COME TO OUR NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

10:00 AM, SATURDAY, MARCH 18th

TEXAS MILITARY FORCES MUSEUM, CAMP MABRY

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office, and Veterans Land Board Commissioner. Jerry Patterson is a Texas Aggie whose resume includes, Marine Corps Aviator (26 yr. Veteran), and State Senator (6 yrs.). His commissions administer the six state veterans homes, Texas veterans land loans, and many other state veterans programs among his overall responsibilities for state lands and resources. Senator Patterson was one of our first guest speakers in the early days of Chapter 1919, coming even though he knew we were a very small local chapter just getting started; now, let’s show our appreciation with everyone coming out to welcome him back.

AFTER THE MEETING, EVERYONE WHO WISHES TO PARTICIPATE IS WELCOME TO GO AND REASSEMBLE FOR AN INFORMAL LUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER AT:

LUBY’S CAFETERIA (at MOPAC & Steck)
COMMANDEARS MESSAGE

All the attendees had a great time at the Chapter’s Tenth Annual George Washington’s Birthday Dinner Party, on Friday the 17th of last month. The Patriot of the year was announced, Henry Papke; I had a very hard time choosing any single Patriot as Patriot of the Year because Chapter 1919 has such a great number of good Patriots working with us. How do you choose the best? I only know that none of us are more deserving than Henry. Program Chairman, Rufus Dye presented certificates to the Purple Santa workers. Rufus and all his volunteers did a great job for us this year and the Purple Santa program gets better each year. Thanks to all the workers, helpers, and to Rufus. Ramon Riviera received an award for his help with Veterans. Lee Hagan, received the award for him, as Ramon was unable to attend.

Last month I had a patriot call my home and leave a message about wanting to help with the ROTC presenters program, I was unable to understand the name or the phone number. Please call again; I do welcome your help as a presenter. That also goes for anyone else also who would like to participate, please see my article on page 10. The presenters are needed

in April and May, mostly all in local schools. Call my home, 339-8034, if you can help.

We will be electing Chapter Officers in our April meeting and our Adjutant has some interesting things to say about that on page 5. At our March meeting, if you wish to run for an officer position, please let me know so we can get you on the nominations lists. I would like to see some new faces in Chapter Officer positions. Most positions take very little time to do, so take a little time to help out our Chapter. Remember we all work together for the good of the Chapter.

Elaine and I are going to Fort Hood two or three times a month to check on what help the Chapter can offer to the Soldiers in the units in Iraq that we are sponsoring, Batteries A & B of the 3rd Battalion, 16th Artillery, and the families that they have left behind back at Fort Hood. We are helping wherever we can, and the spouses are so grateful to us.

We take for granted the sacrifices these Soldiers are making for our country. A few weeks ago, Elaine and I went out of state for a few days. In the airports we talked and shook hands with as many returning soldiers as possible. Take a minute to thank Soldiers, they deserve it. It was nice to see people clapping and cheering Soldiers as they exited the plane.

This month as always I end with the Coffee Bar workers, but this month I want to address the workers who are not Purple Heart members. This group of people take time to help us help VA Veterans at the clinic with coffee, juice and crackers. People such as these just have a need to help their fellow Veterans, God bless their golden hearts. I send you a great big thanks and a ….Respectful Salute.

Yours in Patriotism,

Federico Rey
March is coming in like a lion. We have a lot to do at the March 18th meeting. Our Nominating Committee is hard at work coming up with people to fill our board positions. The Committee is Betty Cepeda, Valerie Dye, Rose Castillo, and myself. If you would like to be nominated for a position on the board please call me at 339-8034.

If you were not at the George Washington’s Birthday Party in February, you missed a wonderful dinner and good time had by all. It was one of the coldest nights of the year but we still had a good turn out. Barbara Carr led us in singing the National Anthem and Happy Birthday to George Washington. Thank you Barbara. Please help me in congratulating Elizabeth Larson, just named LAMOPH Unit 1919 Auxiliary Member of the Year. She is a hard working lady who gives her all to Unit 1919. This was a very hard decision on my part, because I have so many hard working members of our Unit.

Please remember to bring your travel-size items to our meeting. These items are to be shipped to our soldiers in Iraq that we have adopted. I have a package ready to go over to them and need a few more items to make this package complete.

