

DALLAS VETERANS DAY
COMMEMORATION

NOVEMBER 11, 2009



SALUTING

THOSE WHO ARE SERVING

THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED &

THOSE WHO HAVE MADE

★ THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE ★

We Honor

***all the members of our Nation's
Military Medical Corps
for their gallant efforts to save lives
in the face of peril.***

Our heartfelt thanks.



T. Boone Pickens

A close-up photograph of the American flag, showing the blue field with white stars and the red and white stripes, is positioned in the bottom right corner of the page.



ELEVENTH HOUR CEREMONY 11/11/11

The Armistice Day Story

At 11:00 AM, November 11, 1918, the guns of World War 1 fell silent across Europe and Armistice Day was born. Eight years later a Presidential Proclamation invited people to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies. In time it was changed to Veterans Day and became the focal point for official national Veterans Day ceremonies.

- Musical Prelude Brass Quintet, ANG Band of the Gulf Coast Reflections Home School Choir
Master of Ceremonies Bill Melton
Oath of Enlistment Maj. Gen. (Dr.) Thomas W. Travis USAF
Presentation of the Colors Marine Color Guard
Massing of the Colors DISD Junior ROTC Cadets
Invocation Chaplain (LCDR) Michael Hogg USNR
Pledge of Allegiance 2LT Kermit Gable, Jr. USAR
Rifle Salute Lone Star Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America
The National Anthem 1LT Rachel Odom USA & Mrs. Jennifer Ciobanu
Laying of the Wreath Maj. Gen. (Dr.) Thomas W. Travis USAF, LTC Don Munson USA (Ret.), SgtMaj Ruben Pereida USMC (Ret.)
TAPS TSgt Richard Bullock, Bugler, TXANG (Ret.)
Missing Man Formation T-38s from the EuroNATO Joint Pilot Training Wing, Sheppard AFB Texas
Retire the Colors DISD Junior ROTC
Welcome Comments Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert
Remarks Mr. H. Ross Perot, Chairman Emeritus, Perot Systems
Guest Speaker Introduction LTC Don Munson USA (Ret.)
Military Guest Speaker Maj. Gen. (Dr.) Thomas W. Travis, USAF, Commander 59th Medical Wing
Benediction Chaplain (LCDR) Michael Hogg USNR
Music Brass Quintet, ANG Band of the Gulf Coast
Vintage Military Aircraft Flyover Commemorative Air Force
Veterans Day Parade Parade Passes in Review in front of City Hall

Parade Reviewing Party

Officers

Non-Commissioned Officers

- Army BG Stephen Sanders Sergeant Major Dennis Threatt
Navy RADM George Ballance Master Chief Petty Officer Ellen Zubke
Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Richard Carey Master Gunnery Sergeant Willie Nimer
Air Force Brig Gen Jerry Ragsdale Chief Master Sergeant Michael Russey
Coast Guard CAPT Jim Whitehead
Merchant Marine CAPT Robert Keslinke



CHAIRMAN - LTC Don B. Munson USA (Ret)

Lieutenant Colonel Don B. Munson was born in Indianapolis, IN and raised on military posts throughout the country. He graduated from Tulane University and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant of Infantry in the US Army. He was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division and served in jump units for 20 years. He commanded a rifle company in Vietnam and was awarded a Silver Star, two Bronze Stars for valor, the Distinguished Flying Cross and a Purple Heart. After retiring from the military, he spent eight years in a Department of Defense contract training officers in the Headquarters of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and participated in *Operation Desert Storm*.



Following the 1995 war in the Balkans, he spent a year in Sarajevo advising officers in the Ministry of Defense of the new nation of Bosnia & Herzegovina. Returning to Texas he was a special assistant to the City Manager of Coppell, TX. Called again for duty in a combat zone, he spent a year on the staff of Ambassador Paul Bremer in Baghdad and a year with the US State Department in Basrah, Iraq, overseeing assistance programs of the US Agency for International Development. He and his wife, Joey, live in Coppell, TX. He is involved in numerous activities supporting veterans and civic organizations with Scouts, JROTC units, and Youth Leadership Conferences in Texas.

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER



Dallas Veterans Day Parade

4400 Williamsburg Road Dallas, TX 75220 214-357-7325

November 11, 2009

Greetings to the Citizens of Dallas, the Greater North Texas Metroplex, and to my fellow Military Veterans. It is my pleasure to welcome you to the twelfth annual Dallas Veterans Day Parade.

General of the Armies Douglas A. MacArthur said it most vividly, in a speech to the cadets at the United States Military Academy, in West Point: *"The soldier, above all others, prays for peace, for it is the soldier who must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war."*

The theme for this year's parade is: *"Honoring the Military Medical Corps"*. We salute the medical professionals of all of the services, the doctors, nurses, medics, corpsmen, technicians, hospital staffs, and all of the others who treat and care for our **Wounded Warriors**, until they are able to be returned to their loved ones.

While we owe so much to the brave men and women who stand in harm's way to protect our liberty and freedoms, we also pay homage to the families of those Guardians for they, too, bear the emotional and psychological scars of frequent, and extended, separation and deployments.

On behalf of the Dallas Veterans Day Parade Committee, I would like to thank the City of Dallas and the many volunteers, who have contributed so immensely toward the success of this annual ceremony and Parade. I want to thank my fellow members of the 2009 Parade Committee. These volunteers are the backbone of the Parade. Their tireless support and countless hours make this event possible. I am proud to be a member of such a dedicated group of patriotic Americans.

Thanks, also, to the Greater Dallas military community, the First Cavalry Division troops from Fort Hood, Texas, the Texas Army and Air National Guard, and all of the other Reserve and active duty units who have given so freely of their time and efforts to make this parade such a magnificent tribute to our Veterans.

Special thanks to the Dallas Independent School District and to Dallas County schools, whose contributions of Color Guards, Bands, Flag and Drill Teams, and Junior ROTC units add immeasurably to our Parade. Likewise, I wish to acknowledge the participation of the many civic and patriotic organizations that join us today in saluting the men and women of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. Many of them are veterans, themselves, and they join in making this day one of special remembrance.

Finally, I wish to thank the Greater Dallas business community and civic leaders, for their generous contributions and support. They are the lifeblood of any charitable activity and they make it possible for us to dedicate this Parade to the Veterans of Dallas, and this great nation, each year.

