

# ROLL CALL

February 2023 Newsletter

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**LUNCHEON—Friday, February 24th**

**FEBRUARY LUNCHEON SPEAKER—Randy Nantz**



SFC(R) Randy Nantz enlisted in the Army after 9/11/01, and after completing basic training at Fort Benning, GA, he reported to the 3rd Infantry Division located at Fort Stewart, GA. In January of 2003, he deployed to Kuwait to prepare for the Iraq invasion. After the initial phase of Iraq was over, he redeployed back home on August 25, 2003.

He then went to SFAS, Special Forces selection course in January of 2004 and successfully graduated as a Communications Sergeant in March of 2006. SFC Nantz reported to the 5th Special Forces Group Airborne and deployed back to Iraq in August 2006.



On December 22 of 2006, while patrolling on a reconnaissance mission, Baghdad

Jadida, Baghdad, Iraq, an Explosively Formed Projectile (EFP), a devastating roadside bomb, struck the Humvee he was riding in. SFC Nantz sustained 22% Total Body Surface 3rd-degree burns, considerable muscle tissue loss, and severe nerve damage, ultimately leading to a lower left leg amputation. To date, he has undergone four amputations on the same leg and around 20 other surgeries from the initial injury to now.



Today, Randy gives back to his community by working with the Adaptive Training Foundation to mentally and physically train other Veterans and Civilians alike with life-altering disabilities to regain living life again by showing them they too can #defy impossible.

Randy also has two beautiful kids, Ashley, 27, and Josh, 22.



## UPCOMING LUNCHEON

March 24—Jack Stowe, WWII

April 28—Bill Parker, WWII (not yet confirmed)

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



## The Battle of IWO Jima 19 February 1945– 16 March 1945



IWO Jima was critical to our ability to stop the Japanese in WWII. This small island took the lives of nearly 7000 U.S. Marines, left nearly 20,000 wounded, and saw 27 Medals of Honor presented. Two of our precious WWII veterans, Don Graves (Marine) and John Boswell (Navy Corpsman), were there.



The fighting was brutal as the Marines fought their way across the island to secure the airstrips which, eventually, helped the U.S. win the war with Japan.

Don will be happy to answer any questions you may have about his experience there.

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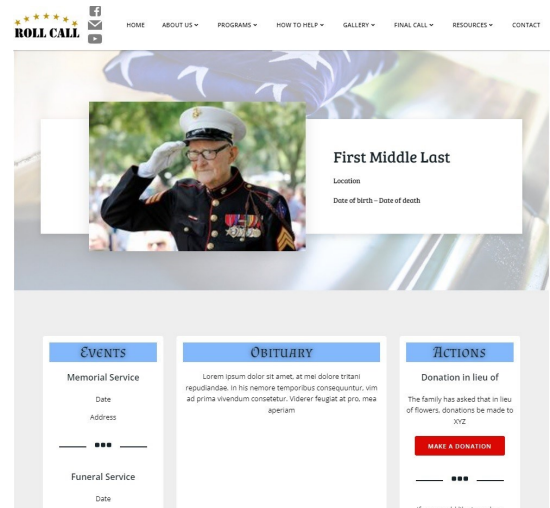


*Traveling Vietnam Wall  
28 March—2 April  
Wise County Fairgrounds  
Come experience “the wall that heals”*

### 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](mailto:info@roll-call.org).

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**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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