I know I have asked this in the past, but we need more members to show up at our monthly meeting. If your husband, father, or son is coming to the Chapter meeting, come join us at the Unit meeting. Our next meeting is at the Museum on Camp Mabry on Saturday, March the 18th at 10:00AM. We also have a tradition, purely optional of course, but, after our monthly meetings many of us adjourn and go have lunch together. Currently, we are going to a Luby’s Cafeteria that is conveniently nearby.

Hope to see you at the meeting. Everyone is welcome, please come and join in.

Please keep our troops and their families in your prayers.

God Bless,
Elaine
NEW MEMBERS

National Headquarters has added a new member to the rolls of Chapter 1919 since publication of last month’s PATRIOT BULLETIN. Welcome and Congratulations:

FOY W. WATSON is a Navy WWII veteran. Foy served aboard the cruiser, USS Tuscaloosa CA-37, in the waters off Okinawa during the fighting to take the island, April-June 1945.

At “press-time” there was one additional application in processing at National Headquarters.

KENNETH R. KASSNER, Marine Corps, Iraq.

OLD MEMBERS

This is the latest in our periodic statistical summaries of the Patriots on the membership rolls of Chapter 1919.

Of our Patriots, when wounded, 382 were in the Army, 128 were Marines, 49 were in the Air Force (or the Army Air Corps in WWII), and 24 were in the Navy.

326 members were wounded in Vietnam, 178 in WWII, 66 in Korea, 9 in Iraq, 3 in the ‘91 Gulf War, and 4 others that are in the “other” category. Our “other” category includes patriots wounded: in the 1983 truck bombing of the Marine Barracks in Beirut, Lebanon; in the 1993 fighting in Mogadishu, Somalia; and in the 1967 missile strike on the USS Liberty during the Arab-Israeli War of 1967.
Numbers take on added meaning when presented in useful context and there is a reason for this month’s offering of statistics in adjacent box. Every nationwide veterans organization that I know of is lamenting a gradual loss of membership because of the thinning out of America’s aging veteran population—that is, every one except MOPH.

As you can see from the side-by-side comparison of statewide member strength and the resulting nationwide totals, our Purple Heart veterans group has grown 20 percent during the last six years. That is in striking contrast to the experience of most other veterans groups. It has only happened because dedicated Patriots in nearly every state in the country have developed new-found pride in being part of the only nationwide organization for combat-wounded veterans, and they have gone to work in recruiting, building up and adding to, an already great organization.

Texas and Chapter 1919 have had at least our fair share of actively contributing members and the Department and Chapter have been even more successful than the national average. But, membership growth is only part of it. Chapter 1919’s initiatives in all areas have been nothing short of spectacular. The VA Outpatient Clinic Coffee Bar, Operation Purple Santa, and the ACC Purple Heart Scholarships are three notable examples, and everything we do requires someone to make it happen. We have been blessed with tremendous increase in membership and if you are one of those who joined, but, who just never got around to attending meetings, don’t let that inhibit you now. We cordially welcome you to become involved in what this chapter does.

Chapter 1919 will hold its annual election of officers during next month’s (April) regular monthly meeting. Any member in good standing can run for any elected position: Commander, Senior and Junior Vice Commanders, Finance Officer, Judge Advocate, Executive Committeeman (and Alternate), and three Trustees; and we always have volunteer projects and committees that always are in need of help. If you are willing to invest part of yourself by joining this winning team and contribute to furthering our good works, please contact any officer (see list page 3), and we guarantee we can find a place to use your talents.

...MILT CARR, Adjutant, (512) 343-7940
...Scenes From Our Last Big Event ...

GEORGE WASHINGTON’S BIRTHDAY DINNERT PARTY
...Friday Evening, February 17th in the AUSTIN CLUB ...