Sincerely,

LTC Don Munson, US Army (Ret)
Chairman, 2009 Dallas Veterans Day Parade

"Saluting those who are serving, Those who have served, and Those who have made the ultimate sacrifice"
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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR / CITY OF DALLAS



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Veterans Day began with the armistice of World War I, thus making this the 90th anniversary of that solemn event; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Dallas are indebted to the courageous men and women who placed their lives in harms way for our country; and

WHEREAS, Dallas bestows special tribute and honor to the military medical corps of all services. They have ministered to their fallen comrades, no matter the circumstances, and in many cases sacrificed their own lives in the process. Their gallantry and unflinching adherence to their duty often put them in harm's way and usually resulted in a life being saved that would otherwise have been lost. They are true heroes and selfless individuals; and

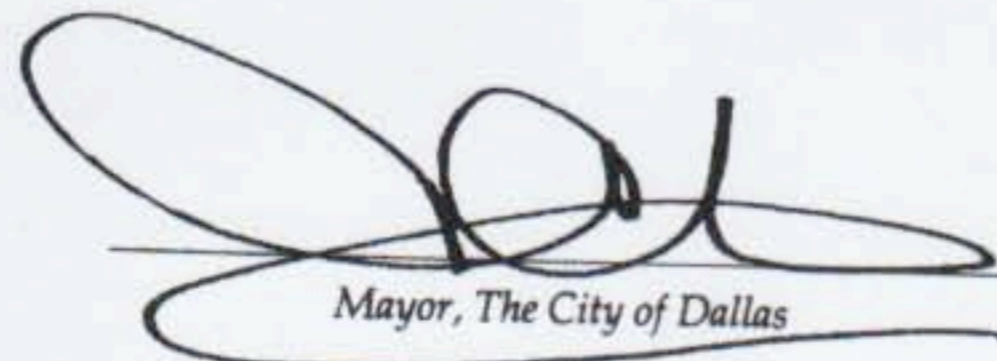
WHEREAS, Dallas honors the men and women serving in Afghanistan under the code name "Operation Enduring Freedom," and in Iraq under code name "Operation Iraqi Freedom," for their brave, committed fight against local terrorism in those regions and terrorism all over the globe; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Dallas Veterans Foundation will produce an appropriate ceremony on Veterans Day 2009, which is designed to honor and salute those who are serving, those who have served and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOM LEPPERT, mayor of the city of Dallas and on behalf of the Dallas City Council do hereby proclaim November 11, 2009,

VETERANS DAY

in Dallas, Texas.



Mayor, The City of Dallas





Major General (Dr.) Thomas W. Travis USAF

Maj. Gen. (Dr.) Thomas W. Travis USAF is Commander of the 59th Medical Wing, Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland Air Force Base, TX, providing deployed and in-garrison healthcare, graduate medical education and clinical research to enhance Air Force readiness. He leads the Air Force's largest medical facility with a staff of 5,650. As Department of Defense Multi-Service Market Manager for TRICARE San Antonio, he oversees four medical treatment facilities and directs a \$1.2 billion budget for 209,000 beneficiaries. He entered the Air Force in 1976 as a distinguished ROTC graduate at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and was awarded his pilot wings in 1978. The General completed his medical degree from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences School of Medicine as the top Air Force graduate and in 1987 became a flight surgeon. In 1992 he was Chief of Medical Operations for the Human Systems Program Office at Brooks AFB, Texas, later serving as Director of Operational Health Support and Chief of Aerospace Medicine Division for the Air Force Medical Operations Agency in Washington, D.C. He has commanded the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine, the 311th Human Systems Wing at Brooks AFB,



the Malcolm Grow Medical Center, Andrews AFB, the 79th Medical Wing, Andrews AFB and was Command Surgeon, Headquarters Air Force District of Washington. In 2006 he was Command Surgeon, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, VA, providing for the health of ACC's global team through worldwide medical contingency operations, a comprehensive community-based health care system and human-in-the-weapon system expertise and support. General Travis is board certified in aerospace medicine, a command pilot, and chief flight surgeon, with more than 1,800 flying hours and is one of the Air Force's few pilot-physicians. He has flown the F-4, F-15, and F-16 as mission pilot and, most recently, the Royal Air Force Hawk, as senior medical officer and test pilot. He has been awarded the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters and many other decorations. Among other awards, in 2007 he received the George E. Shafer Award, Society of USAF Flight Surgeons and in 2008 the John D. Chase Award for Physician Executive Excellence, Association of Military Surgeons of the United States. He is a member of Academician, International Academy of Aviation and Space Medicine, a member and former President, Society of U.S. Air Force Flight Surgeons.



H. Ross Perot, Chairman Emeritus, Perot Systems

Ross Perot was born June 27, 1930, in Texarkana, Texas. His parents, Ross and Lulu May Perot, were major influences on Ross and his sister, Bette. Although the family was of modest circumstances, he often said he was born rich, because of his parents. Perot graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1953. He served as Class President, Chairman of the Honor Committee and Battalion Commander. He served four years at sea on a Destroyer and an Aircraft Carrier. In 1956, he married Margot Birmingham from Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Upon his honorable discharge in 1957, they settled in Dallas. Margot taught school, and Ross joined IBM as a salesman in the Data Processing Division. In 1962, he started Electronic Data Systems (EDS). Over the next 22 years he built EDS into one of the world's largest technology service firms. For his efforts to help improve treatment for U.S. prisoners in Vietnam, Perot received the highest civilian award from the U.S. Department of Defense. When two EDS employees were taken hostage by the Iranian government in 1979, Perot directed a successful rescue mission composed of EDS employees and led by



Colonel Arthur "Bull" Simons. Perot chaired the Texans' War on Drugs Committee and also led the effort to reform the state's public school system. Because of his humanitarian efforts, Perot received the *Winston Churchill Award*, presented by Prince Charles and First Lady Nancy Reagan; the *Raul Wallenberg Award*; and in 1990, the *Patrick Henry Award*, presented by President George H.W. Bush. In 2004, he received the *Eisenhower Award* for his more than 40 years of support for the American military. In attendance were all Service Chiefs and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In 1984, Perot sold EDS to General Motors. In 1988, he founded a new technology services company, Perot Systems Corporation, where he serves as Chairman Emeritus. In 1992, Mr. Perot ran for President of the United States as an Independent candidate. He ran again in 1996 on the Reform Party Ticket. The Perot family is actively involved in numerous charitable and civic activities. Through the Perot Foundation, funds have helped wounded soldiers, funded medical research, and funded chemical and weapon research for those wounded in Desert Storm. Margot and Ross Perot have five children and 15 grandchildren.



