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On these pages are the names of distinguished recipients of the DAR Medal of Honor recommended by chapters of the Texas Society Daughters of the American Revolution and awarded by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

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The DAR Medal of Honor

The Americanism Committee was established in 1919 and oversees the awarding of the DAR Medal of Honor. Since its creation in 1972, the most prestigious honor awarded by the National Society has been presented to less than 2,000 individuals across the United States and overseas. Texas chapters have awarded 237 DAR Medals of Honor since 1972.



The DAR Medal of Honor recognizes an adult, native-born American citizen who has demonstrated the extraordinary qualities of leadership, trustworthiness, service and patriotism. The recipient must have made unusual and lasting contributions to our American heritage by truly giving of themselves to their community, state, country, and fellowman.

Major General S. Christopher Adams

U.S. Air Force, Retired

Sponsor: Elizabeth Crockett Chapter

Award Year: 2011

General Christopher Adams was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, and graduated from Tomball High School, Tomball, Texas. He received an Associate of Science degree from Tarleton State College, Stephenville, Texas, and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from East Texas State University. General Adams is a command pilot with more than 8,000 flying hours in various aircraft, and he wears the master missile badge. He retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1983 with the grade of Major General, and as Chief of Staff, Strategic



Photo: U.S. Air Force

Air Command. Following his retirement from active military service, General Adams accepted an appointment as Associate Director, Los Alamos National Laboratory. Since retirement from the corporate world, General Adams has served on various boards within his community and state. He received an appointment from Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, to the Brazos River Authority. The author of six books, General Adams has been described as a "trustworthy, patriotic loyal and brave strong leader, and a great father and family man, "a true American Patriot"; and "a Cold War hero".

Eugene Morse Addison, M.D.
Sponsor: Mary Martin Elmore Scott Chapter
Award Year: 1983

Dr. Eugene Morse Addison, M.D., was born in Walker County, Texas, and died December 25, 1996. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Sam Houston Teachers State College and a medical degree from The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in 1945. Dr. Addison enlisted with the Texas National Guard on June 30, 1942, and served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps as a major during World War II. His wife followed him serving as his surgical nurse. In 1948,



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they settled in Huntsville where Dr. Addison began his long and distinguished medical practice and where he continued his military service as a lieutenant colonel in the active reserve from 1948 to 1959. Dr. Addison became one of Huntsville's most renowned physicians over the course of his 40 years of service as a practitioner of obstetrics and general medicine. During that time, he also served as chief of staff at Huntsville Memorial Hospital for seven terms and as chief of surgery for four terms. Dr. Addison devoted his time and energy to a number of worthy civic organizations and served as president of both the Kiwanis Club and the Huntsville Walker County Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Addison was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Brigadier General Robin Babb Akin
U.S. Army, Retired
Sponsor: Captain Nathaniel Mills Chapter
Award Year: 2017

Brigadier General Robin Babb Akin has served our country as a soldier and military leader for over 31 years. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee; master's degrees from Central Michigan University and the U.S. Army War College. She was the only woman in her master parachutist class in 1986 and she was the first University of Tennessee female cadet to be selected for the rank of brigadier general. General Akin has held multiple senior leadership positions which have taken her across the country and around the world, including joint and operational assignments



Photo: U.S. Army

as Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for the combined military forces in Korea; Director, Logistics Operations, Operation Iraqi Freedom; Commander, 3d Sustainment Command, Operation Unified Response, Haiti; and others. General Akin is a volunteer for Attitudes & Attire and co-creator of Boots to Heals, a nonprofit organization assisting female veterans. She is an advisory board member of the Fort Worth Air Power Council and serves as a board member of the Texas Leadership Counsel and the Center for Brain Health. General Akin is the Texas State Coordinator for Count Me In and the Women Veteran Entrepreneur Core. She is also a member of the Captain Nathaniel Mills Chapter, NSDAR.

Charles David Barton
Sponsor: Mary Isham Keith Chapter
Award Year: 1998

Charles David Barton was born in Austin, Texas, and graduated from Oral Roberts University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious Education. Mr. Barton is affiliated with numerous boards and has received multiple honors, including Two Angel Awards for Excellence in Media and Educational Medium; George Washington Medal of Honor Medal; and Outstanding Young Men in America. His research has been with "historical reclamation." He has served as a teacher and later as school administrator of Aledo Christian School. Mr.

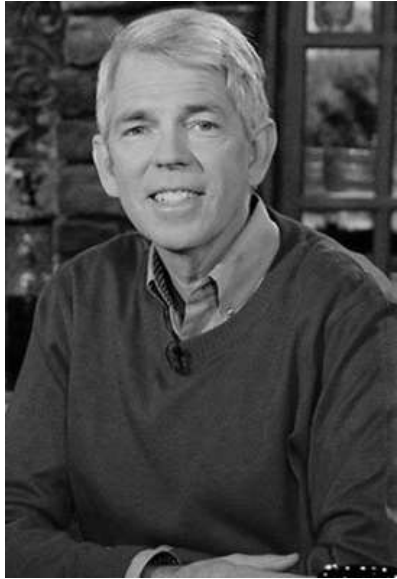


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Barton is the author of numerous best-selling books, including "Bullet Proof George Washington", and he has filmed five videos: "America's Godly Heritage", "Education and the Founding Fathers", "Foundation of American Government", "Spirit of the American Revolution", and "Keys to Good Government". A national news organization has described him as "America's historian," Mr. Barton is the founder and president of WallBuilders, a national organization dedicated to presenting America's forgotten history and heroes.

Perry Richardson Bass
Sponsor: Mary Isham Keith Chapter
Award Year: 1994

Perry Richardson Bass was born in Wichita Falls, Texas, and came to Fort Worth after graduation from Yale where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology. He became an outstanding member of the business community, a civic leader, conservationist, and he was active in the Boy Scouts, receiving their highest awards. During WWII, he designed and built fireboats for the U.S. Navy. He also served on the National Petroleum Council and the National Oil Policy Commission. Mr. Bass served on local, state and national boards of oil, gas, conservation, art, education, banks and other organizations. In 2005, Mr. Bass



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was the 746th-wealthiest American citizen. It was through his generous contributions that downtown Fort Worth was restored. He also contributed to schools, churches, research, conservation, the arts and many charitable organizations. Mr. Bass died on June 1, 2006, in Fort Worth, Texas.

Robert Lawrence Bearden
Sponsor: Ensign Thomas Huling Chapter
Award Year: 2011

Robert Lawrence Bearden was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on August 20, 1922, and died on August 18, 2017, in Killeen, Texas. He graduated from the University of Texas, Austin, in 1955. Mr. Bearden enlisted with Company F, 144th Infantry Regiment, 36th Infantry Division, Texas National Guard, in Dallas. He was called into Federal service in November of 1940 and was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Infantry, U.S. Army where he served as a squad leader when his mortar squad made its first



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jump in Normandy, France, on D-Day, June 6, 1944. Out of ammunition and overwhelmingly outnumbered by heavily armed German soldiers, Mr. Bearden and several paratroopers of the 507th Regiment were captured and held as Prisoners of War. Mr. Bearden was held as a prisoner of war until Stalag IIIC, an American POW camp at Kustrin, Germany, was liberated by the Russian Army during their drive to Berlin in December, 1945. Mr. Bearden established Christian Farms, a drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility for men, and Tree House, a drug and alcohol treatment facility for women in Temple, Texas. In 1987, at a White House ceremony, he received the President's Child Safety Partnership Award, presented by President Ronald Reagan.

Lieutenant Colonel John Mitchell Bell
U.S. Marine Corps, Retired
Sponsor: Nancy Horton Davis Chapter
Award Year: 2018

Lieutenant Colonel John Mitchell Bell was born in Charleston, South Carolina, and lived in Washington, D.C., during much of his youth. He graduated from James Madison University-Harrisonburg, Virginia, in 1988 with a Bachelor of Arts in History. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve in 1986 and completed Naval Flight Training in 1991. In addition to numerous stateside command and other assignments,



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Lieutenant Colonel Bell

served overseas as an Air Field Operations Officer, Al Taqaddum, Iraq, 2005-2006; an Afghan National Police Advisor, Kabul, Afghanistan, 2008; and he served on the Advance Team OIC, Kabul, Afghanistan, 2009. Lieutenant Colonel Bell directs the Purple Hearts Reunited Valor Guard returning lost medals of valor to their rightful owners. He is actively involved with Snowball Express; Fort Worth Air Power Council; Sky Ball; Gainesville's Host City Medal of Honor program; and a number of other veterans' service organizations and charities.

Phil H. Berry Jr. M.D.
Sponsor: Old Chisholm Trail Chapter
Award Year: 2020

Dr. Phil H. Berry Jr. is a graduate of the University of Mississippi. While a student, he was a cadet in the Naval ROTC program and upon his graduation, he became a naval officer, serving for over two years. Dr. Berry, an orthopedic surgeon, has served on boards of directors, or as president, director, vice president, chair, section chief, or captain of numerous organizations. He founded the first air-ambulance service in North Texas and served as its medical director. He



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simultaneously spearheaded the creation of an associated level-3 trauma center to care for airlift patients. He founded and led the "Live and Then Give" organ donor awareness campaign and co-founded and chaired the Southwest Transplant Foundation. Dr. Berry served as president of the Texas Medical Association; Dallas County Medical Society; Texas Orthopedic Association; Texas Society of Sports Medicine; and the Dallas County United Way. He served on the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and the HHS/HRSA Organ Donation Breakthrough Collaborative.

Brian Douglas Birdwell
Sponsor: Elizabeth Crockett Chapter
Award Year: 2013

A native of Fort Worth, Texas, and a graduate of Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas, Lieutenant Colonel Brian Birdwell enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in South Korea. He deployed for Operation Desert Storm/Desert Shield. On 9/11, he was serving on the Army staff at the Pentagon when American Airlines flight 77 collided into the structure. Upon impact, Lieutenant Colonel Birdwell was engulfed in flames. Burns covered 60 percent of his body. While in the fight for his life, he



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underwent 39 surgeries, intensive skin grafts and unbearably painful medical treatment. Lieutenant Colonel Birdwell was awarded The Purple Heart for wounds received on that fateful day. Upon his retirement from military service in 2004, Lieutenant Colonel Birdwell founded Face the Fire Ministries, a non-profit organization which serves critical burn survivors and our nation's wounded servicemen and women. He also co-wrote, *Refined by Fire: A Family's Triumph of Love and Faith*. Brian Birdwell inspires the most severely injured by sharing his experiences following the 9/11 terrorist attack. He is a regular visitor to medical and burn centers, hospitals and Fisher Houses. In 2010, Brian Birdwell was elected to the Texas Senate District 22.

Gene Raymond Birdwell
Sponsor: San Jacinto Chapter
Award Year: 2013

Gene Raymond Birdwell graduated from Longview High School and continued his education at the Texas A&M University where he earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and a Master's of Business Administration from the University of Dallas. Upon his graduation from college, Mr. Birdwell started his military career as a captain in the U.S. Air Force where he served as an engineer until 1962. Mr. Birdwell is founder of the PTSD Foundation of America, a non-profit outreach organization that



Photo: www.ptsdusa.org

serves and supports veterans struggling with Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome. Since its founding, the PTSD Foundation continues to expand a network of individuals, churches, and organizations to assist veterans and their families in dealing with the symptoms of PTSD. In 2012, he was responsible for building an interim housing facility for veterans with PTSD called Camp Hope. Camp Hope assists veterans with a myriad of issues to include job placement, transportation and peer support groups.

Colonel Edward Gerald Bishop

U.S. Air Force, Retired

Sponsor: Silas Morton Chapter

Award Year: 2005

Colonel Edward Gerald Bishop was born in Oklahoma, and moved to Graham, Texas, when he was in the third grade. After graduation from the College of Mortuary Science in Dallas, his mortuary apprenticeship was interrupted when he entered the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1941. In 1943, he began flight training. Colonel Bishop had flown 42 combat missions when the war in Europe ended. He returned home in September of 1945 to complete his mortuary apprenticeship and to work as a mortician. Colonel Bishop was recalled to active



Photo: Legacy - Brothers in Arms

duty in 1951 where he flew 52 combat missions in Korea. He was again recalled to aircrew duty flying in support of the Vietnam War where he flew 810 sorties in South Vietnam. He finished his military career with 33 years of service and with over 900 combat missions logged in 3 wars and 33 different aircraft. He was recognized with numerous medals for his heroic service. Following his return to Graham, Texas, he organized the Young County Teen Court, played a vital role in the creation of the Young County Veterans Memorial, and had a major part in establishing the Robert E. Richeson Commemorative Air Force Museum. Colonel Bishop died in 2006.

Ralph Eugene Blount
Sponsor: Captain William Young Chapter
Award Year: 1994

Ralph Eugene "Peppy" Blount, born October 19, 1924, in Ferris, Texas, was a Texas giant of a man, both literally and figuratively! He was of large build, had a strong personality, was a natural born leader and a consummate greeter. Mr. Blount was a collegiate football player, a WWII pilot, an attorney, and he became a member of the Texas house of representatives while still attending law school. Mr. Blount authored several books, including *We Band of Brothers*; *Mamas, Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to Play*



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Football; *A Time For All Reasons*; and *All Things Considered... It's Been a Good Life*. Known for his benevolence, it seems whenever there was a need and he was called upon, Mr. Blount graciously responded. During his lifetime, he has raised over four million dollars as emcee for the local Jerry Lewis Telethon. Ralph "Peppy" Blount died on June 22, 2010.

John William Boerstler
Sponsor: Tejas Chapter
Award Year: 2019

John William Boerstler was born in Houston, Texas. In 1999, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and earned the rank of sergeant. His overseas assignments included tours in Kuwait, Syria, Jordan, Djibouti, Kenya and a combat tour in Iraq. Mr. Boerstler was injured in Iraq. After his honorable discharge from service, he earned a bachelor's degree at Texas A&M University and a Master in Public Administration degree from the University of Houston. Mr. Boerstler is the recipient of the Marshall Memorial Fellowship,



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representing the United States in eight different European countries. As a Marshall Fellow, he has traveled to the United Kingdom, Denmark, and Ukraine to write comparative papers on their military transition system. In addition, he was named by the Houston Business Journal's "40 Under 40" in 2018. After seeing one of the largest veteran populations in the country struggling, he helped to found Lone Star Veterans Association, an organization that provides free services to military men and women, veterans and military families. Mr. Boerstler is currently the executive director of NextOp and serves on the boards for Lone Star Veterans Association, the Texas Veterans Commission Advisory Committee and Family Services of Greater Houston.

Kaye Kelley Bowling
Sponsor: James Billingsley Chapter
Award Year: 1999

Kaye Kelley Bowling earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics from the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa and a master's degree in education from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. She has volunteered in many organizations and has received numerous awards. Ms. Bowling is a member and volunteer at the First Baptist Church in Richardson, Texas. She is a volunteer teacher of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes at International Friends, a program to minister to the needs of multi-cultural families in through ESL classes. Ms. Bowling also volunteered to serve as director of International Friends. As director, she was responsible for organizing programs, recruiting workers, planning the curriculum, registration and placement of students, planning social functions and other administrative duties for the group established at the church in November 1969. Under her leadership, the program grew from 200 students to 400 students from 30 different countries and is now one of the largest ESL class in Texas. Classes are offered in grammar, conversation, citizenship, cooking, crafts, current events, literature and Bible study. New citizens are recognized with the presentation of an American Flag and students are offered Bibles in their native language, free of charge. Students who leave the program to return permanently to their home country are given a small memento of their time with International Friends. Ms. Bowling continues to serve as director for International Friends.

Sergeant First Class Dana Bowman

U.S. Army, Retired

Sponsor: Elizabeth Crockett Chapter

Award Year: 2020

Sergeant First Class Dana Bowman served in the U.S. Army as a Special Forces soldier and a member of the Golden Knights, an elite skydiving team. In 1994, SFC Bowman suffered the loss of both legs during a midair collision with a teammate. In just nine months following the severe injury, SFC Bowman became the first double amputee to re-enlist in the U.S. Army. He served as the Golden Knight's key public speaker and recruiting commander. Until his retirement from the military in 1996, SFC Bowman traveled the country



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to share his inspirational story of service and sacrifice, and to demonstrate that physically challenged individuals are still able to work and excel in any area they desire, including in the military. SFC Bowman has given more than 1000 speeches and has been featured in over 250 national and international television and print media articles and programs. As well, SFC Bowman founded the HALO for Freedom Warrior Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting wounded warriors during the rehabilitation and healing process. SFC Bowman has made it his life mission to show, "It's not the disability...It's the ability!"

General of the Army Omar Nelson Bradley
U.S. Army, Retired
Sponsor: Texas State Society
Award Year: 1979

One of the most well-known American military officers, General Omar Nelson Bradley, served two terms as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He commanded a division, a corps, an army and a group of armies in WWII. He served as commander of the 12th U.S. Army Group in Europe which numbered more than 1.3 million combat troops, the largest group of American soldiers ever to serve under one field commander. A Corps commander in North Africa and later in Sicily, he took an Army across beaches of Normandy and ended WWII in Germany in command of an



Photo: U.S. Army

Army group. Three weeks after V-E Day, General Bradley was drafted to become head of the Veterans Administration during critical postwar demobilization of U.S. Armed Forces. In February 1948, General Bradley became Chief of Staff of the Army. He was appointed Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and was reappointed again as chairman in 1951. He was nominated by President Truman for promotion to General of the Army, confirmed by Senate and appointed as General of the Army in 1950.