COMMANDER FRED REY TAKES THE PODIUM AS THE CROWD TAKES THEIR SEATS FOR DINNER

BELOW, RUFUS DYЕ ENJOYING RECOGNITION OF PURPLE SANTA VOLUNTEER (WHO HAPPENS TO BE HIS DAUGHTER-IN-LAW DEBBIE DYE)

BELOW CENTER, BENEATH BANNER AT ENTRANCE TO BANQUET HALL, L-R, CHARLES BONNEY, LEE HAGAN, MILT CARR AND RAYMOND DIAZ

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS ARMY ROTC COLOR GUARD POSTS THE COLORS

A PHOTO CAN NOT DO JUSTICE TO THE ART WORK DONE ON GEORGE WASHINGTON’S BIRTHDAY CAKE
...And Our Latest AMERICANISM INITIATIVE Was Combined To Provide Our ENTERTAINMENT During The GEORGE WASHINGTON’S BIRTHDAY DINNER

THE STRICKLAND SCHOOL SPECIAL CHOIR, WITH MIKE STOUT, DIRECTOR, PROVIDED THE ENTERTAINMENT, IN A PROGRAM OF PATRIOTIC SONGS, A PERFECT FIT WITH THE THEME FOR THE EVENING.

THIS SPECIAL CHOIR IS OPEN TO PRE-K THRU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADE CHILDREN AND THEIR TRAINING IS ALL EXCLUSIVELY IN PATRIOTIC MUSIC. ALL OF THE CHILDREN IN THIS PERFORMANCE WERE 3RD GRADE THRU 5TH GRADE STUDENTS.

CHAPTER 1919 IS PROUD TO LEND AUDIENCE TO THE SPECIAL CHOIR AND TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT THIS UNIQUE WAY THAT MIKE STOUT INCLUDES PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION AND AMERICANISM IN THE STRICKLAND SCHOOL.

—ERNIE BANASAU, Americanism Officer
FRANKLIN W. (FRANK) DENIUS

Army, WWII, Europe
Patriot, Chapter 1919

Franklin W. Denius spent his early childhood in Athens, Texas where his family lived and where he attended public schools. As a young teenager, he went off to military prep school, Schreiner Institute in Kerrville. He graduated there in 1942 and then enrolled, as a member of the Army Program for 17 year-olds, at the Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina. After two semesters he enlisted in the Army and entered active duty June 3, 1943. Private Denius, after basic artillery training was assigned to the 30th Infantry Division.

The 30th Infantry Division moved to Port of Embarkation, sailed from Boston harbor on February 11, 1944, and arrived in England on February 22nd, three months before the invasion landings in Normandy. Frank Denius was a Fire Control Instrument Operator assigned to a Forward Observer party in Battery C of the division’s 230th Field Artillery Battalion. The 230th Artillery was the first element of the division to be committed in the invasion. The battalion was called ashore to Omaha Beach, landed on D+1, June 7th, and immediately went into action providing fire support for the 29th Infantry Division that had made the initial assault landing against very heavy opposition the day prior.

Six days later, Frank’s unit was back with the 30th Infantry Division providing fire support for the 2nd Battalion, 120th Infantry Regiment. Then, on July 17, 1944, when his Forward Observer party was operating forward of the lines, the officer in charge was killed by enemy machine gun fire. While still subject to enemy fire and at great risk to his own life, nineteen year-old Private First Class Denius took over and called for, observed, and adjusted artillery fire that was essential to the advancing infantry in accomplishing the mission. He would later receive the Silver Star for his actions that day, and he would also be promoted to Corporal and made Chief of Detail in charge of his Forward Observer party.

By July 24th, a tremendous Allied force had been moved across the channel from England, but, still confined to limited space in Normandy, was poised near St.-LO for the beginning of “Operation Cobra,” the breakout across France. The 230th Artillery Battalion was among hundreds of units that were coiled up along the axis of advance just behind the front lines. Lieutenant General Leslie J. McNair, Commander, United States Ground Forces, had come forward to observe the start of the operation and he was in the area of the 119th Infantry Regiment of the 30th Division when Heavy Bombers came over to deliver a preparatory strike against the German defenses. Many of the bombs fell short and more than 800 Americans were killed or wounded. Among the dead was General McNair, the highest ranking Allied Officer killed in WWII. Frank says, “I was only 75 yards from General McNair when he was killed.”