GRAND MARSHAL

Lieutenant Colonel (Dr.) Jerrold Grodin USAR

With feelings of patriotism after 9-11, Dr. Grodin arrived at the Army recruiting station the following day and joined the United States Army Reserve at the age of 52. He received his commission as a Major in the U.S. Army Medical Corps in December 2001. Born in 1949 in Brooklyn, NY, he received his Bachelor of Science Degree at UT El Paso in 1971. He attended the University of Mexico Medical School in Mexico City from 1973-1977 and transferred to the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, receiving his medical degree in 1978. In 1981 he completed his internship and residency in internal medicine at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine City Hospital Center at Elmhurst, NY. He completed his Fellowship in Cardiology at Baylor University Medical Center Dallas in 1983 and was board certified in Internal Medicine in 1981 and Cardiovascular disease in 1985. He is a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology and a member of both the Texas Medical Association and the Dallas County



Medical Society. Shortly after completing Officer Basic School at Ft. Sam Houston, TX, Major Grodin was deployed to Mosul, Iraq with the 67th Combat Support Hospital (CSH) 2003-2004. In 2006, he was deployed a second time to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany. Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) in 2008, he deployed for a third tour of duty to Tikrit, Iraq with the 345th Combat Support Hospital. LTC (Dr.) Grodin provided care to soldiers who were severely and critically wounded in combat. Some of his care was conducted under direct enemy fire wearing full battle dress, or "full battle rattle". After each call to duty, he returned to civilian life and to his Dallas medical practice with Cardiology Consultants of Texas. Today he continues to serve in the active Army Reserve Medical Corps with his home unit, the 94th Combat Support Hospital, in Seagoville, TX. His proudest accomplishment was being awarded the U.S. Army Combat Action Badge for service while under direct enemy fire in Iraq.



807th MEDICAL COMMAND ARMY RESERVE

Seagoville, Texas

807th Medical Command is extremely proud that one of its own, LTC (Dr.) Jerrold Grodin, has been honored to be the Grand Marshal for the 2009 Dallas Veterans Day Parade. Established in 1944, the 807th received campaign participation credit for World War II and the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Streamer. In 1945 it became the 807th Hospital Center and in 1976 the unit became a Brigade. In 1979 it relocated to its new training site in Seagoville, Texas, covering 205 acres of warehouses, administrative buildings, motor pools, firing range, deployable hospital equipment training site and mock aircraft. For 30 years, the 807th Medical Brigade provided command and control over 27 Army Reserve medical units with 5000 Soldiers in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, and New Mexico. During Desert Storm, the Brigade mobilized 17 medical units, sending 13 Army Reserve medical units into combat with 53% of the brigade's Citizen Soldiers placed on active duty.



All personnel returned without a casualty. In 2002 it became the 807th Medical Command, a theater-level headquarters. During Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, the 807th was mobilized and deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. The 807th is now split-based with the Main Command Post at Fort Douglas, Utah with the Operational Command Post at Seagoville, with 116 units in 26 western states and over 11,000 Warrior Medics. The MDSC's peacetime mission includes training medical personnel for field medical operations assuring the readiness of medical units to rapidly respond to any national contingency. Its wartime mission is to mobilize units and personnel to provide hospitalization, evacuation, dental and veterinary care within the Theater. The MDSC maintains a high state of readiness, participates in joint exercises with its active Army counterparts and continues to deploy personnel and units to Central and South America in support of nation building programs.

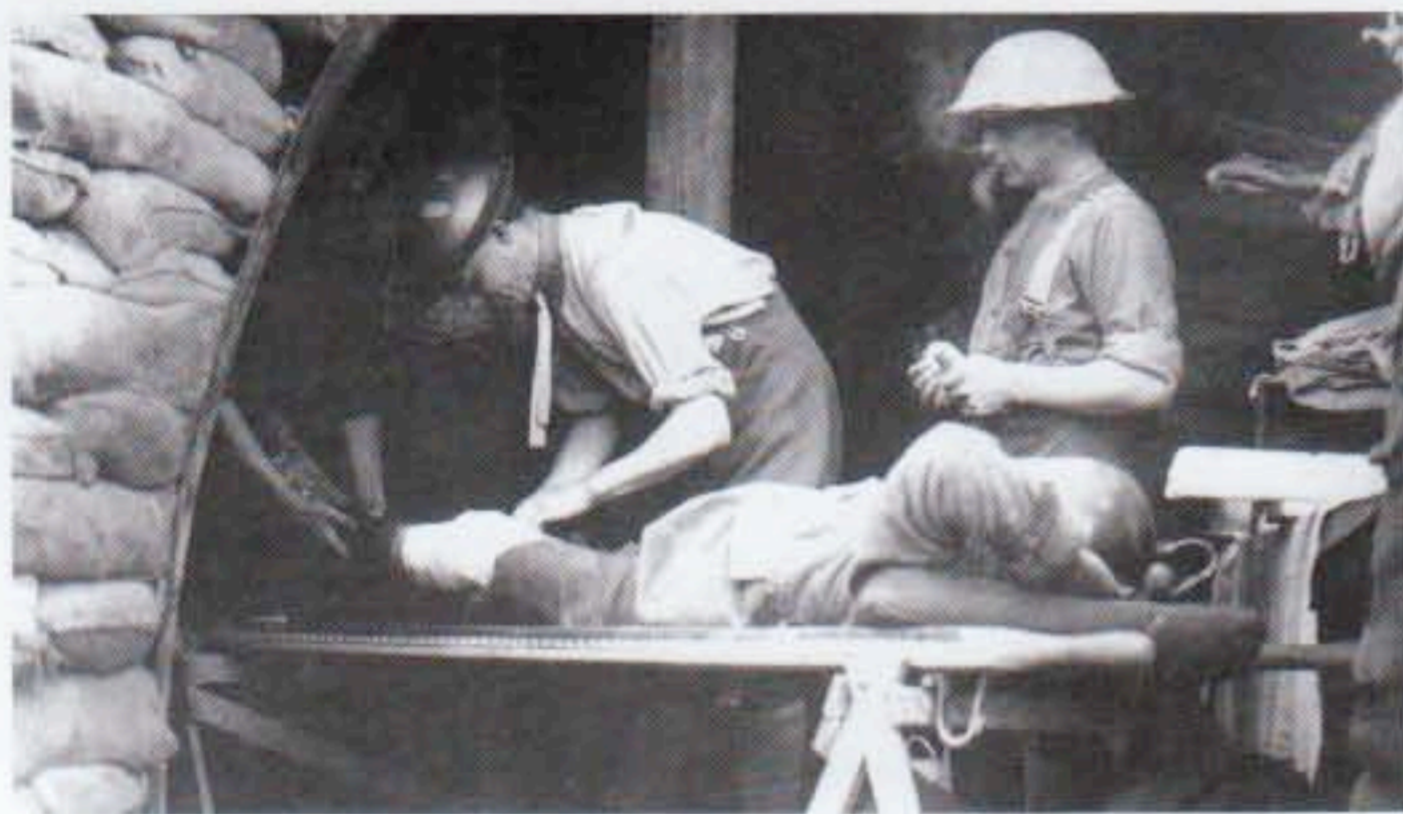


SALUTING THE MILITARY MEDICAL CORPS

Our 2009 Dallas Veterans Day theme is *SALUTING THE MILITARY MEDICAL CORPS*, of all services. The following is an overview of the Army, Navy and Air Force Medical Corps.

