



ROLL CALL

November 2023 Newsletter

RSVP By Sunday, November 12th—www.roll-call.org

LUNCHEON—Friday, November 17th

LUNCHEON SPEAKER—Bob Patterson, MOH Recipient



Bob Patterson grew up on a farm in North Carolina. Bob joined the army in large part to get out from behind a mule. In 1968 Bob was serving in Vietnam with B Troop, 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry of the 101st Airborne. During that time the unit was operating in the central highlands. Bob saw extensive combat and on one ambush had to lay low with his patrol as a company of NVA walked just a few feet from them. On May 6, 1968 Bob's unit ran up against a large bunker complex with interlocking fields of fire. Bob will tell you that he doesn't recall the details of that day. He just knows that he jumped up and went forward even though his guys were yelling for him to get down. Bob managed to knock out five enemy bunkers and kill eight of the enemy with rifle fire and hand grenades. This allowed for the outfit to move forward. For this action Bob was awarded the Medal of Honor.

Bob retired from the army with the rank of Command Sergeant Major and now lives in Pensacola, Fl.

RSVP/Check in Information

Please note—the Luncheon is Friday, 17 November

The RSVP link is open at www.roll-call.org below the mission statement on the homepage or you can access it by clicking on the link provided in an email sent on 1 Nov. Didn't receive it? Check your spam or junk folder.

EVERYONE MUST RSVP. This includes veterans, family members, guests, and volunteers.

UPON ARRIVAL: EVERYONE MUST CHECK IN. Again, see list above.

The New RSVP instructions are attached to the email with this newsletter.

UPCOMING LUNCHEON

December—Entertainment

January—TBD

February—Don Graves, WWII, IWO Jima

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





Tarrant County 104th Veterans Day Parade
All Roll Call Members are invited to participate on our float

Pertinent Participant Information:

Our Assembly Area number is 48

Arrive at the Panther Island Pavilion between 0800 and 1000

Parking will become more challenging the later you arrive

Use the Percy Street entrance to check in

The viewing area for those not participating is along Forest Park Blvd. Best viewing is between 5th Street and Rotary Plaza. You can park off the pavement along Forrest Park but you must get there before the street closes and there may not be room. There is plenty of parking in the Trinity Park on the North West side of the river near the Phyllis J Tilley Memorial Bridge (pedestrian bridge). Cross over to Rotary Plaza on North Forrest Park Blvd. The Plaza is on Trinity Trail along the river, great viewing location for the entire parade.

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Roll Call will not be sending out a listing of discounts and/or freebies for Veterans Day. Most of you all already have that information and many send it to us to publish. We don't want to inundate members with information they already have or can easily get.

Assistance with VA Claims and Benefits

The VA is not always easy to navigate. If you are continuing to have issues or have given up, perhaps you need to try again!

Contacts:

Tarrant County Veteran Services

1200 Circle Drive, Ste 300
Fort Worth
817-531-5645

Texas Veterans Commission

tvc.texas.gov
Schedule a claims appointment:
tvc.texas.gov/claims/appointments/

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