In Normandy two weeks later, Frank Denius was again supporting the 2nd Battalion, 120th Infantry when they moved into position at Mortain on August 6th. Early the next day, the Germans launched a massive counteroffensive with 70,000 troops, determined to reach the sea and divide the Allied armies. Their attack started by sweeping west, through and past Mortain, towards Avranches and the coast. Hill 314 (some sources identify it as Hill 317) was the dominant terrain in the area and it lay astride the two main roads leading west out of Mortain. Approximately 700 men of the battalion and its attached units gathered there and consolidated their defense of Hill 314. For the next six days they would be cut off, surrounded, and
repeatedly attacked until they were out of ammunition and nearly defenseless, except for one thing. From their vantage point the observers, Frank Denius among them, could call fire missions wherever they could see the enemy and they could see from horizon to horizon. They dealt terrible destruction on the Germans and the counterattack to the sea failed because of it. Late on August 10th, the Americans on the hill received an airdrop of supplies relieving the critical shortage of ammunition and rations. However, they were out of medical supplies and the untreated wounded were dying as a result. In one of the most unusual happenings of the war, the 230th Artillery emptied some of their base ejection projectiles and filled them with bandages, dressings, sulfanilamide and morphine syrettes. On the evening of August 10th and again on August 11th, Frank Denius, directed the shelling of his own position with the medical supply-filled rounds. At least some of the projectiles were recovered with serviceable contents intact, and those supplies were critically needed. Late in the morning of August 12th, other 30th Infantry Division units reached Hill 314 and relieved the 376 survivors that were still able to walk away from the hill. One of those survivors was Frank Denius, who afterwards was decorated with a second award (first oak leaf cluster) of the Silver Star.

Later, in Belgium during the Battle of the Bulge, his Forward Observer party was again supporting the infantry battalion. On December 22, 1944 they found themselves in the path of a German panzer attack. Their artillery observation post was discovered by the enemy and taken under fire by German tanks. Despite the fire that began to fall all around him, Sergeant Denius refused to withdraw from the post and continued “rendering artillery support” until the attack had been repulsed. Staff Sergeant Franklin W. Denius later received his third award (second oak leaf cluster) of the Silver Star. He was still a teenager at the time. Frank was wounded during the fighting in Normandy, wounded again during the Battle of the Bulge; and, was awarded his second Purple Heart in February 1945. After serving with his unit in the Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace, and Central Europe Campaigns, through to the end of the war in Europe; Frank Denius returned home with the 30th Infantry Division. He arrived in the United States on August 25, 1945 and proceeded home to Texas where he was discharged in San Antonio at Fort Sam Houston on October 2nd. A fourth Silver Star was awarded to Frank after the war was over in 1945.

After leaving the Army he enrolled at the University of Texas and he has made his home in Austin ever since. Frank graduated in 1949, a big year for him. He earned degrees in both business and law, was admitted to the State Bar of Texas, went to work for the Austin law firm of Looney, Clark and Moorhead, and became a Director in the Cain Foundation (established by his uncle, Wofford Cain, a 1913 Texas A&M graduate and former A&M regent). That year too, he married Charmaine Hooper, who was also from Athens, Texas.

Now, more than 50 years later, he continues to practice law, he serves as Director of the Southern Union Company and of JPMorgan/Chase Bank, and he is President of the Cain Foundation. In his decades of service, he has chaired or served as counsel, or in other leadership positions on many committees, councils and boards of corporations, of the city and state government, and of the University of Texas and Texas A&M University; all of which institutions he served with intense devotion. But, nowhere is his personal involvement more apparent than it is with University of Texas Football. He goes to all the home games and most of the away games. He faithfully attends all the football practices as well and that once prompted Coach Mack Brown to say, “He’s made more practices than I have.”

Frank is a life member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 1919 and he was our featured speaker for the January 2003 chapter meeting. Frank and Charmaine Denius have two children, Frank Wofford Denius and Charmaine Denius McGill, and three grandchildren.
...Spring Is Just Around The Corner, It's Nearly Time For…

little league baseball

Chapter 1919 will again be sponsoring a team with the University Hills Optimists. This year’s president for little league baseball, Mike Beecher, has matched us up to sponsor their team in the “shetland” league. The shetlands are the very youngest class of kids, just starting out to play. We intend to have some snapshots of these, America’s future superstars, playing ball, printed in coming issues of PATRIOT BULLETIN.