Army - The tradition of the Army Medical Department dates back to the American Revolution; July 27, 1775. Subsequently, the Hospital Corps (1887), the Nurse Corps (1901), and the Dental Corps (1911) were established. After the Spanish-American War of 1898, Major Walter Reed solved the mystery of yellow fever. In WWI, the Army faced gas warfare and psychiatric casualties. As research yielded breakthroughs in burn care and techniques for damaged organs and critical care, over 208,000 wounded or gassed soldiers survived. In WWII, the Department expanded to over 650,000, supporting 8.2 million men and women. Officers and medics accompanied units in

seaborne invasions and jumped in many airborne operations in Europe and the Pacific. The Army had 14,589 casualties – 2,265 killed and 11,826 wounded. Plasma, whole blood and penicillin assisted to provide a survival rate of 95.6% with 599,724 wounded. The Korean War Army Surgical Hospital “MASH” units provided forward surgery, pioneering vascular repair and procedures to preserve limbs that normally required amputation. In Vietnam, medics accompanied ground troops and hospital units were fixed facilities in operating zones. New medical equipment and drug treatment helped. In Operation Desert Storm, only 2 of 356 wounded died of their wounds, a 99.4% survival rate.



Navy – The United States Navy Medical Corps of commissioned doctors in various specialties was founded in 1871. Prior to the formal establishment of the corps, ships’ surgeons served without commissions. Facing a physician shortage, the Uniformed Services Health Professions Revitalization Act of 1972 gave civilians direct commissions as Ensigns in the Navy Reserve. In addition to continued medical education, they received financial assistance in exchange for their commitment to at



least four years of service. After graduation, the new physicians were called to active duty to serve as interns at a Navy or Marine Corps hospital. Upon completion of their internship, Navy physicians were deployed to the fleet as General Medical Officers to complete residency training as either a Flight Surgeon or Undersea Medical Officer. The Navy Medical Corps is currently comprised of over 4,000 active duty and reserve officers with 47 specialties and 200 sub-specialties.



SALUTING THE MILITARY MEDICAL CORPS

Air Force - The Medical Service (AFMS) was created in 1949 consisting of the Medical Corps, Dental Corps, Veterinary Corps, Medical Service Corps, Air Force Nurse



Corps, and Women's Medical Specialist Corps. Led by The Surgeon General, AFMS manages components of Air Force, U.S. Air Force Reserve, and the Air National Guard. The Biomedical Sciences Corps (BSC) was established in 1965. The Dental Corps consists of officers with a Doctor of Dental Surgery or a Dental Medicine degree. The Medical Corps consists of commissioned Air Force physicians who

can become Flight Surgeons. The Nurse Corps consists of officers with a Nursing degree. AFMS supports major air command surgeons, the Departments of the Army, Navy and other agencies providing medical service for 2.63 million beneficiaries. More than 40,000 officers, enlisted and civilians, along with 20,000 Air Force Reserve and the Air National Guard, work in 75 treatment facilities and 24 hospitals and medical centers. It supports the warfighters, operates and



manages a worldwide system for requirements from forward deployed locations, supporting USAF operations and theater aeromedical evacuation of joint and combined forces.

OPERATIONS ENDURING & IRAQI FREEDOM

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM

After the September 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the United States entered into a war against global terrorism. Initially, we disrupted their funding through seizure, then, by a military response called Operation Enduring Freedom. Early operations included a mix of land and sea based missile strikes. Objectives included the destruction of terrorist training camps and infrastructure within Afghanistan, the capture



of al Qaeda leaders, and the cessation of terrorist activities. Additionally, military forces would help deliver humanitarian supplies to the Afghans. On Oct. 9th of 2005 millions of Afghans finally got their initial taste of democracy with participation in the first-ever presidential Afghanistan elections. Coalition forces continue to locate and destroy remaining pockets of Taliban and al Qaeda fighters and to search for surviving leadership.

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

On March 19, 2003, United States and United Kingdom forces consisting of cruise missiles, stealth fighters and other aircraft began military operations against Iraq. This was designed to rid Iraq of its mass destruction weapons and to remove the oppressive and dangerous Iraqi Regime. Operation Iraqi Freedom consisted of the largest special operations force (SOF) since the Vietnam War. While the vast majority of special operations forces were American, the United Kingdom and Australia also provided forces. Coalition personnel worked with Kurdish fighters against the regime.



Special operations forces helped bring in the US 173rd Airborne Brigade, and also called in coalition air power strikes on regime targets. Special operations were also responsible for attacking a number of specific targets such as airfields, weapons sites, and command and control centers. Over one hundred thousand personnel took part in this operation. We salute the men and women who have been, and still are involved in Operation Iraqi Freedom. They have performed valiantly and will always take their rightful place beside our hallowed veterans of past engagements.



MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Bill Melton



Bill Melton, a highly accomplished management and finance professional, has served as Master of Ceremonies for the Dallas Veterans Day Parade for many years. Professionally, he's served as Dallas County Treasurer for over 25 years and is currently working as a national free-lance announcer and consultant. A graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, Melton obtained his Certifications as an Investment and finance Officer and County Treasurer as well as training by the United States Chamber in Organization Management. In 1995, American City & County Magazine selected him "County Leader of the Year" and in 1991, named him the United States' "Most Valuable Public Official in County Government". In 1982, he was honored as "Outstanding County Treasurer in the United States" and "Texas' Outstanding County Treasurer". In 1981 as County Treasurer, Melton served as President, National Association of County Treasurers and Finance Officers. He was Director of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association for 11 years and received numerous awards including the George

Washington Honor Medal; Liberty Bell Award; one of "Five Outstanding Young Texans"; "Outstanding Young Man of Dallas"; Lions "Ambassador of Goodwill", "Lion of the Year", the highest Award of Lions Clubs International. His sports awards include SMU "Honorary Letterman" Award and "Mustang Service Award". He served as Announcer for the 2005 Presidential Inauguration Parade, and two Inaugural events one honoring United States Armed Services. He was Stadium Announcer for Men's and Women's Olympic Soccer during the 1996 Atlanta Centennial Olympic Games; PA Announcer for Super Bowls VI, VIII, IX; NFL AFC vs. NFC Pro Bowl, 1973; Men's World Cup Soccer 1994; Women's World Cup Soccer 2003; and the 2002 World Basketball Championships. He was PA Announcer for the Dallas Cowboys for 10 years, Texas Rangers for six years, World Championship Tennis for 18 years, SMU football, basketball and "The Mustang Band" for 24 years and UNT Football and Basketball for 12 years.