Charles Raymond Bright
Sponsor: Nacogdoches Chapter
Award Year: 2000

Charles Raymond Bright was a truly dedicated leader of improvement and preservation of the city of Nacogdoches. A lifetime citizen of the city, Mr. Bright joined the armed services of his country in wartime, founded a successful business for the local economy, and participated in organizations and activities which served his community. He was elected for sixteen years to the board of the Nacogdoches County Hospital District Memorial Hospital, where he served as president and he managed a successful expansion of facilities and services. The Charles Bright



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Pavilion at the hospital was dedicated in appreciation of his service. He served on the Deep East Texas Development Association. He planned and executed an array of historic preservation projects, including the restoration of irreplaceable properties, a Victorian mansion and an original downtown building. Mr. Bright developed the improvement and beautification of the original town square--The Plaza Principal. Additionally, he helped to found the Nacogdoches Architectural Corporation which saves historic local properties and develops their successful use. He personally completed the erection of historical monuments to mark the Battle of Nacogdoches and the Nacogdoches home of Sam Houston. Mr. Bright died in 2013 at the age of 86 years.

Brigadier General Wallace H. Brucker

U.S. Army, Retired

Sponsor: Texas State Society

Award Year: 1979

Brigadier General Wallace H. Brucker was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Coast Artillery Corps and helped establish and operate a camp at Fort Monroe, Virginia, for the reception of the first enrollees and their organization into companies which were shipped out to national forests to do conservation work. During WWII, General Brucker spent 43 months overseas in Europe and North Africa. He commanded a battalion of anti-aircraft artillery automatic weapons during the invasion of North Africa in November 1942 and the Tunisian Campaign which followed. In March 1943,



Photo: U.S. Army

he became staff officer, first at Allied Force Headquarters in Algiers and later at Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force in London. In these assignments he was responsible for air defense planning for invasions of Sicily, Southern Italy and Normandy. General Brucker promoted patriotism in El Paso schools and was a speaker for many groups on the subject of patriotism. General Brucker wrote the book, *Operations of the Air Defense Division, SHAEF, 1944-45*, which describes a coordination of defense against an air attack and offers conclusions and lessons learned. General Brucker died on April 9, 1981 and is buried at Fort Bliss National Cemetery, El Paso.

Master Sergeant George Edward Burlage

U.S. Marine Corps, Retired

Sponsor: Benjamin Lyon Chapter

Award Year: 2006

Master Sergeant George Edward Burlage was born in California, and grew up during the Great Depression. Mr. Burlage enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1939. After basic training, he was sent to the Philippine Islands for two years. He was scheduled to be rotated back to the United States when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Mr. Burlage fought at Bataan and Corregidor after the 1942 Japanese invasion of the Philippines. He was captured by the Japanese army in May of 1942 and held as a prisoner of war for 40 months, surviving the infamous prisoner “hell ships”.



Photo: www.usmccca.org

Mr. Burlage was scheduled to be executed on November 2, 1945. His life was saved with the atomic bombing of Japan. Following his military service, Mr. Burlage was employed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). During his employment with the FAA, he attended night school and ultimately received a master's degree. Mr. Burlage died November 30, 2008, at after a brief illness. He was 90 years old.

Julius Claude Burnham
Sponsor: Libertad Chapter
Award Year: 2004

Julius Claude Burnham was born in Houston, Texas, in 1937 and died October 30, 2012. He attended Houston public schools and the University of Houston. In 1982, he was chosen "Citizen of the Year" by the Liberty-Dayton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and in 2001, Mr. Burnham was elected as a city councilman on the Liberty City Council. He daily flew two flags at his home, and he was instrumental in obtaining the funding for a "giant" American Flag to fly on the outskirts of Liberty. His commitment to the community is legendary and his charitable work for the



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youth of Liberty County is perhaps his most lasting contribution. He organized the "Burnham Golf Classic" which benefits children in need. He organized the annual "Kid Fish" project which provides Liberty County youth and their families with a day of fishing at no cost. He was named a lifetime vice president of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, one of the largest scholarship charities of its kind in the U.S. In this position he negotiated successfully to get a \$10,000 scholarship for one high school senior from all six high schools in the county which is \$60,000 in college scholarships every year for children in Liberty County. Mr. Burnham also generously contributed to local veterans' organizations and historical commissions.

Judge Edward F. Butler
Sponsor: San Antonio de Bexar Chapter
Award Year: 2018

Judge Edward F. Butler, a retired federal Judge, is a distinguished native of Memphis, Tennessee, where he practiced law from 1961 through 1991. After his admission to the Texas Bar in 1972, he continued his faithful pursuit of justice for another 37 years. Judge Butler is a veteran and served in both the U.S. Air Force Reserve and the U.S. Navy Reserve. He retired as a Navy Reserve commander with 35 years of military service. Judge Butler has successfully organized various lineage organizations and has held leadership positions in



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numerous lineage societies, veterans support organizations, civic, fraternal and legal associations. In July 2009, Judge Butler was elected President General, National Society Sons of the American Revolution. He was National Judge Advocate General, Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge; Deputy Judge Advocate General, Military Order of the Stars and Bars; and Assistant Judge Advocate General and Vice President General, Society of the War of 1812. Judge Butler is an acclaimed author with law, family history, and travel books, as well as dozens of legal and travel articles, to his credit.

John P. Butler
Sponsor: Colonel Theunis Dey Chapter
Award Year: 1979

John P Butler was born in Mount Calm, Texas, and graduated from high school in Mount Calm in 1918.

At the age of 17 years, Mr. Butler embarked upon his banking career at the First State Bank of Mount Calm, Texas. In 1927, at the age of 25 years, Mr. Butler accepted a position at First National Bank and moved to Midland. Mr. Butler eventually worked his way up



the ranks to be elected as the bank president in

Photo: www.petroleummuseum.org

1953 and as chairman of the board in 1963. In 1975, he was named honorary chairman. Mr. Butler was president of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, a member of the City Council and he served as Mayor pro tem. He was president of the Midland Lions Club and he was responsible for development and opening of the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. He served as the first chairman of the board of executors for the museum.

Henry Louis Callihan
Sponsor: Lady Washington Chapter
Award Year: 1994

Henry Louis Callihan was decorated several times for heroism in WWII as an infantry medic. He received a Silver Star, Bronze Star for bravery and two Purple Hearts for his service in the Philippines. He was a deputy sheriff, bailiff in Harris County courts, and the Texas Sesquicentennial Ambassador to the Philippines. After WWII, Mr. Callihan conquered overwhelming odds to develop his idea for the United States Veterans Memorial, Inc., a project of building and furnishing libraries for the school children of Leyte, Philippines. He personally took charge of the project and through his untiring efforts, and despite personal health problems, he made his dream come true. With the help of professionals from all walks of life, he successfully built three libraries to memorialize American service members who served and died in the Philippines. Mr. Callihan was the subject of "Henry Callihan Day" designated by the city of Houston. He also received special congressional recognition. Mr. Callihan died in 2001.

Andrew Keating Carroll
Sponsor: Alexander Love Chapter
Award Year: 2002

Andrew Carroll was born in September 1969 and raised in the Washington D.C. area. He is an award-winning author, editor, historian and activist. In his sophomore year at Columbia University, Mr. Carroll wrote his first book. After graduating from Columbia, he co-founded the American Poetry & Literacy Project that distributes free poetry books to people from all walks of life. From 1995 through 2016, Mr. Carroll wrote numerous inspirational and bestselling books providing a closeup view of war through the personal correspondence of soldiers. In 1998, Mr. Carroll founded the Legacy Project, a



Photo: Chapman University

national, nonprofit organization that works to honor and remember America's veterans by preserving their war letters. This project has received over 60,000 letters from every war in American history. In 2013, Mr. Carroll donated the letters of the Legacy project to the Center for American War Letters at Chapman University. As of 2014, Mr. Carroll has been traveling across the country to mark important but overlooked people and places of historic significance with plaques that he pays for and delivers himself. His eighth book, *My Fellow Soldiers: General John Pershing and the Americans Who Helped Win the Great War* was published in 2017.

Lieutenant General Marc Antonio Cisneros

U.S. Army, Retired

Sponsor: Corpus Christi Chapter

Award Year: 2016

Lieutenant General Marc Anthony Cisneros was born in Brownsville, Texas, and graduated from St. Mary's University, San Antonio, with a Bachelor of Business Administration. He earned a master's degree from Shippensburg State University, Pennsylvania, and graduated from the U.S. Army War College in 1978. The three-star general served from 1963 to 1965 as battery commander of the U.S. Army forces in Europe. During two tours in Vietnam, General Cisneros worked as an advisor during the Tet offensive, and served



Photo: U.S. Army

as a regional advisor to the South Vietnamese Army. He was battalion commander at Fort Hood, and an artillery commander. General Cisneros is most remembered for his role in the 1989 Panama invasion in which he helped orchestrate the invasion and capture of then-dictator General Manuel Noriega during "Operation Just Cause." General Cisneros served as commander of the U.S. Army South, making him the highest-ranking Latino in the U.S. Army. He received two Distinguished Service Medals, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star; and he was named one of "100 Most Influential Hispanics," Hispanic Business Magazine, 1997.

Van Cliburn
Sponsor: Captain Molly Corbin Chapter
Award Year: 2009

Harvey Lavan "Van" Cliburn Jr. was born in Shreveport, Louisiana. As a young child, the Cliburn family moved to Kilgore, Texas. When he was just 23 years of age, Mr. Cliburn was propelled upon the world stage by winning the First International Tchaikovsky Piano Competition, a classical music contest designed to showcase Soviet cultural superiority during the Cold War. He returned home from the competition to the United States and was greeted with a hero's welcome. For his success in Russia, a cover story in *Time* magazine proclaimed him, "The Texan



Photo: Dutch National Archives

Who Conquered Russia". Mr. Cliburn performed with every major orchestra and conductor, and he appeared at all important concert halls across the United States and around the world. He recorded what became the best-selling classical album in the world for more than a decade. Mr. Cliburn's interest in education and young artists was realized with the creation of the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in 1962. The competition is widely recognized as "the most prestigious classical music contest in the world." for young artists. Through the Van Cliburn Foundation, educational programs were developed and continue today.

Claude Douglas Clower
Sponsor: Brazos Valley Chapter
Award Year: 2006

Born and raised in Mississippi, Claude Douglas Clower earned two engineering degrees from Lamar University and a master's degree from the Naval Post Graduate School. During his 20 years in the U.S. Navy, Commander Clower accumulated 900 carrier landings including 200-night landings. He was a member of the Top Gun Flight School. On November 19, 1967, he was shot down near Haiphong, North Vietnam, and spent five and one-half years as a prisoner of war. He was interned in the infamous "Hanoi Hilton" and was the senior ranking officer for five of those years. Because of his military experience, Mr. Clower was able to work on behalf of, and to contribute to, the formation of the Prisoner of War Museum.



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Colonel Kenneth W. Cordier
U.S. Air Force, Retired
Sponsor: Old Chisholm Trail Chapter
Award Year: 1998

Colonel Kenneth W. Cordier is a native of Akron, Ohio. He graduated from the University of Akron in 1960 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and later earned a Master of Science in Management from Troy State University, Alabama. Colonel Cordier served his country in the Air Force for 24 years. He flew 59 combat missions over North Vietnam and Laos in 1965. In 1966, he served a second tour of duty and accumulated another 116 combat missions over Southeast Asia. On December 2, 1966, his aircraft was downed by an enemy missile and Colonel Cordier was captured and held by the enemy.



Photo: U.S. Air Force

Colonel Cordier was a POW in Vietnam for over six years. After his release, he returned to active duty in the Air Force until 1985. After his retirement, Colonel Cordier returned to the U.S. In 1985, he moved to Dallas, Texas, and continues to motivate others with his inspirational speeches about his experience as a POW in Vietnam. He organized several national reunions for Vietnam veterans and has created support systems for veteran concerns and needs. He has done extensive service by raising funds for charities and serves as an advocate for the Vietnamese-American community.

James Walter Coughlin
Sponsor: Nancy Horton Davis Chapter
Award Year: 2014

A U.S. Secret Service agent from 1961 to 1977, J. Walter Coughlin served on the details of Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, and Vice President Hubert Humphrey. He was a member of the advance team for President Kennedy's famous trip to Berlin, Germany. In November 1963, he was assigned to the Secret Service detail during President Kennedy's stop in San Antonio. As the Kennedys flew to Fort Worth for the next part of the Texas tour, Mr. Coughlin departed for Washington, D.C., where he heard the devastating news of President Kennedy's death. Later, he protected President Johnson and Vice-President Humphrey. He accompanied Vice President Humphrey to Vietnam and on his visit to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago in 1968. In 1973, Mr. Coughlin was assigned the agent in charge of Dallas office. After retiring from the Secret Service, he served as a security consultant.



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Ronald E. Cowart
Sponsor: James Campbell Chapter
Award Year: 1989

Ronald E. Cowart attended Irving High School; Abilene University where he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice; and Southern Methodist University where he earned a Master of Liberal Arts degree. He is a Vietnam veteran having served in the U.S. Navy. He was awarded a Purple Heart, Navy Achievement Medal and Combat Action Ribbon. In 1974, he joined the Dallas Police Department's Special Operations Tactical Section which only worked high crime areas. In 1987, Officer Cowart was recognized by the Police Foundation in Washington, D.C., for developing the best inner-city crime reduction project in the United States. He is also credited with helping to build the bridge between law enforcement and Cambodian refugees. Officer Cowart founded and served as post advisor for Law Enforcement Explorer Post 68 whose youth membership included many Asian members. Officer Cowart recruited three Asian men to take the police academy course and become public service officers. They were assigned to his office marking the first time in Texas a law enforcement agency had uniformed personnel representing three major Southeast Asian nationalities. An active volunteer, he organized toy, clothing, and food drives, and was responsible for acquiring funding for various projects from companies and organizations. Officer Cowart was selected to direct the Dallas Police Department's Southeast Asian Refugee Liaison Office. He retired in 2018 after 28 years of employment as a law enforcement officer.

Lieutenant Commander Richard Glenn Crabb

U.S. Navy, Retired

Sponsor: Richard Bard Chapter

Award Year: 2019

Lieutenant Commander Richard (Rick) Crabb was born in Duncan, Oklahoma. He graduated high school in Midlothian, Texas, and attended Southern Illinois University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Care Administration. In 1986, he received a Master of Arts in Business Administration from Webster University, St. Louis, Missouri. Lt Commander Crabb is a Plans, Operations, and Medical Intelligence specialist, with a secondary subspecialty of Health Care Administration.



Photo: U.S. Navy

Lt Commander Crabb retired from the United States Navy after serving 23 years. Since his retirement, he has stood the flag line at thousands of funerals for veterans. He has served as Dispatcher to the North Texas Patriot Guard Riders and continues to serve as Ride Captain. Lt Commander Crabb was the National Store Manager for the Patriot Guard Riders for several years and is now Deputy to the Vice President of Captains, a National level position.

Judson Arnold Cramer, PhD
Sponsor: Mary Isham Keith Chapter
Award Year: 1997

Judson A. Cramer was born on August 16, 1921 at Ft. Worth, Texas. He attended Texas Christian University and Texas Wesleyan College. Dr. Cramer served 46 months in WWII as a pilot in the Air Force. He earned an Honorary Doctorate in business and finance. Dr. Cramer was affiliated with Harris Methodist Health System, Harris Methodist Hospital, chairman, Board of Trustees; Texas Hospital Trustees, vice president; American Hospital Association; and Exchange Club of Fort Worth. He served as chairman, Board of



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Trustees, Texas Wesleyan College; chairman, March of Dimes, North Texas Chapter; president, Rotary International President; chairman, YMCA; chairman, Chamber of Commerce; vice president, Fort Worth Progress, Inc; treasurer, Neighborhood Health Horizons, Inc. He was a volunteer for Prevent Blindness and was appointed to the Governor's Task Force in Indigent Health Care. He received many awards, including Rotary International awards; Special Achievement Award, March of Dimes; and Distinguished Volunteer Service Award and National Volunteer Award, March of Dimes. Dr. Cramer died in Fort Worth on August 13, 2015.

Colonel Thomas Jerry Curtis
U.S. Air Force, Retired
Sponsor: Mary Isham Keith Chapter
Award Year: 2005

Colonel Curtis is native of Teague, Texas. He received his wings and commission in 1954 and then completed a 25-year career in the U.S. Air Force. On September 20, 1965, while flying a combat rescue mission in North Vietnam, his helicopter was shot down; and he was subsequently captured and held in various North Vietnamese prisons, including the infamous “Hanoi Hilton”. Colonel Curtis was released on February 12, 1973, after seven and one-half years as a prisoner of war. Enslaved for nearly eight years, and separated from his wife and family, Colonel Jerry Curtis returned home to



Photo: U.S. Air Force

make a life for himself in Temple, Texas. He became a Spanish teacher at Academy High School and spent many hours in the classroom and at extracurricular activities. With time, he began to speak to various groups and organizations about his experiences in the Vietnam war and as a prisoner of war, sharing his enormous faith in a loving God, and his great love for his country.