VA PURPLE HEART COFFEE BAR

We don’t make a fuss about it in every issue, but, Chapter 1919 has a permanent, on-going need for volunteers to help operate our free coffee bar and refreshment stand in the Austin VA Clinic. We need to keep about 25 trained volunteers, each of which can expect to serve one morning shift about every two weeks. While we maintain that level there is plenty of flexibility in scheduling. If you can spare a little bit of your time to help out, we need your participation in this noble endeavor of the Chapter. Please call anytime:

—FRED or ELAINE REY, 339-8034

….MOPH’s own…

ROTC LEADERSHIP AWARDS
...Ceremonies Begin Next Month...

It’s hard to believe, but starting just next month, the end-of-school awards ceremonies will begin in the twenty-three different ROTC programs in the High Schools and Universities for which Chapter 1919 coordinates the presentation of MOPH’s ROTC Leadership Medal to a selected Cadet.

Several nationwide veterans organizations sponsor ROTC Awards. MOPH’s award is specifically for “leadership,” and it has been approved by the Department of Defense. Because of the prestige associated with the Purple Heart, MOPH’s decoration, by association, is highly respected among the Cadets themselves.

To enhance the meaning of the award, our goal is to have Chapter 1919’s most appropriate Purple Heart recipient making the presentation at each school ceremony, and I am working now at matching up “presenters” for each school. If you are a graduate of one of our local area high schools that sponsors a Junior ROTC Program (or an ROTC graduate of the University of Texas, Texas A&M University, or Texas State University), please let me know. If you would like to help, give me a call.

—FRED REY, ROTC Awards Chairman, 339-8034

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AND WHILE WE ARE ON THE SUBJECT OF CADETS

Patriot Martin Allday and his wife, Patricia, would like to share the news with the Chapter and Unit that their grandson in Texas A&M University, Cadet Jackson Dashiell, has just been announced as the Commander of the Corps of Cadets for 2006-2007.

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Patriot John Lingo and his wife, Ann, report that their grandson, USMA Cadet Bryson Shipman, (Leander High School Graduate) will soon be completing his second year at West Point.
CENTRAL TEXAS STATE VETERANS
CEMETERY
KILLEEN, TEXAS

This new veterans cemetery was opened January 3, 2006. Inquiries about interment of deceased veterans and their qualified family members may be directed to phone (254) 616-1770. The cemetery hours are 8—5, Monday thru Friday.

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE
LADIES AUXILIARY

Not a single one of our nearly 60 Auxiliaries was born in the month of March — Now, for all those that are really smart with statistics, how likely is it that could have happened?

—ELAINE REY, President

...One Of Our Own...

PATRIOT ALAN BABIN

...And Some Of The Steps Along His Very Slow And Long Road To Recovery....

Patriot Alan Babin was wounded in Iraq on March 31, 2003. He had a gunshot wound to the abdomen that did massive damage to the spleen, pancreas, stomach and intestines. Were it not for advances in medical treatment, and had he been a soldier with similar wounds on any previous battlefield, he could not have survived. Even with the best treatment, it took ten months before he could be moved to a rehab center near his home, and even then he was flat on his back and dependent on seven feeding and draining tubes in his body to keep him alive.

It took two and a half-year’s preparation for him to be able to withstand the surgery last October that would give him a chance to live again with a normally functioning digestive system. The surgery, back at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, turned out even better than anyone had dared hope for. Ross Perot furnished his own plane to fly Alan back to Texas for more rehab in San Antonio. In December, he got to go home for good, back in Round Rock.

The latest report says, “Alan gained one pound in the last month. That means that, without nutritional supplements or tube-feed, Alan’s digestive tract (what is left of it) is able to absorb nutrients from the oral foods and to process them in normal fashion. He continues to eat three meals a day, with snacks in-between, and we approach his meals from a nutritional/vitamin-filled/natural-fiber-filled aspect and keep a hawk-eye on his fluid intake between meals...Alan’s color is even looking better than it did last week...”