PARADE ANNOUNCER

COL Homer Schmidt

COL Homer C. Schmidt served 30 years in the US Army, both active and reserve. He was commissioned in the Ordinance Corps and later became qualified in Civil Affairs and Military Intelligence. He completed extensive training in these disciplines, and graduated from the Army's Command and Staff College at Fort Levinworth, Kansas.

His military decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal and the Good Conduct Medal among others.

Col. Schmidt graduated Southern Methodist University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. He worked for the Texas Utilities Company in power generation operations, testing and construction of gas fired power plants and served 10 years as Director of Nuclear Services for the Comanche Peak Nuclear power plant Southwest of Dallas.

He is married to the former Diane Hetherington of Miami, Oklahoma. They have three children and four grandchildren and are active in Dallas church and civic activities.



PARADE COLOR ANNOUNCER

Jack Schell

Jack Schell brings to the Dallas Veterans Day Parade a wealth of announcing experience and will add to the color commentary. He has been on the air entertaining listeners on the radio in the Dallas-Fort Worth area since the mid 60s. His morning and afternoon drivetime DJ and talkshow broadcasts on KBOX, KLIF, KRLD, KVIL and others, have been legendary and he ranks among the top DJ/Announcers since the early radio years of the Sixties. Known for his quick wit enhancing the many station promotions he participated in has put him in the top tier of desired announcers. He always went the extra mile especially for on-site promotions that he handled as an emcee or participant with his always smiling attitude and zany antics in good taste. Jack's presence on the air and his influence behind the scenes have been continuous for over 40 years. Although he now spends most of his time at his studios on Cedar Creek Lake,

producing high-end videos for business and individuals, he is also on call to fill in on Dallas radio when summoned. He is a native Dallasite, father of two sons, home craftsman, guitar student, avid snow skier and self-confessed obsessive early-adopter of electronic gadgets.





PARADE PARTICIPANTS

US Army	1st Cavalry Division Color Guard	Mesquite ISD	Horn HS, Army JROTC
US Army Reserve	Nurses in past War Uniforms w/banner	Mesquite ISD	Mesquite HS, Army JROTC
Grand Marshal	LTC (DR) Jerrold Grodin, 94th Cbt Spt Hospital	Mesquite ISD	Poteet HS, Air Force JROTC
US Army Reserve	807th Medical Command Troops	Dallas ISD	Pinkston HS, Army JROTC 19th Battalion
US Army	1st Cavalry Division Band	Mexican American Veterans	Dallas Chapter
US Army	1st Cavalry Division Troops	US Navy	Plymouth Prowler - Paul Show
Honorary Marshal	Col James Patterson, 341st Med Evac Wing	US Navy	US Navy Recruiting District Dallas
Dept of Veterans Affairs	Dallas Veterans Center, VA Hospital	Vietnam Veterans of Amer	Post # 137
Dept of Veterans Affairs	VA North Texas Health Care System	US Marine Corps	USMC Toys for Tots program
Mrs American Renaissance	Captain (USAF) Sheila Klein	Marine Corps League	Big D Det. & Young Marines Det.
Mrs Texas Classic United America	Mrs Jane McAllister	Marine Corps League	Lone Star Young Marines
Buckner Village	WW II Veterans	Merchant Marines	Stephen Hopkins Chapter
Buckner Village	1936 Mercedes-Benz	Dallas ISD	White HS, Longhorns Band
Dallas ISD	Skyline HS, Raiders Band	Dallas ISD	White HS, Marine Corps JROTC 1st Battalion
Dallas ISD	Skyline HS, Army JROTC 11th Battalion	American Ex-POW Assn	Dallas Metroplex Chapter
Cedar Hills ISD	Cedar Hills HS, Air Force JROTC	AmVets	Department of Texas
Dallas Tap Dazzlers	Dallas Tap Dazzlers	Dallas County	Sheriff's Posse
Soldier's Angels	Dallas Chapter	Dallas County	Veterans Service Office
Korean War Veterans Assn	Chapter # 270 (Sam Johnson)	Dallas ISD	Lincoln Magnet HS, Tigers Band
Korean War Veterans Assn	Republic of Korea veterans	Dallas ISD	Lincoln Magnet HS, Army JROTC 10th Battalion
Dallas ISD	JROTC Brigade Color Guard	Doberman Rescue Assn	North Texas Chapter
Dallas ISD	JROTC Brigade Staff	First Marine Division Assn	Dallas Chapter
Dallas ISD	Conrad HS, Chargers Band	Military Officers Assn of America	Greater Dallas Chapter
Dallas ISD	Conrad HS, Army JROTC 20th Battalion	Military Officers Assn of America	Dallas Chapter - Antique Fire Truck
Battle of the Bulge	Chapter # 50	Dallas ISD	Adams HS, Cougars Band
Dallas Police Department	Motorcycle officers, Traffic Division	Dallas ISD	Adams HS, Army JROTC 14th Battalion
Dallas City Hall	Mayor Leppert & City employees	Dallas Fire-Rescue	Fire-Rescue Bagpipers
Dallas ISD	Adamson HS, Leopards Marching Band	Forney ISD	Forney HS, AF JROTC Battalion
Dallas ISD	Adamson HS, Army JROTC 2nd Battalion	All American Cowgirl Chicks	Fort Worth Rodeo
US Army Reserves	721st Engineer Company	Dallas ISD	Samuell HS, Sound System Band
Dallas Stars (NHL)	"Ice Girls"	Dallas ISD	Samuell HS, Army JROTC 12th Battalion
Texas Rangers Baseball	MLB All Star - Jim Kern & "Rangers Captain"	Lake Highlands	Lake Highlands Military Morns
Dallas ISD	Madison HS, Trojans Band	National Sojourners	Dallas Chapter
Dallas ISD	Madison HS, Army JROTC 3rd Battalion	Native American Warrior Society	Texas Chapter
US Navy	US Nuclear Submarine "Dallas" (Captain & Crew)	Dallas ISD	Jefferson HS, Patriots Band
US Navy	Dallas Base Submarine Veterans	Dallas ISD	Jefferson HS, Army JROTC 13th Battalion
Navy League	Dallas Council	Republic of China Veterans	ROC, Dallas Chapter
Navy League	Forrestal Sea & Ranger League Cadets	Republic of Vietnam Veterans	RVN, Dallas Chapter
US Coast Guard	USCG Cutter "Dallas" - Crew	Fleet Reserve Assn	Dallas Branch # 96
Texas Army National Guard	36th Infantry Division Band	Irving ISD	MacArthur HS, Army JROTC Battalion
US Army	1st Cav Div, Horse Detachment	Carrollton ISD	Turner HS, Navy JROTC
US Army	Recruiting Company, Dallas	Dallas ISD	Kimball HS, Knight Train Band
Miss Texas International	Miss Jade Monfils	Dallas ISD	Kimball HS, Army JROTC 15th Battalion
DeSoto ISD	DeSoto HS, Army JROTC	Special Forces Association	Chapter XXXI
Dallas ISD	N Dallas HS, Bulldog Marching Band	St James Episcopal Church	Seven Decades of Service
Dallas ISD	N Dallas HS, Army JROTC 4th Battalion	USO	USO Office, DFW Airport
Mrs Dallas, Texas	Courtney Bobb (Military wife)	Dallas ISD	Seagoville HS, Dragons Band
US Marshals	US Marshals Posse	Dallas ISD	Seagoville HS, Army JROTC 9th Battalion
Greater Dallas Veterans Council	Council for 73 Veterans organizations	GOP	Dallas Star Republican Women
Honor Flights of Dallas	Dallas Chapter	GOP	Dallas County Republican Party
Dallas ISD	Sunset HS, Purple Machine Marching Band	GOP	Greater Dallas Chapter Pachyderm Club
Dallas ISD	Sunset HS, Army JROTC 6th Battalion	GOP	Rowlett Republicans
Veterans of Foreign Wars	Post # 1406	Dallas ISD	Townview HS, Griffins Marching Band
Veterans of Foreign Wars	Post # 6797	Dallas ISD	Townview Center, Natl Def Cadet Corps
Veterans of Foreign Wars	Post # 7843	Grand Prairie ISD	Grand Prairie HS, Army JROTC
Air Force Association	Chapter # 232	Dallas Segway Tours	Dallas Segway Tours
Dallas ISD	Smith HS, Falcons Marching Band	KAAM Radio	770 AM
Dallas ISD	Sunset HS, Navy JROTC 1st Battalion	Dallas Drifters	Dallas Chapter
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1st Cavalry Division