John Howard Dalton
Sponsor: Lady Washington Chapter
Award Year: 2007

Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, this nation's 70th Secretary of the Navy began his military service at the U.S. Naval Academy where he was named Deputy Brigade Commander. He earned his Master of Business Administration degree from the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce. As a naval officer, Mr. Dalton served aboard the USS Blueback and the USS John C. Calhoun. He attained the rank of lieutenant while serving on active duty and subsequently was promoted to lieutenant commander in the U.S. Naval Reserves. In



Photo: U.S. Navy

1977, President Jimmy Carter appointed Mr. Dalton as president of the Government National Mortgage Association (better known as "Ginnie Mae"), and in 1979, Mr. Dalton was appointed the chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board. For the next ten years, Mr. Dalton served various corporations as an executive with extensive investment banking and financial experience. In 1993, President Bill Clinton appointed Mr. Dalton as the Secretary of the Navy, a position he held from July 22, 1993 to November 16, 1998.

Dr. John DiGiovanni
Sponsor: Lost Pines Chapter
Award Year: 2007

Dr. John DiGiovanni is among those leading the fight against cancer. He earned a PhD in pharmacology from the University of Washington School of Medicine, and he completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Wisconsin. He was soon recruited as a professor in the Department of Carcinogenesis in the Science-Park Division of the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center where he served as the Interim Director of Science Park for two years before being named permanent director in 1999. In 2010, he assumed the position of Professor and Chair, Division of Pharmacology and



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Toxicology, University of Texas, Austin. Dr. DiGiovanni has dedicated his life to understanding the origins of cancer. Dr. DiGiovanni has represented his facility and his country in his interactions with numerous foreign scientists, postdoctoral fellows, and graduate students who come to the United States in search of scientific knowledge. These interactions promote global understanding, peace, and justice. Dr. DiGiovanni's work has had an immeasurable impact on countless lives.

Virginia “Ginger” Dosedel
Sponsor: Mary McGuire Chapter
Award Year: 2007

Virginia "Ginger" Dosedel is an example of one person making a difference in the lives of so many. She adapted the skills she had learned to establish “Sew Much Comfort”, an organization dedicated to providing adaptive clothing to military personnel as they recover from injuries, many of which are severe. Mrs. Dosedel's first began constructing adaptive clothing for her son's use. Following cancer, he needed special garments. In response to a news story, Mrs. Dosedel recognized the modified pants and other garments she made for her son could be further adapted for use by injured military personnel.



Photo: www.af.mil

With samples, she arrived at Walter Reed Medical Center to present the garments to the staff. Following this meeting, she began to construct garments for wounded warriors. Word spread quickly about the adaptive, custom-made clothing and requests started to arrive. Volunteers from across the country joined the grassroots effort. Using donated fabric, simple patterns, and their time, Mrs. Dosedel and volunteers with "Sew Much Comfort," apply their sewing skills to create adaptive clothing and to improve the lives of many, particularly our nation's wounded warriors.

Colonel Charles Aaron Edwards
U.S. Army, Retired
Sponsor: Lohmann's Ford Chapter
Award Year: 2004

Charles Aaron Edwards was born in Troy, Texas, in 1935. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 1966. Following graduation, he entered the U.S. Army and served for 26 years, retiring in December 1981, as a colonel. His assignments included appointments as commanding officer, branch chief and division chief. His last assignment was Special Project Officer, Personnel Plans and Systems Directorate, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Washington, D.C. Colonel Edwards received numerous



Photo: lakeway-tx.gov

decorations including the Purple Heart, Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Air Medal, and Army Commendation Medal. Following retirement, he eventually relocated to Lakeway, Texas, where he volunteered as Vice Chairman of the Zoning and Planning Commission, and served as a member of the Building Commission. In 1999, Colonel Edwards was elected Mayor of Lakeway and served two terms. Colonel Edwards is a member of Texas A & M Former Students Association, Army Aviation Association of America, Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association, National Rifle Association and Lake Travis Republican Men's Club.

Gordon England
Sponsor: Mary Isham Keith Chapter
Award Year: 2020

Gordon England graduated from the University of Maryland with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and earned a master's degree in business administration at Texas Christian University. He was the 29th U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense and twice served as the U.S. Secretary of the Navy. Mr. England was the first Deputy Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security. He was a member of the Defense Science Board; a city councilman; vice chair, Goodwill Industries board of directors; member, USO Board of Governors; a member of the Naval Order of the United States; and a member of several business, engineering and leadership honor societies. Prior to his career in government, Mr. England served as president, General Dynamics Fort Worth Aircraft Company (later Lockheed Martin); president, General Dynamics Land Systems Company; and, executive vice president, General Dynamics Information Systems and Technology Sector, Ground Combat Systems Sector and the International Sector.



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Milo Weston Ford Jr.
Sponsor: Libertad Chapter
Award Year: 2004

Milo Weston Ford was born in Houston, in 1918. He attended Dayton public schools and graduated from Rice University in 1940. While still in high school, Mr. Ford began working as a janitor at the Dayton State Bank where he also became a part-time helper and bookkeeper. Immediately after graduation, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in August of 1942. Mr. Ford served his country honorably during World War II and was discharged at the rank of Captain in 1946. He returned to the bank after his completion of military service and held several positions in the bank until he became bank president, a position he served for over twenty years until his retirement in 1987. Mr. Ford is an active volunteer working within the Chamber of Commerce, the Masonic Lodge, the Rotary Club, the Dayton Boy Scout Council #219. He has worked twenty years with the Methodist Houston North District and has served on the Finance Committee, Houston Board of Missions, Texas Methodist Conference. He was mayor of Dayton 1969-71 and was named "Citizen of the Year" by the Liberty-Dayton Chamber of Commerce in 1983. He is an artist and mentor to many struggling artists, and has been active in the Liberty Art League. For over sixty years, Mr. Ford has served in several capacities in community fundraisers for youth scholarships and serves on the committee to select Dayton ISD's Teacher of the Year. Perhaps, Mr. Ford's most lasting contributions to his community was his chairmanship as the Founding Development Committee to establish the Jones Public Library in Dayton, which necessitated the raising of many thousands of dollars for the physical facility, the furnishings, and the staffing. This municipal library will stand as a lasting legacy for future generations.

General Tommy Ray Franks
USA, Retired
Sponsor: Colonel Theunis Dey Chapter
Award Year: 2004

Tommy Ray Franks was born in Winnywood, Oklahoma, on June 17, 1945. The family moved to Midland, Texas, in 1950 where General Franks graduated from Lee High School in 1963. He attended the University of Texas for two years and left college to join the U.S. Army. In 1967, he was selected to attend Officer Candidate School and to participate in the "Bootstrap" program which allowed him to receive his academic degree from the University



Photo: U.S. Army

of Texas at Arlington. He served in Vietnam and was wounded three times. General Franks steadily climbed the military ranks to four-star general. He was in charge of U.S. military operations for 25 nations in Africa, Central Asia and the Middle East. He led the attack on the Taliban in Afghanistan in response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and The Pentagon. He also led the 2003 invasion of Iraq and the overthrow of Saddam Hussein. After 36 years of service to his country, General Franks retired from the U.S. Army in 2003. Following his retirement, General Franks served on the board of directors of the National Park Foundation.

Lex M. Frieden
Sponsor: Brazos Valley Chapter
Award Year: 2013

Lex M. Frieden was born in Alva, Oklahoma, and earned numerous degrees before assuming a position as professor at the University of Texas Health School of Biomedical Informatics. He directs the Independent Living Research Utilization program at The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research (TIRR) at Memorial Hermann. While in college, he suffered a spinal cord injury and has used a wheelchair for more than 40 years. His personal experiences contributed to the landmark Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

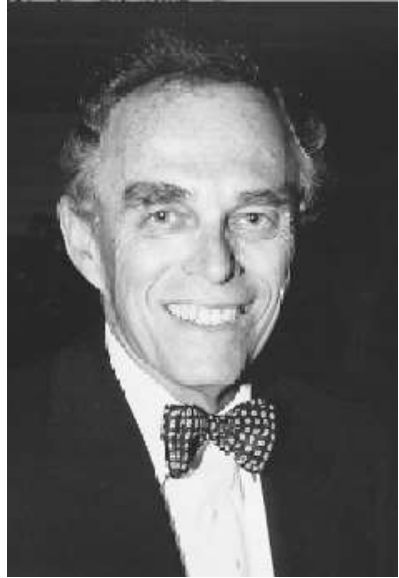


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for which he is best known. His community service involves multiple directorships and panels: Board of Directors, RI Global Foundation; Board of Directors, Sam Houston Area Council, Boy Scouts of America; Board of Directors, TIRR Foundation; Board of Directors, United Spinal Association; Advisory Board, Health Law & Policy Institute, University of Houston; Board of Visitors, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Tulsa; Expert Panel on Accessible Transportation, National Academies of Science; Expert Panel on Disability and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; World Committee on Disability, National Organization on Disability .

Bayard H. Friedman
Sponsor: Mary Isham Keith Chapter
Award Year: 1993

Bayard H. Friedman, known as “Mr. Fort Worth” for his many contributions to the city of Fort Worth, was an attorney and banker. He served as mayor of the city, 1963 – 1965, and was the guiding force behind the creation of the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport. Mr. Friedman filled senior management roles in the Fort Worth banking community. He was a former CEO of Fort Worth National Bank and was chairman of Texas Christian University's board of trustees. Mr. Friedman also served on the board of Justin Industries and Texas Utilities, among other companies. He headed the development committee for Performing Arts Fort Worth. Mr. Friedman died in 1998. The Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center at Texas Christian University and the Bayard H. Friedman award for students were created in memory of Mr. Friedman.



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Lewis Everett Gammon
Sponsor: Star of Destiny Chapter
Award Year: 2017

Mr. Lewis Everett Gammon was born on August 15, 1922. On Sept 7, 1944, Mr. Gammon, specializing as an automobile mechanic, landed in Cherbourg, France, with the 385th Field Artillery Battalion, 104th Infantry Division, U.S. Army. He participated in the Normandy, Alsace, Lorraine and Central Europe campaigns during World War II. Mr. Gammon was among the liberators of the Nazis' Nordhausen Concentration Camp saving numerous lives. He has been awarded the EAME Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal and The Purple Heart.



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On July 4, 2016, he was presented the medal of Knight in the French Order of the Legion of Honor by Consul General of France Sujiro Seam in a ceremony held on the Battleship Texas. Upon retirement, Mr. Gammon relocated to Houston, Texas, where he is an active member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church and is a volunteer mentor for ReVision, a program where the church partners with the Harris County Juvenile Justice for defenders on probation. As a mentor, he works with gang-affected and adjudicated youth to help reintegrate them into their schools, neighborhoods and families. Mr. Gammon is known as an ambassador and evangelist for the ReVision program because of his extraordinary leadership and service.

Margaret L Ellis Gillooly
Sponsor: Austin Colony Chapter
Award Year: 2001

Margaret L. Ellis Gillooly lived on Cebu Island, Philippines at the time of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Her father, Thornton Ellis, was working as manager of a department store chain on the Philippine Islands. On December 2, 1941, Margaret's parents traveled to Manila to select Christmas stock for the department store in Cebu City. They were caught there when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. After the bombing, the family attempted to return to Cebu City and were on a steamer when it hit a mine in Manila Bay and sank. She was separated from her family. The separation lasted nearly one year. Mrs. Gillooly, along with others, were eventually



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forced to surrender to the Japanese and spent time in a series of prisoner of war camps. Twelve hours before a scheduled execution, on February 4, 1945 a last-minute effort was ordered by General D. MacArthur which resulted in the rescue of Mrs. Gillooly and other captives. Mrs. Gillooly was a member of several organizations, including the Admiral Nimitz Foundation; Austin Civil War Round Table; and Friends of the LBJ Library. She was a lifetime member of the American Ex-Prisoners of War Organization. Mrs. Gillooly passed away in July 2007.

Glenna Maxey Goodacre
Sponsor: Nancy Anderson Chapter
Award Year: 2004

Glenna Maxey Goodacre was born and raised in Lubbock, Texas. She earned a liberal arts degree at Colorado College, Colorado, and completed additional studies in Oklahoma, New Mexico, and New York that led to early success as a painter, an eventually to sculpting. Among her well-known works are a standing portrait of Ronald Reagan which was selected for the Reagan Library in California and the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. She has more than 50 other bronze portraits in public collections in the United States, including portraits and sculptures of Dwight Eisenhower, Barbara Jordan, Katherine Anne Porter, Scott Joplin, Greer Garson, Dan Blocker and General "Hap" Arnold. In 2000, Mrs. Goodacre's rendering of Sacagawea, the Native American interpreter for explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, appeared on the face of a new dollar coin issued by the U.S. Mint. A sculpture by Mrs. Goodacre was on exhibit with the DAR Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Celebration at the Arizona State Capital, Phoenix, Arizona. She is perhaps best known for the Vietnam Women's Memorial located on The Mall, Washington, D.C. The seven-foot tall sculpture depicts a nurse holding the body of a wounded male soldier; another kneels, head bowed; and a standing woman scans the sky for airborne help. Her design was unanimously accepted by the competition board as an embodiment of the dedication to saving lives and shouldering the emotional burden experienced by women nurses in Vietnam. Mrs. Goodacre was inducted into the Cowgirl Hall of Fame in Fort Worth.

James Evetts Haley
Sponsor: Colonel Theunis Dey Chapter
Award Year: 1994

James Evetts Haley was a historian, author and poet. He was born in Belton, Texas, on January 5, 1901. Mr. Haley served as president of the Texas Historical Association and the Southwest Historical Association, and as director of the Institute of Americanism, Texas Tech University. He was a member of the Board of Directors, Texas Tech University; Sons of the American Revolution; Sons of the Republic of Texas; Sons of Confederate Veterans; Order of the Southern Cross; and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. He was an outspoken advocate of constitutional government. Mr. Haley made his collection of 20,000 volumes of Texas, southwest and ranching history available for public research. He endowed the Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library which was established in 1958 and the J. Evetts Haley History Center which was established in 1976 in Midland, Texas. As an author, he wrote multiple books about the American west. His first two books were a history of the three million-acre XIT Ranch and a biography of the famous Texas cowman, Charles Goodnight. His historical works numbered more than 25 books, plus innumerable articles and pamphlets. Mr. Haley was the recipient of numerous awards and honors. He died on October 9, 1995.

Gordon V. Hartman
Sponsor: Alamo Chapter
Award Year: 2018

Businessman, philanthropist and native San Antonian, Gordon V. Hartman, is founder of The Gordon Hartman Family Foundation. The Foundation provides financial assistance to non-profit organizations that support individuals with special needs. The foundation also provides a resource directory to connect individuals with services. The Gordon Hartman Family Foundation focuses on improving the quality of life for special needs individuals and their families. Mr. Hartman started a land development company at 23 years of age. Over the next 22



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years, he grew his company into the largest homebuilding and land development enterprise in San Antonio. In 2005, Mr. Hartman donated \$15 million to establish The Gordon Hartman Family Foundation. His daughter, Morgan, was born with cognitive and physical special needs and serves as the inspiration for Mr. Hartman. Mr. Hartman built Morgan's Wonderland, the first accessible family fun park. Morgan's Wonderland admits anyone with special needs free of charge. In 2011, Monarch Academy, a school for students with special needs, from ages 12 to 24 years, was established.

Brigadier General Carlos H. Hayden

U.S. Army Reserve, Retired

Sponsor: James Tull Chapter

Award Year: 2002

Brigadier General Carlos Hayden, a native of Newark, Ohio, served active duty in the U.S. Army five years and was involved in numerous major battles and campaigns, and received many awards and ribbons, including the Silver Star, Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. After World War II, he joined the Army Reserve and returned to Ohio State University and received MA and PhD degrees. He then accepted a position at the University of Houston College of Business

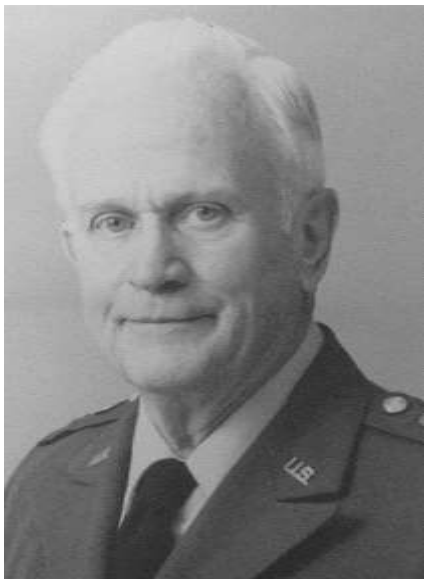


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Administration where he served as professor and department chairman. General Hayden retired from the Army Reserve in 1976 with 35 years of service. He retired from the University of Houston after a 33-year career as an educator and was appointed Professor Emeritus. In 1988, General and Mrs. Hayden established an endowed ROTC Scholarship at the University of Houston. Since retirement, he has served as vice president and president of the 1st Armored Division of the Houston Area Retired Officers Association.