Alan Babin has a webpage that is updated every few days by his mother, Rosie Babin, who has devoted herself full-time to his care and in large measure has been responsible for Alan’s remarkable recovery. To see for yourself how Alan is doing, just turn on your computer and go to www.caringbridge.org/tx/alansangels/ for the latest message, photos, and site links.
PATRIOT BIRTHDAYS
Of the TEXAS CAPITAL CHAPTER

MARCH

3 CLINTON N. (NAT) WOFFORD
3 JAMES B. (JIM) THOMPSON
4 JOHN L. SCHUETTE
4 SCOTT E. (PADRE) JOHNSON
4 WALTER R. GORSAGE JR.
5 OLEN H. HOWARD JR.
5 RONALD E. (RON) WEAVER
5 ROBERT L. CRAWFORD
4 JOHN L. SCHUETTE
4 SCOTT E. (PADRE) JOHNSON
4 WALTER R. GORSAGE JR.
5 OLEN H. HOWARD JR.
5 RONALD E. (RON) WEAVER
5 ROBERT L. CRAWFORD
6 WILLIAM G. ORR
6 SYDNEY J. ABBOTT
6 MORRIS RIOJAS
7 FRANK E. PECK
9 HOWARD T. PRINCE II
9 PATRICK M. REILLY
10 RICHARD G. PEREZ
10 HAROLD E. (HAL) LEWIS
10 ANTHONY J. (TONY) GEISHAUSER
11 MICHAEL M. BRUSCINO
11 JOHN F. RUSSELL M.D.
12 RONALD G. (RON) FIESELER
13 RUFUS L. (LES) LEGGETT
13 ROBERT E. WILLIAMS
13 HARRY A. SWAN
13 DARREL E. BACCOCK
14 DONALD J. GILLILAND
15 GEORGE J. MIGL
16 CHARLES E. BENGE
17 BURL FRAZIER JR.
18 JAMES KINIMAKA
19 FRANK SEGURA
20 BEN J. SORRELL
20 ROY F. (TURK) MILLER 9/05
21 DAVID M. WARD
21 HAROLD J. MARBURGER
22 ERIC E. HEBBE JR.
22 PAUL SPIVEY
22 JAMES KINIMAKA
23 CURTIS C. McFARLAND JR.
23 GENE E. TISCHAUER
23 GEORGE T. ADAMS
23 JOHN ALVARADO JR.
27 TIMOTHY L. (TIM) GUTHRIE SR.
27 ABRAM A. (ABE) MILLAR
27 CARLOS K. 9/05 HAYDEN
28 WALLACE E. (PETE) SNELSON
28 RONALD W. (RON) SELLERS
28 BERNARD C. MCPHEE
28 GRADY D. FLOWERS
28 STEPHEN K. (STEVE) SMITH
28 GARY A. FITCHPATRICK
29 ROBERT F. DILLON
29 THOMAS P. MCNAMARA
30 JOHN B. BURNES
31 JOHN H. (J.H.) HOMRIGHAUSEN
31 CONRADO NIRA

APRIL

1 DAVID A. (DAVE) TOSH
2 THOMAS M. MADISON
2 WILLIAM L. ROCKWELL JR.
4 JACK BALDWIN JR.
6 MICHAEL G. STANLEY
7 TED WALLACE
7 CHARLES C. KELLEY
7 ROBERT N. (BOB) LICHTENBERGER
8 HUGH T. SINGLETON
10 LONNIE BROWN
10 RAWLIN WHITE JR.

ALL ABOUT BOOSTERS

We list BOOSTERS every month, but, rarely write anything about it. This is one of those rare times.

Chapter 1919 engages in many worthy activities for our Purple Heart membership, for veterans and their families, and for the greater community of which we are a part. Membership dues rebates from National provide only a small fraction of our chapter’s annual budget needs. However, from the beginning Chapter 1919 resolved that we would not assess any added dues or fees. We recognize that Purple Heart veterans come from a wide range in personal income and we do not want to lose even a single member because of a limited ability to pay dues. BOOSTERS was instituted as a fund-raising tool enabling those among us, having both the means and the intent, with a way to provide the added support necessary to continue Chapter 1919’s successful program. If you are already a contributor you will receive an individual mailing when your annual renewal date comes up. If you have not previously donated to BOOSTERS, please consider doing so now.