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On 13 September 1921, the 1st Cavalry Division was officially formed with the Headquarters stationed at Fort Bliss. The 1st Cavalry Division missions were to train regularly and patrol the border around Fort Bliss, Camp Clark, and Camp Marfa. The first division commander was Major General Robert Lee Howze.

Throughout history, the 1st Cavalry Division has distinguished itself in combat operations around the world. During World War II, the division saw action on Leyte and Luzon---the main islands of the Philippines. The First Team also led the allied occupation into Tokyo, Japan. During the Korean War, in July 1950, the 1st Cavalry Division plunged ashore at Pohongadong, South Korea. In mid-September, the division started crossing the 38th Parallel and eventually moved into the capital city of Pyongyang.

The First Team came home in 1965 to prepare for a new mission. Within ninety days of becoming the Army’s first airmobile division, the 1st Cavalry Division was sent to combat in the Republic of Vietnam. The First Team returned to the United States on 5 May 1971 to take up residence in central Texas. In August 1990, the division was alerted for deployment to Southwest Asia to support Saudi Arabia’s defense against a potential Iraqi attack. In January 1991, the division was attached to VII Corps for offensive action and on 26 February, the commander of the allied forces, General Norman Schwarzkopf, directed, “Send the First Team, destroy the Republican Guard.”

The 1st Cavalry Division was the first U.S.-based division to be sent to Bosnia, its mission to supervise and enforce the Dayton Peace Accords. After the attacks of September 11, 2001, the division became part of our nation’s War on Terror. The First Team deployed units to Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom to support the fight against the Taliban government that was providing aid to the Al Qaeda terrorist network. The division then deployed to Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom II. Troopers worked tirelessly to improve Iraq’s infrastructure and improve the lives of Iraqi citizens to help foster a level of trust and cooperation. The division then returned to Fort Hood and began training for subsequent duty in Iraq. The 1st Cavalry Division once again deployed to Iraq last year and currently remains there, helping the citizens of Iraq develop their fledgling government while continuing to engage in the War on Terror.



The Horse Detachment was established in January 1972 when the First Cavalry Division Association voted to sponsor a Horse Platoon and ten horses were procured from the Army Pentathlon Team in San Antonio, Texas. Its first show - a parade - took place in San Angelo, Texas, that same year. By the end of 1972, the herd had grown to 18 mounts and in 1973, two mules and an 1878 Escort Wagon were added to its inventory. The Detachment performed its first mounted demonstration in 1974 using six riders and mounts.

Throughout the 1970’s the Detachment continued to grow, although individual soldiers were still donating a lot of their personal time, supplies, and money to make the unit function. All that began to change when the U.S. Army recognized the Horse Platoon as a Special Ceremonial Unit and took on financial oversight of the unit. Today the Detachment is the only permanently-staffed and independently-funded mounted cavalry unit on Active Duty in the United States Army.

In 1984, the position of Civilian Trainer and Stablemaster was created. A distinguished Department of the Army civilian post, this position has provided great continuity over the years and respected expertise to the efforts of the Detachment. Since its inception, only three men have held the position. The Horse Platoon was renamed the Horse Cavalry Detachment to better conform to historical precedent in 1986. It was about this time that the demonstration was improved to include 11 riders and mounts and a four mule hitch pulling the Escort Wagon. That task organization has remained the standard (with rare exceptions) ever since.

Over the years, the Detachment has appeared in three Presidential Inaugural Parades, five Tournament of Roses Parades, the 1984 World’s Fair, and literally thousands of state and local events. The Detachment is currently comprised of one commissioned officer, 35 enlisted soldiers, and one DA civilian. The stables are home to 37 horses, seven mules, and one dog. The unit prides itself on self-sufficiency and regularly sends its enlisted members to advanced civilian-run school programs where they learn the skills needed to become farriers, saddlemakers and bootmakers for the Detachment.