Edd Campbell Hendee
Sponsor: James Hardage Lane I Chapter
Award Year: 2004

Edd Campbell Hendee was born in Lubbock, Texas, in 1951, and attended the University of Houston. He and his wife, Nina, are the owners of The Taste of Texas Restaurant in Houston, which they founded in 1977. Mr. Hendee has used his success and visibility in business as a platform for leadership. He is co-founder and a director of CLOUT, an entity comprised of over 17,000 members committed to lowering taxes. He began hosting a Houston conservative radio talk show in 1997 and is currently rated number one in his time slot, with a daily audience of over 100,000 people. He uses this radio platform to emphasize Americanism, patriotism and moral values.

Lieutenant Colonel Edward Dee Higgins

U.S. Air Force, Retired

Sponsor: Betty Martin Chapter

Award Year: 2007

Edward D. Higgins was born in 1924 maturing during the years leading to World War II. As many others of the "greatest generation," he felt called to do his part military. In 1942, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps to become a pilot. He became a B-17 flight engineer and participated in combat missions in the European Theater of Operations. Discharged from the Army Air Corps in October 1945, Mr. Higgins attended the Aviation Cadet Program at Texas Tech University which provided him the opportunity to excel as a student and to serve as an instructor. Mr. Higgins earned



Photo: U.S. Air Force

a bachelor's degree in aeronautical engineering. Then, during the Vietnam war, he flew tactical and logistical missions throughout Southeast Asia. After Vietnam, Lt Colonel Higgins continued his military career by serving in the office of the Air Force Inspector General as consultant to the Air Force Chief of staff including oversight of the Minuteman Missile program. Retiring to south Texas in 1970, he was elected county commissioner for Kerr County serving for four years. During this time, he assisted, enlarged, improved, and obtained FAA certification for the Kerr County Air Field. Lieutenant Colonel Higgins died at his Centerpoint home on September. 10, 2017.

Lieutenant Colonel Robert Lowell Hite
U.S. Air Force, Retired
Sponsor: Colonel Theunis Chapter
Award Year: 1995

Lieutenant Colonel Hite was born in Odell, Texas. He was an Air Force aviator and volunteered for a mission in 1941 which turned out to be the Doolittle Raid on Japan. He was one of the eight men who were taken prisoner and held for nearly four years in the Shanghai War Prisoners Camp in Shanghai, China. They were tried by the Japanese: three were executed and one died of maltreatment. Four Americans survived, one of which was Lieutenant Colonel Hite. The men had been sentenced to life imprisonment and were hidden from U.S. forces were eventually located and rescued.



Photo: U.S. Air Force

Lieutenant Colonel Hite recovering from the years of solitary confinement, tortured and starvation, he continued to serve his country during the Korean War as a pilot. Lieutenant Colonel Hite was awarded the Purple Heart, Distinguished Flying Cross, Freedom Foundation's Medal of Honor and he was inducted into the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame and the Arkansas Aviation Hall of Fame. The Doolittle Raiders were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2015. He died in 2015.

John Dawson Jelinek
Sponsor: Llano Estacado Chapter
Award Year: 1998

John Dawson Jelinek was esteemed by the media public of the Texas Panhandle and the surrounding viewing, listening and reading areas in portions of Oklahoma, Kansas and New Mexico. He was born in Lincoln, Nebraska in 1932, and lived in Nebraska for 22 years, during which he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Doane College in Crete, Nebraska. He moved to Colorado and lived there for 20 years becoming a radio personality in Denver. At the request of his bosses, he adopted the radio name, John Dawson. For over 24 years, Mr. Jelinek lived in Amarillo where he continued his lifelong pattern of involvement in community affairs and giving a firm helping hand, especially to those with physical handicaps or a lack of basic communication skills: reading, writing, and living within the law. His had a lifetime of overachieving which was a result from the effects of Polio suffered when he was 12 years old, causing him walk with two canes and to sometimes need a wheelchair. Until his retirement, Mr. Jelinek was a popular radio host and journalist. He remained active in area charities and organizations throughout his life, including Rotary Club, Goodwill Industries, and the HOSTS (Helping One Student to Succeed) Program. He also volunteered as a teacher and mentor for students at the Neal Unit of Texas Prison System. Mr. Jelinek received an award for coaching Little League Soccer and the Toastmaster Award for Excellence in Communication. He died in Amarillo in 2010.

Homer K. Jenkins
Sponsor: Martha McCraw Chapter
Award Year: 2003

Homer K. "Mike" Jenkins was born in Hughes Springs, Texas, in 1939 and is a graduate of Texas Tech University. He served two tours in Vietnam and was a commander in the first major offensive battle of Vietnam called "Starlite." Under his leadership, the company received an outstanding 125 awards, including the Distinguished Unit Citation. Returning to the family farm, he eventually became vice president, president and CEO of First National bank of Hughes Springs. He has also served as president of the Chamber of Commerce, president of Cass County Industrial Development



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Foundation and vice president of Hospital of the Pines Board of Directors. Mr. Jenkins has served the local American Legion Post for 15 years. Further, Mr. Jenkins was the chairman of a successful effort to erect a 50-foot-tall monument honoring veterans in his community. The monument contains more than 1,300 names, ranks and branches of service of veterans. For service to his community, he has received the Outstanding Citizenship Award, Conservationist of the Year, Cass County Outstanding Farm Family of the Year. He is a member of Who's Who, and was selected as Legionnaire of the Year.

Claudia Alta Taylor Johnson
Sponsor: Austin Colony Chapter
Award Year:

Claudia Alta Taylor “Lady Bird” Johnson served as First Lady of the United States (1963–1969). She was the wife of President Lyndon B. Johnson. Lady Bird Johnson was born in Texas and married Lyndon B. Johnson in 1934. While serving as First Lady, she was responsible for the Highway Beautification Act of 1965. In 1969, she founded the Texas Highway Beautification Awards and was a trustee of the American Conservation Association. On her 70th birthday in 1982, she founded the National Wildflower Research



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Center in Austin, a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to the preservation and re-establishment of native plants in natural and planned landscapes. In 1972, President and Mrs. Johnson gave the LBJ Ranch house and surrounding property to the people of the United States as a National Historic Site. During her White House years, Mrs. Johnson served as honorary chairman of the National Head Start Program, a program for underprivileged pre-school children.

Congressman Samuel Robert Johnson

Sponsor: Texas Society

Award Year: 2000

Samuel Robert Johnson was born in San Antonio and grew up in Dallas. After graduation from SMU in 1951, his AFROTC class was activated. During his long career in the U.S. Air Force, he served as director of the Air Force Fighter Weapons School and flew with the Air Force Thunderbirds, a precision flying demonstration team. He also graduated from the Armed Forces Staff College and the National War College. In Korea, he flew F86s in 62 combat missions. As the Cuban Missile Crisis heightened, he went through Army parachute school to be part of the first wave into Cuba. Late in 1965, Colonel Johnson was assigned to Headquarters, Military Assistance Command Vietnam in Saigon. In February, 1966, he joined the 433rd Tactical Fighter Squadron in Thailand. On his 25th mission, his aircraft was hit by enemy fire. After ejecting from the aircraft, Colonel Johnson was captured by the enemy and held as a prisoner of war at the infamous "Hanoi Hilton," for seven years. Released in 1973, he earned his master's degree in international affairs. In 1984, he was elected to the Texas State House of Representatives where he served seven years. He then was elected as U.S. Congressman from the Third District, Texas. He served in Congress from 1991 to 2019.



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James Warren Kenny
Sponsor: Green Mountain Boys Chapter
Award Year: 1993

After a distinguished career as an intelligence officer and special agent with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations, and as special agent for the FBI, James Warren Kenny chose to dedicate much of his time and resources to the Medal of Honor Society. He located and identified graves of many of our country's Medal of Honor recipients. This included those from the Civil War to the Vietnam war. Mr. Kenny planned for special unveiling ceremonies for Medal of Honor medallion headstones. He has added



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immeasurable information about our nation's military heroes - making positive role models known to young people. Mr. Kenny served as president of the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society, 1991 - 1993.

Oliver Rae Kirby

Sponsor: Brigadier General Edward Bulkley Chapter

Award Year: 1996

Oliver Rae Kirby was born on February 21, 1921 in LeRoy, Illinois. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Illinois. Upon graduation from college, Mr. Kirby enlisted in the U.S. Army where his fluency in German led him to be assigned to the Allied effort to exploit the German Enigma system. The Enigma was a type of enciphering machine used by the German armed forces to send messages securely. He was awarded a Bronze Star for his war efforts. Following the war, he worked first with the



Photo: NSA.gov

Armed Forces Security Agency in 1949, then with the National Security Agency (NSA) after 1952. In 1964, he became the first civilian Deputy Director for Production for the NSA. Mr. Kirby received many honors, including the Department of Defense Distinguished Civilian Award and he was inducted into the NSA Hall of Honor. Mr. Kirby died at his home in Greenville, Texas, on March 17, 2009

Eugene F. Kranz
Sponsor: Sam Houston Chapter
Award Year: 2017

“Failure is not an option” is the title of an autobiography by Mr. Eugene Francis Kranz, an American pioneer and hero. Mr. Kranz served as NASA's Flight Director for the Gemini and Apollo programs, including the Apollo 11 moon landing and the near tragic Apollo 13 mission where an oxygen tank exploded, crippling the moon-bound spacecraft making it a nearly impossible task for Gene Kranz and mission control to safely guide Apollo 13 home to earth. Recognized for his skillful leadership, and an ability to remain calm



Photo: USGov-NASA

and collected during even the most difficult of circumstances, as well as for his flat top haircut and his legendary white vest now held at the Smithsonian National Air & Space Museum, Mr. Kranz is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, a pilot, and he is an aeronautical engineer. In 1960, Mr. Kranz was employed by the newly formed Space Task Group. In 1964, he moved to Texas where he held many leadership positions with NASA, including Director of NASA Mission Operations, until his retirement from the agency in 1994. He is a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom and many other awards. In a 2010 Space Foundation survey, Mr. Kranz was ranked as the #2 all-time, most popular space hero!

Robert Charles Krueger
Sponsor: Captain James Jack Chapter
Award Year: 2012

Robert Charles Krueger was born in New Braunfels, Texas. He is a diplomat, politician, and former U.S. Representative, Senator, and Ambassador. Mr. Krueger earned a B.A. from Southern Methodist University; a M.A. from Duke University; and a D. Phil. in English Literature from Merton College, Oxford. Mr. Krueger taught English literature as a professor and was elected to the United States Congress, serving from 1975 to 1979, and to the U.S. House of Representatives. In 1990, he was elected to the Texas Railroad Commission. In 1979, Mr. Krueger was appointed by



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President Carter as Ambassador-at-Large and Coordinator for Mexican Affairs at the Department of State. He served as Ambassador to Burundi (1994-1995) and to Botswana. He was Special Representative of the Secretary of State to the Southern African Development Community. Following his service in federal government, he became a Visiting Fellow at Merton College, Oxford, and held several academic lectureship positions in Texas. A memoir of his time in central Africa, *From Bloodshed to Hope in Burundi: Our Embassy Years during Genocide*, was published in 2007.

H. Allen Larsen
Sponsor: Balcones Chapter
Award Year: 2005

H. Allen Larsen was born in Brookline, Massachusetts. After his graduation from high school, he entered Boston University. In the spring of 1943, he was called to serve in the Army Air Corps. In April 1944, his squadron left for India to be a part of General Claire L. Chennault's 14th Air Force, The Flying Tigers. He was assigned to the 21st Photo Reconnaissance Squadron. His job was to make original maps/charts of Japanese military and naval installations. Armed only with cameras, the squadron planes flew over China, Formosa (Taiwan) and parts of



Photo: www.af.mil

Japan, making aerial photographs. The 14th Air Force was deactivated on January 6, 1946. and shortly after, Allen Larsen received an honorable discharge. Mr. Larsen returned from China and entered Boston University. Following the completion of his formal education, he entered the training program of the Metropolitan Boston Community Chest and began a distinguished career working with United Way. He retired in 1991 as a senior vice president after a 30-year career. H. Allen Larsen remains one of the last of the renowned Flying Tigers of World War II.

Lieutenant General Buford Dearld Lary

U.S. Air Force, Retired

Sponsor: Rio Grande Chapter

Award Year: 2006

Lieutenant General Lary was born in Gatesville, Texas. After graduation from Baylor University, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force through the ROTC program. His military career spanned from 1954 to 1987. During this time, Lieutenant General Lary earned his pilot wings and began a career which led to his serving at posts throughout the United States, Europe, and Vietnam. He has flown various aircrafts and has amassed more than 4000 flying hours. Completing his M.B.A. at the University of



Photo: U.S. Air Force

Oklahoma in 1970, General Lary was then assigned to Headquarters Air Force in Washington, DC, as an action officer and branch chief. Within six years, he had become the vice commander for the 26th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing in Germany. Upon his return to the United States, he was appointed inspector general for the Air Force responsible to the Secretary of the Air Force. Upon his retirement from the military, General Lary began a second career as the director of aviation for the city of McAllen, a position he held on that fateful day, September 11, 2001. General Lary was later appointed to a special committee by the Governor of Texas to provide disaster and terrorist response systems within the state.

Dr. Winfred Philip Lehmann
Sponsor: Thankful Hubbard Chapter
Award Year: 1974

Winfred Philip Lehmann was born in Surprise, Nebraska, in 1916, and died in Austin, Texas, in 2007. Dr. Lehmann was noted for his work in historical linguistics. He received a B.A. in Humanities at Northwestern College in Watertown, Wisconsin, a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin–Madison, and earned his PhD at the University of Wisconsin. Dr. Lehmann served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps during World War II. He was a Japanese language instructor. Following World War II, Dr.



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Lehmann accepted a position at Washington University in St. Louise as assistant professor in the department of German. In 1949, Dr. Lehmann moved to Austin, Texas, where he was an associate professor of Germanic Linguistics at the University of Texas at Austin. In 1951, he was promoted to professor and chaired the Germanic Linguistics Department until 1964. He developed the Department of Linguistics at the University of Texas, and served as the department chair from 1964–1972. Dr. Lehmann was the author of over 50 books and journals, and over 250 articles.

Captain James A. Lovell Jr.
U.S. Navy, Retired
Sponsor: Llano Uplift Chapter
Award Year: 2006

James Arthur Lovell Jr. is a former NASA astronaut, Naval Aviator, and a retired Navy captain. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and attended the University of Wisconsin to earn a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Naval Academy. He was appointed by Lyndon B. Johnson as his consultant for physical fitness and sports in June of 1967. As spacecraft commander of Apollo 13, Jim Lovell was the first man to journey twice to the moon. He was backup commander to Neil Armstrong for the Apollo 11 lunar landing

mission. When the original flight plan for Apollo 13 was modified due to failure of the Service Module Cryogenic Oxygen System, Captain Lovell and his crew converted their lunar module "Aquarius" into an effective lifeboat, and by conserving electricity and water, they assured their survival and safe return. Mr. Lovell was sent into space many other times, including Gemini flights 7, 8, 12 and 13. Mr. Lovell's special honors and affiliations are too numerous to list in full. He is an Eagle Scout; received the Presidential Medal for Freedom; and the NASA Distinguished Service Medal.



Photo: National Museum of the Navy

Alvin Ray Lynn
Sponsor: Esther McCrory Chapter
Award Year: 2008

Alvin Ray Lynn is a retired social studies and science teacher from rural Motley County, Texas. Mr. Lynn is the author of the book, *Kit Carson and the First Battle of Adobe Walls: A Tale of Two Journeys*. The book chronicles the expedition of well-known explorer, guide, and frontiersman, Colonel Kit Carson, and his men, and their involvement at the First Battle of Adobe Walls. While researching Kit Carson and the First Battle of Adobe Walls, Mr. Lynn retraced the expedition. During his 15 years of research and while retracing the expedition step-by-step, Mr.



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Lynn discovered over 80 artifacts providing greater insight about the expedition. Mr. Lynn's book contains 18 maps that detail sections of Kit Carson's route from Fort Bascom to Adobe Walls; 16 archeological maps indicating where artifacts were uncovered; illustrations of the battle; and photos of descendants, locations, landscapes and artifacts. The book also contains a wealth of archaeological information. The book was the 2015 winner of the Will Rogers Medallion Award.

Robert Keifer Marshall Jr.
Sponsor: Betty Martin Chapter
Award Year: 2011

Robert William Keifer Marshall Jr. was born September 24, 1925 in Temple, Texas, and died May 28, 2017. He was a graduate of the University of Texas. Mr. Keifer served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. As a Marine, he first fought on Guam, then Iwo Jima, where, out of his company of 250 men, only few survived. He was recipient of the World War II Victory Medal; Asiatic Pacific Victory Campaign Medal; Presidential Unit Citation; Sharpshooter Medal; and the Good Conduct Medal. Mr. Keifer



Photo: memorialsolutions.com

was a devoted civic, business, and community leader, serving many leadership roles throughout his life. He most notably served first as a city councilman for the City of Temple, then served two terms as the Mayor of Temple. He also served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Scott & White Health and Maintenance Organization, Extraco Banks, Cultural Activities Center, and Temple College Foundation, among many others. He was a former president of the Board of Regents for Temple College, chairman of the Bell County March of Dimes, member of the American Legion and the Marine Corps League, and an Eagle Scout.

