic performers. His ability to captivate an audience and elicit laughter seemingly at will through the use of clever storytelling and over-the-top animation has allowed him to be recognized as a true stand-up standout by promoters and booking agents across the country. As a headliner, his unorthodox approach to comedy will certainly bring a smile to your face and put a laugh in your belly as he draws from his military career, married life, parenting, teaching and road gigging to ensure one great entertaining experience.

### Roll Call in the Tarrant County Veterans Day Parade, 11 November!

Staging at Panther Island Pavilion, 395 Purcey St, Fort Worth—0800-0900

Parade begins 1100, Come out and be a part of it!

(Feel free to bring flags, signs, etc)

**November 12-15, 1942**

#### *Naval Battle for Guadalcanal*

*Broke the back of the Japanese defense of the island and assured victory. Two Japanese battleships were lost along with troop transports with thousands of troops.*



**November 8-16, 1942**

#### **Operation Torch**

Allied invasion of French North Africa, securing British victory while allowing American forces to engage Nazi Germany on a limited scale. Saw the first major airborne assault carried out by U.S.

**The luncheon is held at Birchman Baptist Church, 9100 N. Normandale, Fort Worth, 1130-1330.**

**Plan to arrive early! It gets very full by 1100.**

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