BOOSTER names are listed in PATRIOT BULLETIN for one year and each receives a Chapter 1919 “MEMBERS ONLY” Booklet. The booklet is now more than 50 pages and we know you will consider it to be a real “keeper.” It displays in long text each member’s wartime branch of service, war when wounded, unit of assignment and location where wounded. It is both a “souvenir publication” and a handy reference of this, our uniquely own veterans organization.
BOOSTERS

Help support Chapter 1919’s programs by becoming a “Booster” and adding your name to this distinguished list. Send check contribution of $10 or more payable to Chapter 1919, MOPH and designate for “Boosters” to: Adjutant, Milt Carr, 5114 Balcones Woods Drive Suite 307 #175, Austin, TX 78759-5212.

INDIVIDUALS

- MARTIN ALLDAY 3/05
- LESLIE ALLEN 1/06
- JOHN ALVARADO, JR. 8/05
- LATRELL BELLARD 8/05
- ROBERT BERNSTEIN 10/05
- JENNYNE BILSKY 4/05
- STEPHEN BODNAR 5/05
- DON & BETTY BOSSERMAN 2/06
- BILL & KATHRYN BRANT 11/05
- JOHN BRATTEN 1/06
- JAMES L. BROWN 1/06
- MILT CARR 3/05
- SEAN CARR 12/05
- JOE CASTRO 10/05
- BETTY CEPEDA 5/05
- JIM & ELAINE CHAMBERS 10/05
- JACK CHAVEZ 3/05
- MARCUS COHEN 12/05
- BOB COOK 3/05
- JOE CRUZ 3/05
- HARRY DAVES 8/05
- MACK & FAY DERRICK 5/05
- WALLACE DOWNEY 10/05
- PHILIP DREISEZUN 9/05
- RUFUS DYE 6/05
- JOHN ELI 9/05
- VIRGIL L. ELLIS MEMORIAL 1/06
- JAMES W. FARMER, SR. MEMORIAL 8/05
- JESS & NELL FARMER 12/04
- FORD FREEMAN 1/05
- VIC FRYINGER 1/06
- GONZALO GARZA 3/05
- TONY GONZALES 1/05
- MR&MRS ELTON GOODALL 6/05
- RANDY & VIOLA GREENE 10/05
- JESS & NELL FARMER 12/04
- FORD FREEMAN 1/05
- VIC FRYINGER 1/06
- GONZALO GARZA 3/05
- TONY GONZALES 1/05
- MR&MRS ELTON GOODALL 6/05
- RANDY & VIOLA GREENE 10/05
- JAMES D. SEYMOUR, JR. 5/05

BUSINESSES

- AUSTIN DUCK ADVENTURES 11/05
- CAPITOL BEVERAGE 8/05
- EL AZTECA RESTAURANT 12/05
- HEB FOOD STORE #2 6/05
- HILL’S CAFE 5/05
- INSTY-PRINTS S [ELLER FAMILY] 4360 S CONGRESS
- THE KYLE FAMILY
- LONE STAR SUPPLIES 2/05
- MCKINNEY E-SYSTEMS & ASSOC., INC. 5/05
- MIKE’S PRINT SHOP 6448 HWY 290E
- OLGA’S BEAUTY SPA 10/05
- OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE IH-35 N 12/05
- RANDALLS FOOD MKTS, INC, QTRLY
- SYSCO FOOD SVC OF AUSTIN, QTRLY

ALL-STAR DONORS

SPECIAL RECOGNITION IS DUE TO EACH OF OUR SUPER BOOSTERS, INDIVIDUALS WHOSE GIFTS HAVE TOTALED $100 OR MORE — AND CORPORATE DONORS WHO HAVE GIVEN $1,000 OR MORE DURING THE PAST YEAR.