Kenneth L. McKee
Sponsor: Nancy Horton Davis Chapter
Award Year: 2005

Kenneth L. McKee was born in Santa Monica, California, in 1933. He attended high school and college in Florida and later, he studied at the Dallas Theological Seminary. He served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Mr. McKee is affiliated with the "Literacy for Life" program. He works with people, most of them students at the Dallas Theological Seminary, of foreign birth, teaching them to speak and read English. He schedules at least one hour a week with each student with whom he is working. He teaches them about American life, history, shopping, and more. Every Thanksgiving, he and his wife invite foreign students to share Thanksgiving dinner in their home so that they may experience American customs and heritage. In 2003, Mr. McKee discovered there was a need for bikes at the Dallas Theological Seminary for use by the many foreign students that arrive at the seminary without transportation. He organized a team of volunteers at his church that repair, refurbish and deliver bikes to the foreign students. To date, they have placed 226 bicycles with foreign students who are free to take the bikes home to their country. Many foreign students also arrive at the seminary without computers, a staple of university education. The church group of volunteers have been able to provide a computer to any student that needs one. They visit businesses that are upgrading their older computers and persuade them to donate this equipment to the Dallas Theological Seminary. The group refurbishes the donated computers and delivers them to the Student Services Department at the seminary. Mr. McKee and his group of volunteers have also shipped refurbished computers to Managua, Nicaragua.

Robert Hogan Meaders, M.D.
Sponsor: Coughatti Trace Chapter
Award Date: 2007

Dr. Robert H. Meaders, founder of Operation Helmet, was born and raised in Glen Rose, Texas. He is a retired Navy captain, a graduate from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, a flight surgeon and an ophthalmologist with over 23 years of experience in the Medical Corps as an eye specialist. Dr. Meaders began Operation Helmut in 2003 when his Marine Corp grandson requested upgrade kits to make his unit's helmets safer in



Photo: C-span

combat. Dr. Meaders immediately researched the helmet upgrade and determined that a series of shock absorbing pads could be installed in less than 15 minutes. In June 2006, Dr. Meaders testified before Congress about the quality of helmets used by the armed forces and how civilians were able to provide upgrades. As a result of this testimony, the helmet upgrade option was made available to all military personnel. Since March 2004, Operation Helmet has distributed over 24,000 kits to active duty troops sparing countless brain injuries.

Lieutenant Colonel James Megellas

U.S. Army Reserve, Retired

Sponsor: Lady Washington Chapter

Award Year: 2012

Lt. Colonel James "Maggie" Megellas received a commission as a 2nd lieutenant in the U.S. Army and soon after volunteered to be a paratrooper. Joining the 82nd Airborne Division, his combat experience took place in the rugged Apennine Mountains outside of Naples, Italy, where he was wounded and hospitalized. He fought at Anzio, at the crossing of the Waal River and at the Battle of the Bulge. On January 28, 1945, his platoon was advancing towards Belgium, struggling through heavy snow and freezing cold, when they surprised 200 Germans who were advancing out of town. A German Mark V tank took aim at the Americans. Lt. Colonel Megellas immediately ran toward and disabled the tank with a grenade, then he climbed on top of the tank and dropped another grenade eliminating the threat to his men. None of his men were killed or injured. For this, he received the Silver Star and a nomination for the Congressional Medal of Honor. In 1946, he left the active Army with the rank of captain and served for a further 16 years in the Army Reserve. He retired as a lieutenant colonel.



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Colonel James Chris Miller
U.S. Air Force, Retired
Sponsor: James Campbell Chapter
Award Year: 2009

Colonel James Chris Miller graduated from high school in Dalla and from the University of Texas. Following his college graduation, Colonel Miller joined the Air Force and completed pilot training. In 1958, he was promoted to captain and eventually became a B-52 aircraft commander spending much of his time flying alert missions to counter the Soviet Union nuclear threat. He received his MBA from Harvard Business School in 1965, and was assigned to the Pentagon. During the Vietnam War, Colonel Miller was a mission director and airborne commander. Following the war,



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Colonel Miller was assigned to the Air Force Military Personnel Center. He was the lead architect for implementing the Secretary of Defense program of Total Force Management. After 20 years of military service, he retired from the U.S. Air Force at the rank of colonel and as a command pilot with 5,000 flying hours. Colonel Miller invested funds in charitable remainder trusts to benefit orphaned children of service members killed in action, and children of Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, those missing in action and honorably discharged from active duty. These trusts exceed \$4.4 million.

Robert Wynne "Bob" Murphey
Sponsor: Nacogdoches Chapter
Award Year: 1988

Robert "Bob" Murphey kept Nacogdoches with him as he spread his humor and goodwill to the rest of the world. Mr. Murphey frequently appeared on national television and hosted his own morning radio show; but, firefighting was his first love. He served 37 years of active duty with the Nacogdoches Volunteer Fire Department, five of those as chief. Mr. Murphey was president of the Texas State Firemen and Fire Marshall Association, as well as an instructor at the Texas A&M University Fire School. He served as an officer in the United States Merchant Marine



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during World War II. He was sergeant-at-arms for the Texas House of Representatives, as well as the Nacogdoches County Attorney, a district attorney, and president of the East Texas Peace Officers Association. He was honored with the Mark Twain Award for humor and the Cavett Award by the National Speakers Association. Mr. Murphey was honored as Outstanding Citizen of Nacogdoches County by the Nacogdoches Chamber of Commerce and by the Nacogdoches Heritage Festival Hall of Fame. Stephen F. Austin State University recognized him as a Distinguished Alumnus. He also received the coveted Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Murphey died in 2004.

Major General Spurgeon Hart Neel

U.S. Army, Retired

Sponsor:

Award Year: 1999

Major General Spurgeon Neel was a U.S. Army physician. He was the first Army graduate of the U.S. Air Force School of Aviation Medicine at Randolph Air Force Base and is credited with pioneering aeromedical evacuation of the wounded from the battlefield. General Neel commanded a medical company in Europe during World War II. During the Korean War, he served as commander of the 30th Medical Group and established the Eighth Army aviation medical program. It was during the Korean War that General Neel's proposed helicopter evacuation of the wounded became a reality when Army helicopters were adapted for the evacuation of casualties. During the Vietnam War, General Neel served as surgeon with the Military Assistance Command, as the commanding general of the 44th Medical Brigade, and as a Senior Medical Advisor. From 1969 to 1973, General Neel was Deputy Surgeon General of the U.S. Army. In 1973, he became the first Commanding General of the U.S. Army Health Services Command. Following his retirement from the Army in 1977, General Neel became a professor at the University of Texas Health Science Center. He died in 2003 in San Antonio.



Photo: U.S. Army

Laurence N. Nickey, M.D.
Sponsor: El Paso del Norte Chapter
Award Year: 1995

Laurence N. Nickey, M.D., was an accomplished Pediatrician who was deeply involved with improving the health problems that exist in the border town of Juarez, Mexico, and that spread into the city of El Paso, Texas. Dr. Nickey was born in Fort Worth and moved with his parents to El Paso while an infant. He was in the private practice of Pediatrics from 1960 – 1983 until becoming the Director of the El Paso City - County Health District. He served in this capacity until his retirement in 1995. Dr. Nickey was a humanitarian and established the Oral Polio



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Immunization program in 1963 and the Improved Pregnancy Outcome Program. He was instrumental in securing improved treatment for tuberculosis, health insurance for newborns, and numerous other health and wellness programs. He died August 21, 2018.

Lieutenant Colonel Lon Dale Oakley Jr.

U.S. Army, Retired

Sponsor: Old Chisholm Trail Chapter

Award Year: 2017

Lon Dale Oakley Jr. is a graduate of W.H. Adamson High School in Oak Cliff, Texas. He joined the U.S. Army after three years of college and was sent to combat duty in Vietnam. In Vietnam, he served as a light weapons combat infantryman earning The Purple Heart for combat wounds, and five additional battlefield decorations including the coveted Combat Infantryman Badge. During his final years of active duty, he served as a public affairs officer for the 1st Cavalry Division, and was later detailed to U.S. Army Central Command during Operation Desert Shield/Storm, under the command of General



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H. Norman Schwarzkopf. He retired from military service after 23 years of duty. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Lieutenant Colonel Oakley volunteered at Katrina Evacuee Shelter at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio. Lieutenant Colonel Oakley was instrumental in raising funds to complete the Vietnam Wall Visitors Education Center in Washington, D.C. As president of the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society, he completed a \$200,000 capital fundraising campaign to place a stone monument at Ft. Benning, Georgia's National Infantry Center Museum, honoring the 22nd Infantry Regiment's 2,458 fallen brothers.

George H. O'Brien Jr.
Sponsor: Colonel Theunis Dey Chapter
Award Year: 1999

George O'Brien Jr. was born in Fort Worth, Texas, and graduated from high school in Big Spring, Texas, in 1944. Mr. O'Brien served in the U.S. Merchant Marine before receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology at Texas Tech University. While in college, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. He was called to active duty with the 1st Marine Division in September of 1952. Mr. O'Brien was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in 1953 for heroic actions in the Korean War. He was also awarded a Presidential Citation for valor and bravery from President Eisenhower. In addition,



Photo: U.S. Marine Corps

Mr. O'Brien received the Purple Heart with Gold Star, the Korean Service Medal with two bronze stars, and the United Nations Service Medal. Mr. O'Brien was discharged from military service in 1954 at the rank of major. Mr. O'Brien was an active member of the West Texas Geological Society, the American Association of Petroleum Geologists and the Society of Independent Earth Scientists. He volunteered with United Way, Salvation Army, Diabetes Association, and he served on the Board of Directors of the Medal of Honor Society. George O'Brien died in 2005 and was buried in the Texas State Cemetery in Austin, Texas.

Donald Wayne Pettigrew
Sponsor: Rebecca Crockett Chapter
Award Year: 2017

Donald Wayne Pettigrew grew up in Bowie, Texas, and joined the U.S. Marine Corps following his high school graduation. He served in Vietnam and was awarded The Purple Heart for wounds he suffered. After leaving his beloved Marine Corps, Mr. Pettigrew earned a bachelor's degree from North Texas State University and eventually began employment with Cooke County Community Corrections Department as an adult probation officer. He was also the community service coordinator. Mr. Pettigrew helped to construct the first community playground.



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He picked up trash along highways, mowed forgotten cemeteries, and assisted with a two-year project to build a nature trail. He was instrumental in developing a local food bank program in conjunction with the Cooke County VISTO (Volunteers in Service to Others). Mr. Pettigrew is responsible for the concept and creation of the Medal of Honor Host City program adopted by the City of Gainesville, Texas, in 2001. He oversaw construction of the Medal of Honor Park and served as president of the Host City program for its first seven years. Mr. Pettigrew is currently liaison to the Medal of Honor recipients and has attended many national Medal of Honor events throughout the country.

Rear Admiral William Wilson Pickavance Jr.

U.S. Navy, Retired

Sponsor: Sam Houston Chapter

Award Year: 2012

Rear Admiral William Wilson Pickavance served as an officer in the U.S. Merchant Marine and spent 32 years on active duty as a commissioned officer with the U.S. Navy. A Texas A&M University and Naval War College alumnus, Admiral Pickavance holds both a Master of Arts and Master of Science. He has served on several staffs including the Navy Staff in Washington, D.C.; the NATO Supreme Allied Command Headquarters in Belgium; and the U.S. Pacific Command staff as director for Operations in Camp Smith, Hawaii. He attended Harvard's



Photo: U.S. Navy

Kennedy School of Government as a senior official in national security in 1993 and again in 1998. During his service in the U.S. Navy, he commanded two carrier squadrons; an FA-18 wing; a support ship during Desert Storm; and the USS Kitty Hawk. As a flag officer, he commanded a carrier battle group. He has 200 combat missions over North Vietnam and more than 800 carrier landings. He served as superintendent of the Texas Maritime Academy at Texas A&M University at Galveston (TAMUG), and after retirement from the Navy, was a vice president for a space operations company, responsible for space shuttle launch and recovery systems at the Kennedy Space Center.

Colonel Frank Plummer
U.S. Army, Retired
Sponsor: Rio Grande Chapter
Award Year: 2007

Colonel Frank Plummer is a 32-year veteran of the U.S. Army having served in WWII, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Among his military commendations is The Purple Heart, Silver Star, three Legions of Merit, Bronze Star, Army Commendations Medal, seven Vietnam Crosses of Gallantry, and seven Air Medals. Upon his retirement from the military, Colonel Plummer relocated to McAllen, Texas, where he soon became aware of the large number of veterans living in the Rio Grande Valley.



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Wanting to honor those who served their country, Colonel Plummer established the McAllen Veterans War Memorial in 1988, becoming its founding president. Under Colonel Plummer's guidance, the memorial was designed to honor all veterans who served in every American war. Since its conception, the memorial has become a centerpiece attraction and an educational and historical project for children of all ages. The memorial serves as a focus of community appreciation for veterans. Colonel Plummer is a sought-after spokesman for those wanting to learn more about the memorial. Each year, Colonel Plummer leads Memorial Day and Veterans Day programs held at the memorial.

Colonel Henry A. Potter
U.S. Air Force, Retired
Sponsor: Balcones Chapter
Award Year: 1995

Colonel Henry A. Potter was born in Pierre, South Dakota. in 1918. He joined the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1940 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in June 1941. After graduating from navigational training school, he was assigned to the 17th Bomb Group and volunteered for "a hazardous mission which required the highest skill and would be of great value to the war effort." The mission was the carrier-based raid against Japan and the crew became commonly known as the "Doolittle Raiders". Henry Potter was selected to be the lead



Photo: U.S. Air Force

navigator of the very proficient "Crew Number 1". His precise navigation made it possible for the Doolittle Raiders to strike a devastating surprise attack against the Japanese homeland on April 18, 1942. He was promoted to colonel in 1961 and continued to serve in the Air Force, including in Africa, Germany and at bases across the United States. He retired in 1970 and held the rating of master navigator. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross, Chinese Medal of Honor for Meritorious Service, Air Medal with several clusters, and various theater decorations. Colonel Potter died on Memorial Day, May 27, 2002.

William Defoore Quick
Sponsor: Captain William Sanders Chapter
Award Year: 2002

Born with a severe birth defect, William Defoore Quick dedicated his life to service for his community, state and nation through historic preservation. Among his projects was the acquisition of additional acreage for the Sabine Pass Battleground Historical State Park, the site of a decisive battle in the War Between the States in which 42 Irishmen defeated 12,000 Yankees. Despite his physical limitations, Mr. Quick restored, researched and marked graves at the Sabine Pass Cemetery, including the graves of veterans of each American conflict from the War of 1812 through WWII. Mr. Quick was responsible for seven historical markers in the Sabine Pass Battleground State Park, and he organized a re-enactment held every September. Mr. Quick received many honors, including Nederland Citizen of the year and the Ruth Lester Lifetime Achievement Award from the Texas Historical Commission. He was a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans Dick Dowling Camp #1295; Atascosito Historical Society; Tyrrell Historical Library Association; and the Sons of the American Revolution. Mr. Quick was a 40-year member of the Jefferson County Historical Commission. He died on December 9, 2009.

Robert D. Reeves III, PhD
Sponsor: Rock Wall Chapter
Award Year: 1995

Dr. Robert D. Reeves III earned a Master of Divinity degree at Austin Presbyterian Theological College, a Master of Arts at Southern Methodist University, and a Doctor of Ministry at McCormick Theological Seminary. Dr. Reeves became the pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall in 1976 and served for over 30 years in this capacity. He was instrumental in establishing Rockwall's charitable service, known as "Helping Hands". The non-profit organization is dedicated to providing emergency assistance through rent, utility, medical clothing, and food. Dr. Reeves also served as president of Rockwall Ministerial Alliance; Board of Directors, Rock Wall Public Housing; Board of Directors, Rockwall Habitat for Humanity Executive Board, president of Rockwall United Way Board; and Board of Directors, Community Housing Organization Development Committee. He received awards for his service to the community, including Citizen of Year and the Paul Harris Fellowship-Rotary Club. The Reeves Social Service Center was named in his honor.

Joe Hunter Reynolds
Sponsor: James Hardage Lane I Chapter
Award Year: 2003

Joe H. Reynolds was born in Texas in 1921 and received his undergraduate and law degrees from Baylor University. Beginning his legal career as an Assistant Attorney General in Texas, he subsequently joined a large law firm before forming his own firm. He worked as a trial lawyer for 56 years and was named as one of the Best Lawyer in America and one of the Top 20 Trial Lawyers in Houston. Following the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, Mr. Reynolds enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and had a distinguished career as a United States



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Marine. He was decorated for bravery and leadership in both World War II and the Korean War. He was wounded at the Battle of Iwa Jima. At the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir, he suffered severe frostbite and other injuries, and was hospitalized for many months. He is one of the few individuals who fought in two of the bloodiest battles in Marines Corps history. Mr. Reynolds served on the board of regents at Texas A&M University for 16 years. A building at Texas A&M is named in his honor. He also served as chairman of the Board of Visitors for Texas Southern University. Mr. Reynolds died on December 19, 2009. His autobiography, *Touched by Grace: The Story of Houston Attorney Joe H. Reynolds*, was published in 2010.