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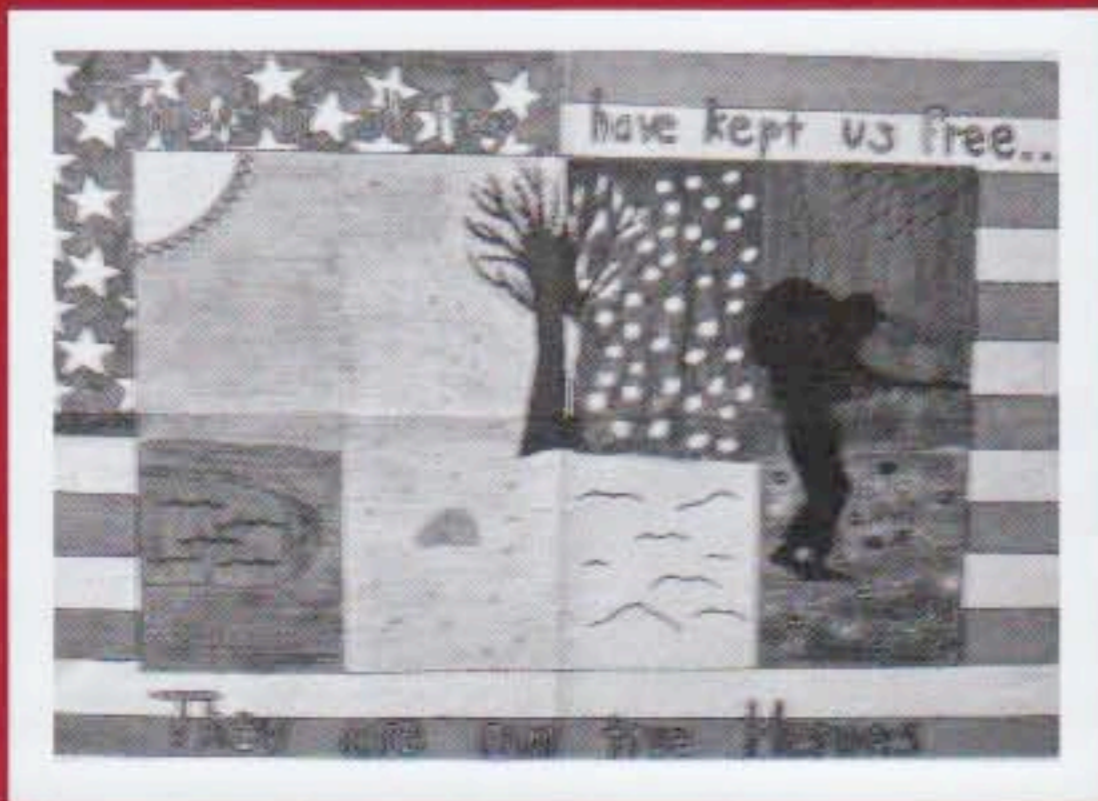
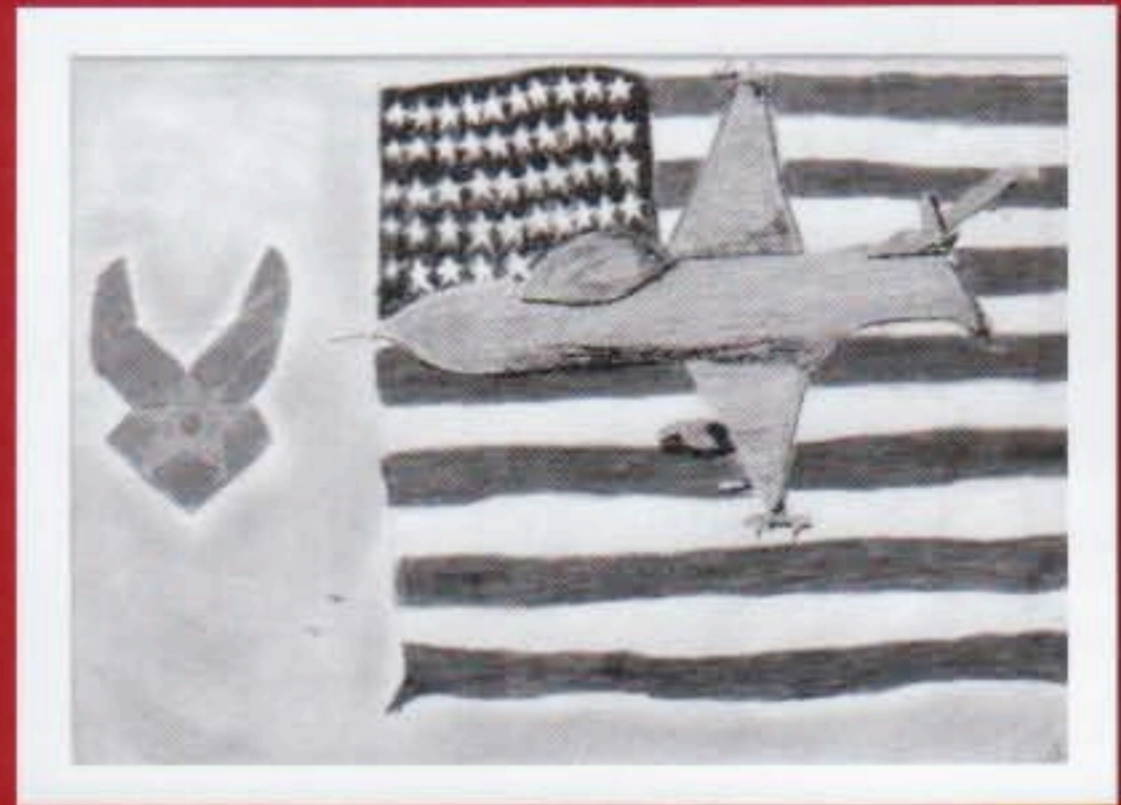


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“The Dallas Veterans Day Parade and the Dallas Independent School District have worked together for several years to inform students of the importance of Veterans’ contributions to our country. An important part of this mission has been student involvement in the celebration of Veterans’ Day through art, music, JROTC units, and marching bands. A significant component of this celebration is the Veterans Day Art Competition to acquaint DISD students with the history and purpose of Veteran’s Day. Although the Veterans Day Art Competition began as an event primarily focused on elementary students, five years ago it was expanded to include secondary schools. Currently there are 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in four divisions: Grades 1-3, 4-5, 6-8, and 9-12. The twelve winning pieces of art are exhibited on Veterans Day in the Dallas City Hall Flag Room and are then moved to the Frontiers of Flight Museum, at Love Field for display during November. A closing reception will be held for the winning artists, their parents, teachers and principals.”