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— Harold Rose —
— Odd Fellows Lodge #23 — Olga’s Beauty Spa — Outback Steakhouse —

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— Odd Fellows Lodge #23 — Olga’s Beauty Spa — Outback Steakhouse —

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- ODD FELLOWS LODGE 23 12/05
- TEXAS MILITARY FORCES MUSEUM, Monthly
- VFW POST 3377 1/06
- VFW POST 856 1/06
**In Memory and Gratitude**

**CPL BENNY MATIAS, JR.**
9th Infantry Division
12-11-68-RVN
Who gave their all to their country and will never be forgotten
RAYMOND DIAZ 1/06

**CPL JOE GARCIA**
173rd Airborne Brigade
6-4-69-RVN
Who gave their all to their country and will never be forgotten
RAYMOND DIAZ 1/06

**Tributes**

**IN MEMORY**

Of my fellow Aviators of the
4th Air Commando Sqdn
AC-47s “Spooky”
Those who answered the final call in Vietnam
JERRY L. MEEK 4/05

**IN MEMORY**

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439th Troop Carrier Group
JACK HADSELL 3/05

**HANG IN THERE**

**MEN OF MOPH 1919**

“HAVE A GREAT YEAR”
RAY McKEE 6/05

**This is in Memory of**

LtCol, USAF, Retired, M.C. Quillen
Ex-POW

“With Whom I Flew Many Hundreds of Hours With for the State of Texas”
“GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN”
JACK BOWEN, EX-POW, WWII 4/05

**The Aerial Artillerymen of “BLUE MAX”**

And The 101st Airborne
Who gave it their all in Vietnam
BOB LICHTENBERGER “BLUE MAX 4” 6/05

**In Honor of our Grandfather And Great-Grandfather**

**CURTIS WASHINGTON**

And in memory of his Tank Crew, 11th Armored Division
Who fought in the BATTLE OF THE BULGE
1/06
RICHARD, BETH, ELISE, HALEY, JULIA & PAIGE

**This is in Memory and Gratitude For the Many Members of All Services**

Who Passed On While They Fought for Our Nation
BOB BERNSTEIN, MD MG USA, RET 3/05

**IN MEMORY**

**Staff Sgt JOHN J. BROWN**
A Good Soldier,
A Great Father
JIM BROWN 1/06

**TO THOSE WHO SERVED**

Semper Fidelis
WILLIAM NEWBERRY 4/05

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**In Memory of Members of MACV Advisory Team 79**

who were killed or wounded, and to those who survived the conflict
Vietnam —1964 - 1965
HAL HUTH 9/05

**IN HONOR OF THE 36 MEN CO K, 333rd INF, 84th INF DIV**
Who helped preserve our freedoms by losing their lives within 6 months time
In Belgium, Germany 1944-1945.
PFC JOHN E. BRATTEN 1/06

**For Fallen Comrades**

1st Armored Division (Old Ironsides)
From FORT KNOX To BRENNER PASS;
Via ENGLAND, AFRICA, and ITALY’s APENNINES, ANZIO, PO
CARLOS HAYDEN 9/05

**To those who gave their lives**

103rd Infantry Division
Europe, 1944-45
JOHN BRAND 1/06

**For a donation of $25, or more, we will place your message in twelve subsequent publications of the bulletin. Special Note: Your contribution may be tax-deductible to the extent of the law prescribed in the Internal Revenue Code.**

—MILT CARR, (512) 343-7940
Good Fortune has smiled upon Chapter 1919, for we have gone another month without the reported loss of a Patriot, therefore, there is no TAPS article for March.

However the patriots and ladies of the Chapter and Unit 1919 are not our only assets, and we did suffer a loss last month of a very valuable, living and breathing part of our team. PATRIOT BULLETIN regrets to announce that our Chapter Mascot, the little dog “Pappy,” has died.

“Pappy” was cared for by Patriot Johnnie Matl and his wife, Lady Johnnie Matl in their home in Rockdale. They outfitted him appropriately and escorted him to public appearances at patriotic events. He attracted much attention, especially from the children when he accompanied us at events such as the Veterans Day Parades in Austin every year. At other times, he was our sole representation, such as in Belton’s Independence Day Parades; and through the years, “Pappy” could always be depended upon to draw the attention of the media. We have had the benefit of favorable publicity in newspapers and TV sound-bites that we would otherwise not have had were it not for the Chapter Mascot. We will report on Pappy’s many achievements in a future issue. For now, we extend sympathy to the Matl’s; “Pappy” meant a lot to them.
The MILITARY ORDER of the PURPLE HEART of the U.S.A.  
TEXAS CAPITAL CHAPTER 1919  
5701 PAINTED VALLEY DR  
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