Roan Ray Richey
Sponsor: Six Flags Chapter
Award Year: 2014

Roan Ray Richey love for American history became his passion following a trip to Washington, D.C., in the 1980s. Mr. Richey and his wife begin collecting Civil War artifacts. His military collection, now one of the largest private collections in the world, contained both Confederate and U.S. Military artifacts. Wanting everyone to know of the personal sacrifice of a generation who lived during one of the most turbulent times in our nation's history, Mr. Richey converted his passion for Civil War



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memorabilia into The Texas Civil War Museum. The museum is housed in a 16,000-square-foot facility built in West Fort Worth. Mr. Richey's personal war memorabilia collection was merged with a collection owned by the Texas United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) to fill the museum with a combined collection of more than 1,200 items, including the UDC's assortment of 37 original Confederate battle flags valued at \$1.5 million. The display includes uniforms, guns, swords, medals and a variety of other items. Mr. Richey is President of the Board for the non-profit Texas Civil War Museum.

Jess Lee Robinson
Sponsor: Los Ciboleros Chapter
Award Year: 1995

Jess Lee Robinson honorably served in the 63rd Division Field Artillery during WWII and received a number of decorations. After the war, he completed his education and became a vocational agriculture teacher in the Hereford school system, a position he held for 28 years. In all, he spent over 35 years teaching youths in agriculture, patriotism and leadership. His total number of students was over 2,000. Mr. Robinson also served the community. He sponsored the Hereford Young Farmers Association and was past commander of American Legion Post No. 192. He was president of Hereford Kiwanis Club; a member, volunteer and fundraiser at the Hereford Senior Citizens Center; and a member of the Hereford's "Value-Added" committee. Mr. Robinson served on an industrial developmental committee with a goal to bring industry to the Hereford and Deaf Smith County areas. He was also president of Hereford Whiteface Good Sams Chapter, sponsoring service dogs and telephones for the deaf, and the Special Olympics. He died on 29 March 2004.

Janet Firing Rothert
Sponsor: Lohmann's Ford Chapter
Award Year: 2005

Janet Firing Rothert was the fourth child of naturalized citizens, natives of Denmark. After her marriage to Matt Rothert, she and her husband moved to Arkansas where they became part of a small town community. Their family grew by four children and Mrs. Rothert became active in church, school, and scouts. Among her priorities efforts to see that IN GOD WE TRUST was printed on U.S. paper currency. Mrs. Rothert and her husband started a campaign to get legislation passed for the motto to be



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placed on all U.S. currency. They contacted hundreds of organizations and she typed, addressed, stamped and mailed over 1000 letters. Their efforts started a grassroots groundswell of support that propelled the idea forward. Because of the Rothert's determination, President Eisenhower signed a bill into law in 1955, making IN GOD WE TRUST, our national motto, to be placed on all U.S. paper money.

William M. Sanders
Sponsor: Mary Shirley McGuire Chapter
Award Year: 2006

William M. Sanders was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey. His parents divorced when he was but two years old leaving his mother to raise three boys on her own while living in the "projects." During his formative years, Mr. Sanders was enrolled in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers, and the Police Athletic League boxing team. These experiences provided positive male role models. Following college and as an adult, he was helping his youngest daughter study for a history test when he was appalled to find not only factual inaccuracies in her history book, but the lack of "real" history. On a "back-to-school" night, he posed that question to the school staff and as he looked about the room, he realized that there was not a portrait of George Washington, our Founding Father, to be found. He recalled as a boy seeing such a portrait and set out to find out why George Washington's portrait no longer hung in prominence in schools and public buildings. Mr. Sanders learned that a 1932 congressional mandate initially required the portrait of our First President to be placed in classrooms to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Washington's birth. Over time, these portraits disappeared. Discovering an artist's proof of an engraving of George Washington, Mr. Sanders purchased the proof and reproduced 4000 prints. After giving a portrait to then New Jersey Governor Christi, Mr. Sanders was given the opportunity to introduce legislation into the New Jersey State Assembly which would have made funding available to place a portrait within each school district in the state of New Jersey. The legislation did not make it out of committee. Given the setback, Mr. Sanders organized the "Portraits of Patriots Project" in 1998 to reintroduce the portrait of Washington into schools in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the death of our first President. Others joined Mr. Sander in this mission.

William Wayne Sherrill
Sponsor: James Hardage Lane I Chapter
Award Year: 2019

William Wayne Sherill was born in Houston on April 26, 1926. At the age of 15, he left the 8th grade classroom and enlisted in the United States Marine Corp and served four years in WWII. He was wounded in action on Iwo Jima and sent home on a medical discharge. He is the recipient of the Purple Heart, American Campaign Medal and Good Conduct Medal. Once he returned to Houston, he enrolled at the University of Houston and graduated with honors and as class president. After earning his bachelor's degree in business administration, he



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went on to receive his master's degree in business administration from Harvard Graduate School of Business. Mr. Sherill has headed both large and small corporations. He has served in both the private and government sectors of finance. At the national level, Mr. Sherrill was a Governor of the Federal Reserve System in Washington D.C. Mr. Sherrill made his way back to Houston in 1990 and worked with others to establish an undergraduate program and helped launch what today is known as the Wolff Center for Entrepreneurship. The Wolff Center is nationally ranked by the Princeton Review.

Dr. Sanford C. Shugart
Sponsor: Brazos Valley Chapter
Award Year: 1994

Dr. Shugart's efforts brought the "American Dream" within the reach of many. While serving as president of North Harris College, 1991 – 1999, his primary focus was to open the doors of the "people's colleges" so all Americans are afforded the opportunity to develop the skills and education needed to make a contribution to the national economy. Dr. Shugart pioneered systemic changes that resulted in improvements in student the closing of gaps between students of different backgrounds. He opened a



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learning center in the inner city of Houston where mothers have access to literacy programs and can earn their high school diploma. He arranged for bus service to the college. He saw a need for more police officers and initiated a state approved law enforcement education center. Finally, Dr. Shugart convinced the Federal District Court to move naturalization ceremonies to the college. Now, a person may become an American Citizen, register to vote and register for "English as a Second Language" classes on the same day through programs instituted by Dr. Shugart. After leaving North Harris College, Dr. Shugart relocated to Florida and currently serves as the fourth president of Valencia College in greater Orlando, a position he has held since January, 2000.

Major General Charles Simpson
U.S. Air Force, Retired
Sponsor: Captain Molly Corbin Chapter
Award Year: 2017

Born in Temple, Texas, Major General Charles Simpson was raised in a military family and knew almost from birth that he was meant to fly for the U.S. Air Force. He earned his commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1972 with a bachelor's degree in engineering management. He then continued his education completing a Master of Business Administration and later completing a master's degree in national security strategy at the National War College. His flying assignments included tours in Europe and Asia. He commanded two fighter



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squadrons, the Fighter Weapon's Center F-16 Division and the U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, the Thunderbirds, as well as two operations groups and two wings – the nation's high-altitude reconnaissance fleet and the Southwest Asia Air Expeditionary Wing. As commander of the Thunderbirds, he proudly served as an ambassador for the United States Air Force at 138 airshows in 45 states and 9 countries. He served joint tours on the Joint Staff and as the director of Air and Space Operations, Headquarters, U.S. Air Forces in Europe, overseeing operations across the 95-country area of responsibility in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

Colonel Harry Alvyn Spannaus
U.S. Air Force, Retired
Sponsor: Colonel Theunis Dey Chapter
Award Year: 2001

Colonel Harry Spannaus retired from the United States Air Force in January 1978 after serving as wing commander of the 78th Flying Training Wing at Webb Air Force Base. In his 27 years of service, he had 26 moves to 20 different locations (including overseas). As a young 2nd Lt. fresh out of flying training he flew 17 combat missions in Korea in the nation's first supersonic fighter, the F-86 Sabre Jet. Fifteen years later as a lieutenant colonel and squadron operations officer for the 555th Tactical Fighter Squadron in Udorn, Thailand, he flew 222 combat missions over North Vietnam in the F-4 Phantom fighter. For his distinguished service and combat record, he has been awarded the Silver Star, 2 Legion of Merits, 3 Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Bronze Star and a V device for valor, a Purple Heart, 15 Air Medals and over 20 additional decorations.

Frank Wayne Spillers
Sponsor: Fort Velasco Chapter
Award Year: 1994

Frank Wayne Spillers, born in Freeport, Texas, was dedicated to helping disadvantaged people in his community. Mr. Spillers was a member of the original founding board of the Brazoria County Habitat for Humanity. He served as chairman of Christian Helpers, a group which assists individuals with a variety of needs such as home repairs, family problems, car repairs, financial support, etc. He founded *His Hands, Inc.*, an organization which makes major home repairs free of charge for low income families. Among his other contributions are supervising the work activity of probationers assigned to community service, board level involvement with the Salvation Army and serving as chief executive officer of the Inventor Club of America, whose 600 members encourage and help inventors.

Commander Charles David Stackhouse
U.S. Navy, Retired
Sponsor:
Award Year: 2001

Commander Charles Stackhouse completed flight training in 1962. He was ranked number one in his graduating flight class and was designated a Naval Aviator in June 1963. He joined the First Squadron of the U.S. Navy along with Senator John McCain and soon after entered Vietnam combat. He flew A4C Skyhawk Aircraft from the USS Enterprise, the first U.S. nuclear powered aircraft carrier. On April 25, 1967, his second combat tour, he was forced to eject over North Vietnam after his



Photo: U.S. Navy

aircraft was heavily damaged. Commander Stackhouse was captured by the North Vietnamese and listed as "killed in action" but was later recognized from a picture in a magazine and his status was changed. He was imprisoned in the infamous "Hanoi Hilton" for five years and eleven months. Of his time as a prisoner of war, Commander Stackhouse said, "Only the spirit and humor of my compatriots and our faith in God and country sustained me." After his release and recovery from injuries, he completed his MBA and was assigned to NAS Corpus Christi as the Budget Officer for the Chief of Naval Air Training, and then to his final duty station at NAS Dallas. He retired from the U.S. Navy on February 1, 1982.

John A. Stephens
Sponsor: John Abston Chapter
Award Year: 2002

John A. Stephens was born in Texas in 1919 and died in 2012. Mr. Stephens served his country proudly in the United States Army. He was a veteran of WWII serving in the 36th Division, 141st Infantry as a technical sergeant. He received two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star in the North Africa, Italy and European theaters. Following World War II, Mr. Stephens returned to Texas, married and had a successful career with International Harvester. Like most of the “Greatest Generation”, he did not seek recognition for his military service, but rather was proud to serve his country and become a productive citizen. In addition to his community and church activities, Mr. Stephens was very active in the 36th Infantry Division Association, Inc., helping to organize reunions nationwide of the men who served the division. The 36th Infantry Division was a major contribution to the Texas Military Forces Museum at Camp Mabry. Mr. Stephens and his wife worked to raise funds to restore the flag of the 141st Regiment. They also donated books regarding World War II to area schools and they addressed students many times.

Michael Snow Stevens

Sponsor: James Hardage Lane I Chapter

Award Year: 2007

Michael Snow Stevens was a native Houstonian. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps immediately upon graduation from high school. He received an honorable discharge and soon earned a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Houston. He quickly put the degree to use as he established a real estate and management firm in Houston. Mr. Stevens was appointed as a member of the Baylor College of Medicine Board of Trustees; the Memorial Hermann Foundation Board



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of Directors; the Brookings Institute Urban Center Advisory Board; and he served on numerous other boards and committees. Mr. Stevens was as a founder and director of an organization to raise funds to assist and supply prosthetic appliances for disabled veterans. He also partnered with the Armed Forces Foundation to aid wounded veterans as they transition back to civilian life and employment. The goal of the program is to partner employers with wounded soldiers so that the result is long-term, satisfying careers for these veterans. Michael Snow Stevens died on May 24, 2008.

Jocelyn Levi Straus
Sponsor: San Antonio de Bexar Chapter
Award Year: 1994

Jocelyn Levi Straus is a wife, mother, and grandmother who enjoys gardening and flower arranging. She is also San Antonio's most outstanding volunteer in the arts, health and science, education and military affairs. Starting with small door-to-door fund raisers while her children were young, her community service steadily grew as she became the founding president of the San Antonio Performing Arts Association; served on the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee on the Arts; was appointed to the Governor's Texas Commission on the Arts; and received a presidential appointment to the National Council on the Arts. As founding chairman of Las Casas, Mrs. Straus raise \$4.4 million in 10 months to renovate a historic theater and to bring a Cultural Arts District to the center city. She served as Chairman, Development Board, University of Texas Health and Science Center at San Antonio; Executive Committee, United Way of San Antonio; Trustee, Texas Research and Technology Foundation; Advisory Board, San Antonio Youth Literacy; Board San Antonio Symphony; Chairman, Mind Science Foundation; Advisory Board, Mexican Cultural Institute; Board, Literacy Volunteers of America-Texas; Board, Friends of Art and Preservation in Embassies; Advisory Board, Cancer Therapy and Research Center; Board, Biomedical Research Foundation of South Texas, Inc.; Board, Bexar County Hospital District. Letters of recommendation included a personal note from President George Bush.

Major General Peter U. Sutton
U.S. Air Force, Retired
Sponsor: Green Mountain Boys Chapter
Award Year: 2002

General Peter U. Sutton served in the United States Air Force from 1972 until his retirement in 2007. Upon retirement, he was serving as Chief, Office of Defense Cooperation Turkey, U.S. European Command, Ankara, Turkey. His other commands included the Flying Training Wing where he was responsible for the flight training of Air Force and Navy pilots. General Sutton was Director of Learning and Force Development, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. He is a graduate of the United States



Photo: U.S. Air Force

Air Force Academy and a command pilot with more than 2,600 flight hours. General Sutton is a first-generation native born American. He is the recipient of many medals, including the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with Oak leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with 6 Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Combat Readiness Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. General Sutton's compelling story is an inspiration to aviators and all Americans.

William Paul Thomas
Sponsor: Star of Destiny Chapter
Award Year: 2019

William Thomas was born in Houston, Texas. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Southwestern University and master's degree in public school administration from Texas A&M University. Mr. Thomas, a former educator and an active conservationist,

preservationist, historian and rancher, serves on numerous water boards, foundation boards, leadership councils and advisory boards. He is president, Bluebonnet Ground Water District; chair, South Central Region,

Texas National Water and Soil Board; and, trustee, Sam Houston State University. He is a member of Grimes County Historical Commission; National Association of Conservation Districts; and the Sam Houston Society. Mr. Thomas purchased and has restored several historic homes, a carriage house with horse buggies and tack, a pump house, trains, churches and over 40 automobiles. He also procured and restored a rare five-manual, custom Rodgers 1139 digital organ damaged in a church fire. With his concern for agricultural advancement and natural resource conservation, he has traveled to Washington, D.C., to meet with legislators and continues to promote historical preservation, conservation and education.



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Harry Alonzo Thompson
Sponsor: Brigadier General Edward Bulkley Chapter
Award Year: 2008

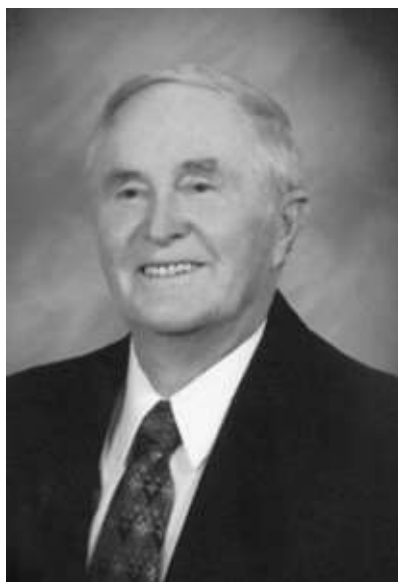
Harry A. Thompson was born May 5, 1914, in Dallas, Texas. He attended school in Dallas and participated in the ROTC program in high school. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1941 during WWII. On September of 1944, Mr. Thompson and his division were transported to Belgium aboard the SS Exchequer. After making their way in a convoy to Aubel, Belgium, Mr. Thompson and other soldiers stayed in a house while bombs dropped around them. On the second day of the Battle of the Bulge, Mr. Thompson and his group were discovered in the cellar of the home and were captured by German officers. After capture, the group was transported to a POW camp. After five months of enduring excruciating hardships, Mr. Thompson and other POWs were officially liberated on May 2, 1945. Out of 300 POWs captured, only 60 survived – Mr. Thompson was one of the survivors. Over the years, the community and state benefitted from Mr. Thompson's involvement with the VFW; the Wolfe City Masonic Lodge; Texas A&M Veterans Vigil; Audie Murphy American Cotton Museum; Bonham VA Hospital; and Meals on Wheels. Mr. Thompson was a frequent speaker for schools and organizations. His book, *Patton's Ill-Fated Raid*, chronicles his experiences as a soldier in WWII serving in the European theater of operations. Mr. Thompson died on August 2, 2011.



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Kyle O'Lonious Thompson
Sponsor: Andrew Carruthers Chapter
Award Year: 2001

Mr. Kyle Thompson enlisted in the Texas National Guard at the age of sixteen years with the assistance of his mother who falsified his age on the enlistment documents so that he could earn the small income provided by the National Guard. He served with the 2nd Battalion, the only U.S. ground combat unit to reach the Netherland East Indies in WWII. On March 8, 1942, the Texas unit was captured and held as Prisoners of War by the Japanese. Mr. Thompson and his unit, known as the "Lost Battalion" spent three- and one-half years held at various



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locations throughout Southeast Asia, including Burma. His service included construction of the "Death Railway" in which over 100,000 POWs died. After his honorable discharge from military service, Mr. Thompson had a forty-year career as a journalist. As well, Mr. Thompson served as Press Secretary to Governor John Connally and Senator John Tower. Mr. Thompson authored a book about his experiences as a POW, entitled "*A Thousand Cups of Rice*". He served as secretary for the Lost Battalion Association and as president of the Board of Directors for the Texas Military Forces Museum at Camp Mabry in Austin. Mr. Thompson died on February 27, 2004, and is buried at the Texas State Cemetery in Austin.

Rhoda Tomasco
Sponsor: Jane Long Chapter
Award Year: 2004

Rhoda Tomasco was born in Kaufman, Texas, and attended the University of Houston. For two years she worked as a pediatric volunteer at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center where she established a number of children's programs, including an amputee ski trip for young cancer patients. Her vision inspired a program to provide group sports and activities for children who might otherwise miss out. This included children with cancer. Her goal was to improve the quality of life of young cancer patients and to provide fun experiences without cost to their families or the hospital. Mrs. Tomasco believes that young cancer patients need something to look forward to, as well as opportunities to be treated as a normal child. The children also benefit from socialization with other cancer patients. Since creating the Sunshine Kids Foundation in her home in 1982, it has become a highly respected, national non-profit organization. In 2017, the organization received more than \$3.5 million in donations which afforded a variety of local, regional and national events involving thousands of young cancer patients from hospitals across North America. All activities, transportation, lodging and food are provided free of charge to the children and attending medical staff. Mrs. Tomasco works tirelessly to raise money from individuals, corporations and foundations. In addition, she secures volunteer services of doctors, nurses, ski instructors and sports celebrities to afford young patients across America an opportunity to laugh and smile.

Frank Marion Townsend, M.D.

Sponsor: Thomas Shelton Chapter

Award Year: 1996

Francis “Frank” Marion Townsend, M.D. was born on October 29, 1914 in Stamford, Texas, and died October 31, 2001 in Harwood, Texas. He received a medical degree from Tulane University School of Medicine. Dr. Townsend was affiliated with the University of Texas Science Department of Pathology, Board of Governors, and the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. His military career included the U.S. Army’s Medical Corp where he rose to the grade of lieutenant colonel, and the U.S. Air Force, 1949-1965, where he attained the grade of colonel. He served as flight surgeon of the U.S. Air Force. He was the deputy director and the director of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington, DC. Dr. Townsend was listed in Who's Who in Science and Technology; Who's Who in Science and Engineering; American Men and Women in Science; Who's Who in the South and Southwest; and, Who's Who in America. He authored more than 59 publications and lectured at over 450 professional meetings. Dr. Townsend also wrote articles for the genealogical publication, *Plum Creek Almanac*. He was involved with Boy Scouts, Texas Historical Society, National Cattleman's Association and the San Antonio Wastewater Facilities Planning Advisory Committee. He received the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Certificate of Achievement from the Surgeon General, Founder's Medal Award, and the Harry G. Moseley Award.

Tom J. Vandergriff
Sponsor: Mary Isham Keith Chapter
Award Year: 2010

Tom J. Vandergriff was born in Carrollton, Texas, and moved with his family to Arlington where he graduated from Arlington High School in 1943. He attended Northwestern University and Southern Methodist University and graduated from the University of Southern California with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Returning home to Arlington, Mr. Vandergriff became involved in the community. In 1951, he was elected as mayor of the city, a position he held for 26 years. He served as president of the Arlington Chamber of



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Commerce from 1949 - 1951; was the founder and first president of the North Central Texas Council of Governments; elected to represent Texas' 26th District as U.S. Congressman from 1983 - 1986; and he served as Tarrant County Judge from 1990-2006. On his retirement in 2007, the Texas House of Representatives Resolution HR 18 was passed 'in appreciation for the example and legacy of his outstanding public service.' It stated, "The Honorable Tom J. Vandergriff, whose name has become a byword for outstanding public service and vigorous, visionary leadership, has throughout his long and illustrious career worked tirelessly to advance the common good."

Florene Miller Watson
Sponsor: Josiah Bartlett Chapter
Award Year: 2001

Florene Miller Watson was born on December 7, 1920, in San Angelo, Texas. She became fascinated with planes at a young age and had finished flight school and completed her first solo flight before she was 19 years old. Commander Watson was a flight-training instructor in the War Training Program when WWII began. At 21 years of age, she volunteered for Army service. Although men needed only 250 hours to qualify, the Army was searching for 50 women with 500 hours each of flying time to become aircraft, cargo and troop ferriers.



Photo: U.S. Air Force

Commander Watson was one of 25 women who qualified for the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS), later known as the Women's Airforce Service Pilots (WASP). In 1943, she was made Commander of the WASP unit stationed at Love Field, Dallas, Texas. She also served as a test pilot. By the time the war was over, Commander Watson had flown every kind of aircraft used by the Army Air Corp. After the War, Commander Watson earned a Master of Business Administration and taught college for 30 years. She continued to serve her community until her death on February 14, 2004. She has been honored by many organizations and military groups. Reagan County, Texas, where she grew up, renamed its airport in her honor.

Lieutenant Colonel Edward E. Weir
U.S. Air Force, Retired
Sponsor: Mary Shirley McGuire Chapter
Award Year: 2009

Born in Stephenville, Texas, Edward “Red” Weir graduated from Kilgore Junior College in 1940 before enlisting in the Army Air Corps at the age of 19. After training as an aviation mechanic, he was later accepted for heavy bomber navigator training at Turner Field in Albany, Georgia. In the beginning of his career, he flew 25 bombing missions during World War II. He participated in the high-casualty raid, Operation Tidal Wave, to destroy Hitler's oil fields in Ploesti, Romania, in 1943.



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Retiring after 23 years of service in the U.S. Air Force, Lieutenant Colonel Weir started his second career at the University of Texas at El Paso in the university's library system, retiring from there in the early 1980's. He also started his multi-decades of volunteer service to the local community in Kiwanis International. Until the time of his death in November, 2009, at the age of 87 years, Lieutenant Colonel Weir was inspiring neighbors and civic leaders with stories of World War II. He appeared in a 2007 PBS documentary about his barrier-breaking crewmate Ben Kuroki. Lieutenant Colonel Weir's wartime journal formed the basis of a 2008 biography about his experiences, *Down to Two Feet Altitude*.

DAR Medal of Honor Recipients, Alphabetical

Name	Chapter	Year
Abraham Malouf	Comancheria	1987
Adams Gen S Christopher	Elizabeth Crockett	2010
Addison MD Eugene Morse	Mary Martin E Scott	1983
Akin Brig Gen Robin Babb	Captain Nathaniel Mills	2016
Anderson Barbara Clayton	Colonel Theunis Dey	1973
Anthony Merle Nelson	Major Francis Grice	1974
Bandau MD George H	Captain Gilbreth Falls	1990
Banks Esquire C Stanley		
Barr Willard	Mary Isham Keith	1990
Barton Charles David	Mary Isham Keith	1998
Bass Perry Richardson	Mary Isham Keith	1994
Bearden Robert Lawrence	Ensign Thomas Huling	2011
Bell Lt Col John Mitchell	Nancy Horton Davis	2018
Benavidez MSgt Roy Perez	Yorktown Bicentennial	1984
Berry MD Phil H Jr	Old Chisholm Trail	2020
Bevil Dr John Richard	Colonel George Moffett	1977
Birdwell Brian D	Lady Washington	2013
Birdwell Gene Raymond	San Jacinto	2013
Bishop Colonel Edward Gerald	Silas Morton	2005
Bishop Eliza Hortense	Major Jarrell Beasley	1990
Black Opal House	Teha Lanna	1986

Blount	Ralph Eugene	Captain William Young	1994
Boerstler	John William	Tejas	2019
Bolen	Robert Eugene	Mary Isham Keith	1992
Bossler	Robert B	La Villita	1973
Bowers	Elliott T	Mary Martin E Scott	1980
Bowling	Kaye Kelley	James Billingsley	1999
Bowman	SFC Dana	Elizabeth Crockett	2020
Bowmer	Jim D	Betty Martin	1982
Bradley	Omar Nelson	Texas State Society	1979
Brakesbill	Captain Clovis Hunter	Jane Douglas	1984
Brewster	Judge Leo	Abigail A Berry Chesley	1974
Bright	Charles Raymond	Nacogdoches	2000
Brucker	Brig Gen Wallace	Texas State Society	1979
Burgett	William A	Texas State Society	1979
Burlage	George Edward	Benjamin Lyon	2005
Burnham	Julius Claude	Libertad	2004
Butler	John P	Colonel Theunis Day	1979
Butler	Judge Edward F	San Antonio de Bexar	2017
Callihan	Henry Louis	Lady Washington	1994
Carroll	Andrew Keating	Alexander Love	2002
Chamberlin	Oliver B	John McKnitt Alexander	1972
Chapman	Joann "Jan"	General Levi Casey	1984
Cisneros	General Marc Antonio	Corpus Christi	2016

Clack	Tommie	Abigail A Berry Chesley	1976
Clark	Frances Gary	General Levi Casey	1986
Cliburn	Van	Captain Molly Corbin	2009
Clower	Claude Douglas	Brazos Valley	2006
Cockrell	Lila	Ol' Shavano	1985
Cordier	Colonel Kenneth W	Old Chisholm Trail	1998
Coughlin	James Walter	Nancy Horton Davis	2014
Cowart	Ronald E	James Campbell	1989
Crabb	Lt Cmdr Richard G	Richard Bard	2019
Cramer PhD	Judson Arnold	Mary Isham Keith	1997
Currie	Thomas Trimble	John McKnitt Alexander	1972
Curtis	Colonel Thomas Jerry	Mary Isham Keith	2005
Dalton	John Howard	Lady Washington	2006
Dampman	Phyllis	George Washington	1990
Daniel	Prince	Libertad	1979
Daniel	W P	Libertad	1978
Deen	Edith Alderman	Mary Isham Keith	1987
Delee	Esquire Alva Augustus	Captain William Sanders	1978
Dibrell	George E	Captain William Sanders	1985
DiGiovanni Dr	John	Lost Pines	2007
Dosedel	Virginia "Ginger"	Mary McGuire	2006
Duff	Katheryn	Abigail A Berry Chesley	1975
Early	Colonel Cleland E	Jane Long	1979

Early	Dr Allen	Esther McCrory	1983
Edwards	Colonel Charles Aaron	Lohmann's Ford	2004
Elliott	Jerry Chris	Captain Gilbreth Falls	1991
England	Gordon	Mary Isham Keith	2020
Evans	John W	Michael Stoner	1988
Fain	Victor Buren	Nacogdoches	1982
Feistel	Robin Creighton	James Billingsley	1986
Feuille	Frank	Texas State Society	1979
Fisher	Joe J	Captain William Sanders	1979
Fletcher	Ernest S	Betty Martin	1980
Ford Jr	Milo Weston	Libertad	2004
Fox	Christian P	Rebecca Stoddert	1974
Franks	General Tommy	Colonel Theunis Dey	2004
Frieden	Lex M	Brazos Valley	2012
Friedman	Bayard N	Mary Isham Keith	1993
Gammon	Lewis	Star of Destiny	2017
Garza	Judge Reynaldo G	Dubois-Hite	1986
Giddings	Bernice Kilgore	Goose Creek	1982
Gillooly	Margaret L	Austin Colony	2001
Glaize	Major Samuel S	Goose Creek	1985
Goodacre	Glenna Maxey	Nancy Anderson	2004
Govan	H	Anne Pettus Shelburne	1974
Gregory	Mary	William Scott	1986

Griffin	Harriet Elizabeth	Mary Isham Keith	1983
Gupton	Judge Thurman Morris	Fort Velasco	1986
Haley	James Evetts	Colonel Theunis Dey	1994
Hall	Helen Gibbard	John Abston	1987
Hall	Mildred Powell	Colonel George Moffett	1990
Harris	Alpha Lewis	Heritage of Freedom	1977
Hartman	Gordon	Alamo	2018
Hayden	Dr Carlos K	James Tull	2002
Hendee	Edd Campbell	James Hardage Lane I	2004
Henderson	Colonel Margaret M	Nancy Anderson	1988
Hester	Marilyn Glaze	Betty Martin	1983
Hickman	Lena Petit	Balcones	1978
Higgins	Edward D	Betty Martin	2007
Hildebrand	Reverend John W	Mary Isham Keith	1973
Hite	Lt Col Robert Lowell	Colonel Theunis Dey	1995
Howard Jr	Durward Belmont	Betty Martin	1990
Hudspeth	Harry Lee	Rebecca Stoddert	1987
Jelinek	John Dawson	Llano Estacado	1998
Jenkins	Homer K	Martha McCraw	2003
Johnson	Claudia Alta Taylor	Austin Colony	
Johnson	Samuel Robert	Texas State Society	2000
Jonsson	J Erik	Texas State Society	1978
Keller	Mary W	Mary Rolph Marsh	1979

Kenny	James Warren	Green Mountain Boys	1993
Kinbrough	William E	Fort Worth	1984
Kirby	Oliver Rae	BG Edward Bulkley	1996
Kranz	Eugene	Sam Houston	2016
Krueger	Robert Charles	Captain James Jack	2011
Larsen	H Allen	Balcones	2005
Lary	Lt Gen Buford Derald	Rio Grande	2006
Latham	William L	El Paso de Norte	1982
Lea Jr	Tom	Texas State Society	1979
Lehmann	Dr Winfred Philipp	Thankful Hubbard	1974
Logue	Bill Craven	Henry Downs	1990
Long	Dr John Sherman	Prudence Alexander	
Loveless	Sidney L	La Villita	1977
Lovell	James A	Llano Uplift	2006
Lowry	Wallace E	Mary Martin E Scott	1978
Lynn	Alvin Ray	Esther McCrory	2008
Mahon	Judge Eldon B	Mary Isham Keith	1990
Mallard	Margaret Frances	Pocahontas	1990
Marquardt	William G	Mary Isham Keith	1988
Marshall	Robert Keifer	Betty Martin	2011
Martin	RAdm Edward H	Texas State Society	1982
McAlexander	Wellington Grier	ASA Underwood	1979
McDermott	Brig Gen Robert F	San Antonio de Bexar	1990

McDonald Jr	Judge W R Tom	William Scott	1991
McFaddin	James L Caldwell	Colonel George Moffett	1979
McKee	Kenneth L	Nancy Horton Davis	2005
Meaders	Dr Robert Hogan	Coushatti Trace	2006
Megellas	Lt Colonel James	Lady Washington	2011
Meyers	Major Alton	William Scott	1974
Miller	Colonel James Chris	James Campbell	2009
Monroe	Dr W Sam		
Moody	Cmdr. William B	Elizabeth G Bradley	1991
Morris	Dr Gwin	Mary McCoy Baines	1974
Morris	Stewart	Tejas	2008
Moseley	John Dean	Martha J Randolph	1992
Moudy	Dr James	Mary Isham Keith	1985
Murphey	Robert Wynne	Nacogdoches	1987
Nabors	James S	Fort Velasco	1987
Naughton	Captain Robert John	Jane Long	2015
Neel	Major Gen Spurgeon Hart		1999
Nicholson	Ruth V	Colonel George Mason	1985
Nickey MD	Laurence N	El Paso Del Norte	1995
Niedermaier	Edward John	Jane Douglas	1992
Oakley	Lt Colonel Lon Dale	Old Chisholm Trail	2016
O'Brien Jr	George H	Colonel Theunis Dey	1999
Ogg	James T	DuBois Hite	1973

Ott	Pet	Los Cibeleros	1985
Park	Mance E	Mary Martin E Scott	1979
Parker	Ella Frances	Mary Rolph Marsh	1974
Perot	Russ H	Titus Travis	1984
Pettigrew	Donald Wayne	Rebecca Crockett	2017
Pickavance	RAdm William W	Sam Houston	2015
Pickett	Sandra Jean	Libertad	1986
Plummer	Colonel Frank	Rio Grande	2007
Potter	Colonel Henry A	Balcones	1995
Pressler	Honorable Paul	Heritage of Freedom	1976
Price	Charles Downey	Coushatti Trace	2008
Quick	William Defoore	Captain William Sanders	2002
Ray	Colonel James Edwin	Coushatti Trace	1991
Reeves	Reverend Robert D	Rock Wall	1995
Reynolds	James E	Margaret Montgomery	1978
Reynolds	Joe Hunter	James Hardage Lane I	2003
Richardson	Dr Rupert N	Abigail A Berry Chesley	1975
Richey	Roan Ray	Six Flags	2014
Robinson	Jess Lee	Los Cibeleros	1995
Rodrigues	Pete L	La Villita	1980
Rogers	Ben J	Colonel George Moffett	1986
Rossano	PhD Marcello Joseph	Asa Underwood	1992
Rothert	Janet Firing	Lohmann's Ford	2005

Sammons	Mayor John F	Betty Martin	1983
Sanders	William M	Mary Shirley McGuire	2006
Schnable	O P	San Antonio de Bexar	1984
Schneider	Floyd O	San Antonio de Bexar	
Schweble	DVM Robert Lee	Asa Underwood	1991
Seals	Judge Woodrow B	Ann Poage	1984
Sessions	William Steele	Rebecca Stoddert	1989
Sherrill	William Wayne	James Hardage Lane I	2019
Shipe	Ruby	Captain William Sanders	1990
Shoemaker	Raymond L	Rebecca Stoddert	1979
Shugart	Dr Sanford C	Brazos Valley	1994
Shytle	Robert W	Highland Park	1992
Simpson	General Charles N	Captain Molly Corbin	2015
Smith	Calvin Bruce	Henry Downs	1987
Spannaus	Colonel Harry Alvyn	Colonel Theunis Dey	2001
Sprague	Dr Charles C	Michael Stoner	1983
		Rock Wall & Prudence Alexander	
Spencer	Thomas M	Jane Long	
Spillers	Frank Wayne	Fort Velasco	1994
Spurlin	Charles Dennis	Guadalupe Victoria	1992
Stackhouse	Cmdr Charles David		2001
Staubach	Lieutenant Roger T	Michael Stoner	1984
Stephens	John A	John Abston	2002
Stevens	Michael Snow	James Hardage Lane I	2007

Stevens	Paul M		
Stone	Lt Gen Douglas M	Heritage Trails	2009
Straus	Jocelyn Levi	San Antonio de Bexar	1994
Sturgis	Frances Bennett	Elizabeth G Bradley	1983
Sumners	Rev Charles Abram	Thankful Hubbard	1975
Sutton	Brig General Peter U	Green Mountain Boys	2002
Tanzer	Pearle		
Taylor	Maj Gen Robert Preston	Six Flags	1992
Thomas	Lera Millard	Nacogdoches	1973
Thomas	William Paul	Star of Destiny	2019
Thompson	Harry Alonzo	BG Edward Bulkley	2008
Thompson	Jay Richards	Richard Bard	1995
Thompson	Kyle O' Lonious	Andrew Carruthers	2001
Tomasco	Rhoda	Jane Long	2004
Townsend	Charles R	Esther McCrory	1982
Townsend	Frank Marion	Thomas Shelton	1996
Tritico	Frank Edward	John McKnitt Alexander	1973
Vandergriff	Tom J	Mary Isham Keith	2010
Villarreal	Jesse Orlando	Thankful Hubbard	2015
Watkins	Sue Holmes	Colonel George Mason	1987
Watson	Florene Miller	Josiah Bartlett	2001
Webb	Sam R	Lee's Legion	1989
Wedemeyer	Henry Carson	Captain William Young	1987

Weir	Lt Colonel Edward E	Mary Shirley McGuire	2009
Werrell	James M	Abigail A Berry Chesley	1985
West	Flo I	Bandera	1985
White	Richard C	Rebecca Stoddert	1987
Williams	Richard E	Margaret Montgomery	2015
Wise	Paul E	John McKnitt Alexander	1972
Wishcamper	Ed N	Abigail A Berry Chesley	1978

DAR Medal of Honor Recipients by Award Year

Year	Name		Chapter
2020	Berry Jr MD	Phil H	Old Chisholm Trail
2020	Bowman	SFC Dana	Elizabeth Crockett
2020	England	Gordon	Mary Isham Keith
2019	Boerstler	John William	Tejas
2019	Crabb	Lt Cmdr Richard Crabb	Richard Bard
2019	Sherrill	William Wayne	James Hardage Lane I
2019	Thomas	William Paul	Star of Destiny
2018	Bell	Lt Col John Mitchell	Nancy Horton Davis
2018	Hartman	Gordon	Alamo
2017	Butler	Judge Edward F	San Antonio de Bexar
2017	Gammon	Lewis	Star of Destiny
2017	Pettigrew	Donald Wayne	Rebecca Crockett
2016	Akin	Brig Gen Robin Babb	Capt Nathaniel Mills
2016	Cisneros	General Marc Antonio	Corpus Christi
2016	Kranz	Eugene	Sam Houston
2016	Oakley	Lt Col Lon Dale	Old Chisholm Trail
2015	Naughton	Captain Robert John	Jane Long
2015	Pickavance	RAdm William W	Sam Houston
2015	Simpson	General Charles N	Capt Molly Corbin
2015	Villarreal	Jesse Orlando	Thankful Hubbard
2015	Williams	Richard E	Margaret Montgomery

2014	Coughlin	James Walter	Nancy Horton Davis
2014	Richey	Roan Ray	Six Flags
2013	Birdwell	Brian D	Lady Washington
2013	Birdwell	Gene Raymond	San Jacinto
2012	Frieden	Lex M	Brazos Valley
2011	Bearden	Robert L	Ensign Thomas Huling
2011	Krueger	Robert Charles	Capt James Jack
2011	Marshall	Robert Keifer	Betty Martin
2011	Megellas	Lt Col James	Lady Washington
2010	Adams	General S Christopher	Elizabeth Crockett
2010	Vandergriff	Tom J	Mary Isham Keith
2009	Cliburn	Van	Capt Molly Corbin
2009	Miller	Col James Chris	James Campbell
2009	Stone	Lt Gen Douglas	Heritage Trails
2009	Weir	Lt Col Edward	Mary S McGuire
2008	Lynn	Alvin Ray	Esther McCrory
2008	Morris	Stewart	Tejas
2008	Price	Charles Downey	Coushatti Trace
2008	Thompson	Harry Alonzo	Brig Gen E Bulkley
2007	DiGiovanni	Dr John	Lost Pines
2007	Higgins	Edward D	Betty Martin
2007	Plummer	Col Frank	Rio Grande
2007	Stevens	Michael Snow	James Hardage Lane I

2006	Clower	Claude Douglas	Brazos Valley
2006	Dalton	John Howard	Lady Washington
2006	Dosedel	Virginia "Ginger"	Mary McGuire
2006	Lary	Lt Gen Buford Derald	Rio Grande
2006	Lovell	James A	Llano Uplift
2006	Meaders	Dr Robert Hogan	Coushatti Trace
2006	Sanders	William M	Mary Shirley McGuire
2005	Bishop	Col Edward Gerald	Silas Morton
2005	Burlage	George Edward	Benjamin Lyon
2005	Curtis	Col Thomas Jerry	Mary Isham Keith
2005	Larsen	H Allen	Balcones
2005	McKee	Kenneth L	Nancy Horton Davis
2005	Rothert	Janet Firing	Lohmann's Ford
2004	Burnham	Julius Claude	Libertad
2004	Edwards	Col Charles Aaron	Lohmann's Ford
2004	Ford Jr	Milo Weston	Libertad
2004	Franks	General Tommy	Col Theunis Dey
2004	Goodacre	Glenna Maxey	Nancy Anderson
2004	Hendee	Edd Campbell	James Hardage Lane I
2004	Tomasco	Rhoda	Jane Long
2003	Jenkins	Homer K	Martha McCraw
2003	Reynolds	Joe Hunter	James Hardage Lane I
2002	Carroll	Andrew Keating	Alexander Love

2002	Hayden	Dr Carlos K	James Tull
2002	Quick	William Defoore	Capt Wm Sanders
2002	Stephens	John A	John Abston
2002	Sutton	Brig Gen Peter U	Green Mountain Boys
2001	Gillooly	Margaret L	Austin Colony
2001	Spannaus	Col Harry Alvyn	Col Theunis Dey
2001	Stackhouse	Cmdr Charles David	Elizabeth Denton English
2001	Thompson	Kyle O' Lonious	Andrew Carruthers
2001	Watson	Florene Miller	Josiah Bartlett
2000	Bright	Charles Raymond	Nacogdoches
2000	Johnson	Samuel Robert	Col George Mason
1999	Bowling	Kaye Kelley	James Billingsley
1999	Neel	Maj Gen Spurgeon Hart	
1999	O'Brien Jr	George H	Col Theunis Dey
1998	Barton	Charles David	Mary Isham Keith
1998	Cordier	Col Kenneth W	Old Chisholm Trail
1998	Jelinek	John Dawson	Llano Estacado
1997	Cramer PhD	Judson Arnold	Mary Isham Keith
1996	Kirby	Oliver Rae	BG Edward Bulkley
1996	Townsend	Frank Marion	Thomas Shelton
1995	Hite	Lt Col Robert Lowell	Col Theunis Dey
1995	Nickey MD	Laurence N	El Paso Del Norte
1995	Potter	Col Henry A	Balcones

1995	Reeves	Rev Robert D	Rock Wall
1995	Robinson	Jess Lee	Los Cibeleros
1995	Thompson	Jay Richards	Richard Bard
1994	Bass	Perry Richardson	Mary Isham Keith
1994	Blount	Ralph Eugene	Capt William Young
1994	Callihan	Henry Louis	Lady Washington
1994	Haley	James Evetts	Col Theunis Dey
1994	Shugart	Dr Sanford C	Brazos Valley
1994	Spillers	Frank Wayne	Fort Velasco
1994	Straus	Jocelyn Levi	San Antonio de Bexar
1993	Friedman	Mayor Bayard N	Mary Isham Keith
1993	Kenny	James Warren	Green Mountain Boys
1992	Bolen	Mayor Robert Eugene	Mary Isham Keith
1992	Moseley	Dr John Dean	Martha J Randolph
1992	Niedermaier	Edward John	Jane Douglas
1992	Rossano PhD	Marcello Joseph	Asa Underwood
1992	Shytles	Robert W	Highland Park
1992	Spurlin	Charles Dennis	Guadalupe Victoria
1992	Taylor	Maj Gen Robert Preston	Six Flags
1991	Elliott	Jerry Chris	Capt Gilbreth Falls
1991	McDonald Jr	Judge W R Tom	William Scott
1991	Moody	Cmdr William Byron	Elizabeth G Bradley
1991	Ray	Colonel James Edwin	Coushatti Trace

1991	Schweble DVM	Robert Lee	Asa Underwood
1990	Bandau MD	George H	Capt Gilbreth Falls
1990	Barr	Willard	Mary Isham Keith
1990	Bishop	Eliza Hortense	Major Jarrell Beasley
1990	Dampman	Phyllis	George Washington
1990	Hall	Mildred Powell	Col George Moffett
1990	Howard Jr	Durward Belmont	Betty Martin
1990	Logue	Bill Craven	Henry Downs
1990	Mahon	Judge Eldon B	Mary Isham Keith
1990	Mallard	Margaret Frances	Pocahontas
1990	McDermott	Brig Gen Robert Francis	San Antonio de Bexar
1990	Shipe	Ruby	Capt Wm Sanders
1989	Cowart	Ronald E	James Campbell
1989	Sessions	William Steele	Rebecca Stoddert
1989	Webb	Sam R	Lee's Legion
1988	Evans	John W	Michael Stoner
1988	Henderson	Col Margaret M	Nancy Anderson
1988	Marquardt	William G	Mary Isham Keith
1987	Abraham	Malouf	Comancheria
1987	Deen	Dr Edith Alderman	Mary Isham Keith
1987	Hall	Helen Gibbard	John Abston
1987	Hudspeth	Harry Lee	Rebecca Stoddert
1987	Murphey	Robert Wynne	Nacogdoches

1987	Nabors	James S	Fort Velasco
1987	Smith	Calvin Bruce	Henry Downs
1987	Watkins	Sue Holmes	Col George Mason
1987	Wedemeyer	Henry Carson	Capt William Young
1987	White	Richard C	Rebecca Stoddert
1986	Black	Opal House	Teha Lanna
1986	Clark	Frances Gary	General Levi Casey
1986	Feistel	Robin Creighton	James Billingsley
1986	Garza	Judge Reynaldo G	Dubois-Hite
1986	Gregory	Mary	William Scott
1986	Gupton	Judge Thurman Morris	Fort Velasco
1986	Pickett	Sandra Jean	Libertad
1986	Rogers	Ben J	Col George Moffett
1985	Cockrell	Lila	Ol' Shavano
1985	Dibrell	George E	Capt Wm Sanders
1985	Glaize	Major Samuel S	Goose Creek
1985	Moudy	Dr James	Mary Isham Keith
1985	Nicholson	Ruth V	Col George Mason
1985	Ott	Pet Finch	Los Cibeleros
1985	Werrell	James M	Abigail A B Chesley
1985	West	Flo I	Bandera
1984	Benavidez	MSgt Roy Perez	Yorktown Bicentennial
1984	Brakesbill	Captain Clovis Hunter	Jane Douglas

1984	Chapman	Joann "Jan"	General Levi Casey
1984	Kinbrough	William E	Fort Worth
1984	Perot	Russ H	Titus Travis
1984	Seals	Judge Woodrow B	Ann Poage
1984	Schnable	O P	San Antonio de Bexar
1984	Staubach	Lt Roger T	Michael Stoner
1983	Addison MD	Eugene Morse	Mary Martin E Scott
1983	Early	Dr Allen	Esther McCrory
1983	Griffin	Harriet Elizabeth	Mary Isham Keith
1983	Hester	Marilyn Glaze	Betty Martin
1983	Sammons	Mayor John F	Betty Martin
1983	Sprague	Dr Charles C	Michael Stoner
		Rock Wall &	Prudence Alexander
1983	Sturgis	Frances Bennett	Elizabeth G Bradley
1982	Bowmer	Jim D	Betty Martin
1982	Fain	Victor Buren	Nacogdoches
1982	Giddings	Bernice Kilgore	Goose Creek
1982	Latham	William L	El Paso de Norte
1982	Martin	RAdm Edward H	Texas State Society
1982	Townsend	Charles R	Esther McCrory
1980	Bowers	Elliott T	Mary Martin E Scott
1980	Fletcher	Ernest S	Betty Martin
1980	Monroe	Dr W Sam	Capt William Sanders
1980	Rodrigues	Pete L	La Villita

1979	Bradley	Gen Omar Nelson	Texas State Society
1979	Brucker	Brig Gen Wallace	Texas State Society
1979	Burgett	William A	Texas State Society
1979	Butler	John P	Col Theunis Day
1979	Daniel	Prince	Libertad
1979	Early	Col Cleland E	Jane Long
1979	Feuille	Frank	Texas State Society
1979	Fisher	Judge Joe J	Captain Wm Sanders
1979	Keller	Mary W	Mary Rolph Marsh
1979	Lea Jr	Tom	Texas State Society
1979	McAlexander	Wellington Grier	ASA Underwood
1979	McFaddin	James Lewis Caldwell	Colonel G Moffett
1979	Park	Mance E	Mary Martin E Scott
1979	Shoemaker	Raymond L	Rebecca Stoddert
1978	Daniel	W P	Libertad
1978	Delee	Esquire Alva Augustus	Capt Wm Sanders
1978	Hickman	Lena Petit	Balcones
1978	Jonsson	J Erik	Texas State Society
1978	Lowry	Dr Wallace E	Mary Martin E Scott
1978	Reynolds	James E	Margaret Montgomery
1978	Wishcamper	Ed N	Abigail A B Chesley
1977	Bevil	Dr John Richard	Col George Moffett
1977	Harris	Alpha Lewis	Heritage of Freedom

1977	Loveless	Sidney L	La Villita
1976	Clack	Tommie	Abigail A B Chesley
1976	Pressler	Honorable Paul	Heritage of Freedom
1975	Duff	Karyn	Abigail A B Chesley
1975	Richardson	Dr Rupert N	Abigail A B Chesley
1975	Sumners	Rev Charles Abram	Thankful Hubbard
1974	Anthony	Merle Nelson	Major Francis Grice
1974	Brewster	Judge Leo	Abigail A B Chesley
1974	Fox	Christian P	Rebecca Stoddert
1974	Govan	H	Anne P Shelburne
1974	Lehmann	Dr Winfred Philipp	Thankful Hubbard
1974	Meyers	Major Alton	William Scott
1974	Morris	Dr Gwin	Mary McCoy Baines
1974	Parker	Ella Frances	Mary Rolph Marsh
1973	Anderson	Barbara Clayton	Col Theunis Dey
1973	Bossler	Robert B	La Villita
1973	Hildebrand	Rev John W	Mary Isham Keith
1973	Ogg	James T	DuBois Hite
1973	Thomas	Lera Millard	Nacogdoches
1973	Tritico	Frank Edward	John McKnitt Alexander
1972	Chamberlin	Oliver B	John McKnitt Alexander
1972	Currie	Thomas Trimble	John McKnitt Alexander
1972	Wise	Paul E	John McKnitt Alexander

Banks	Esquire C Stanley	
Johnson	Claudia Alta Taylor	Austin Colony
Long	Dr John Sherman	Prudence Alexander
Schneider	Floyd O	San Antonio de Bexar
Spencer	Thomas M	Jane Long
Stevens	Dr Paul M	Mary Isham Keith
Tanzer	Pearle	