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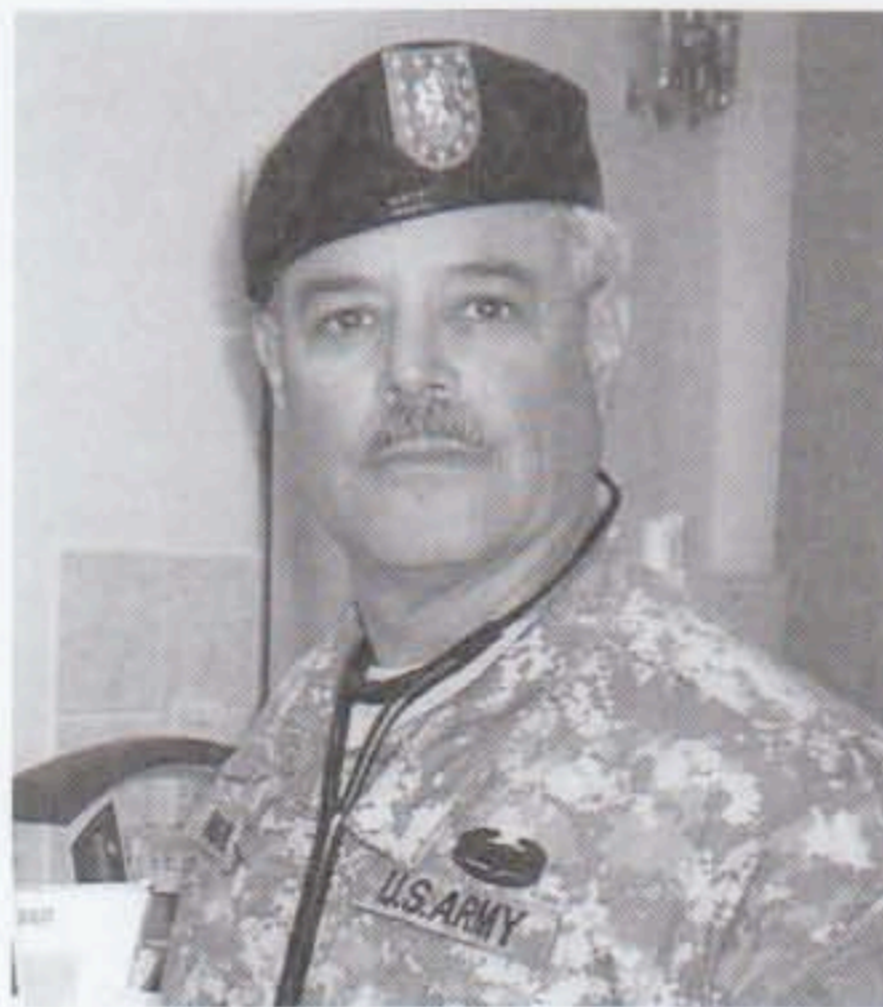
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	2 nd Place	Rice Learning Ctr.	Macy Hunt	Linda Camp
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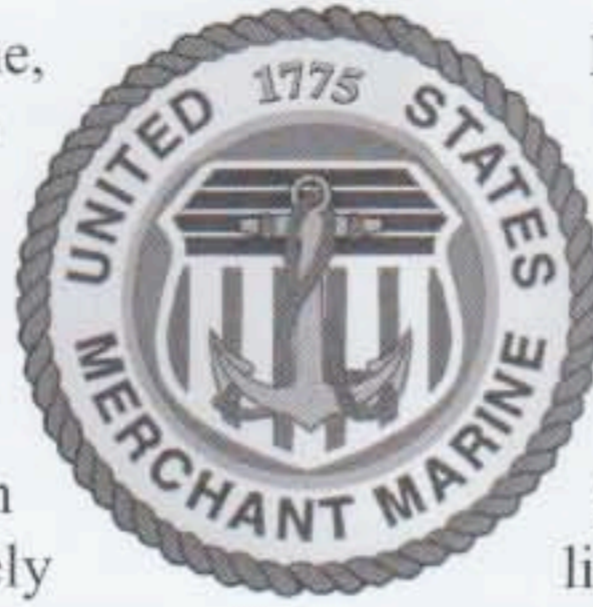
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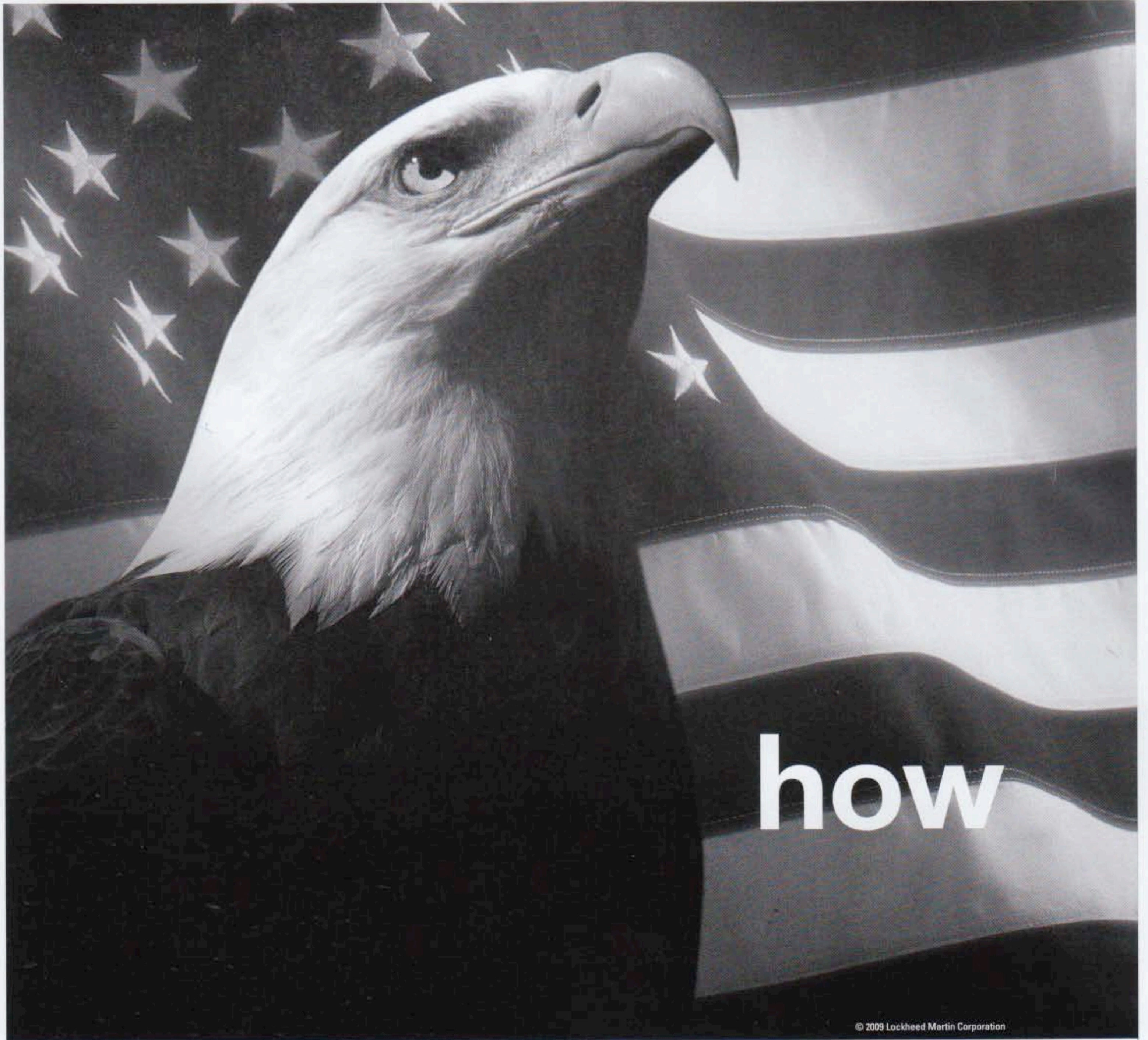
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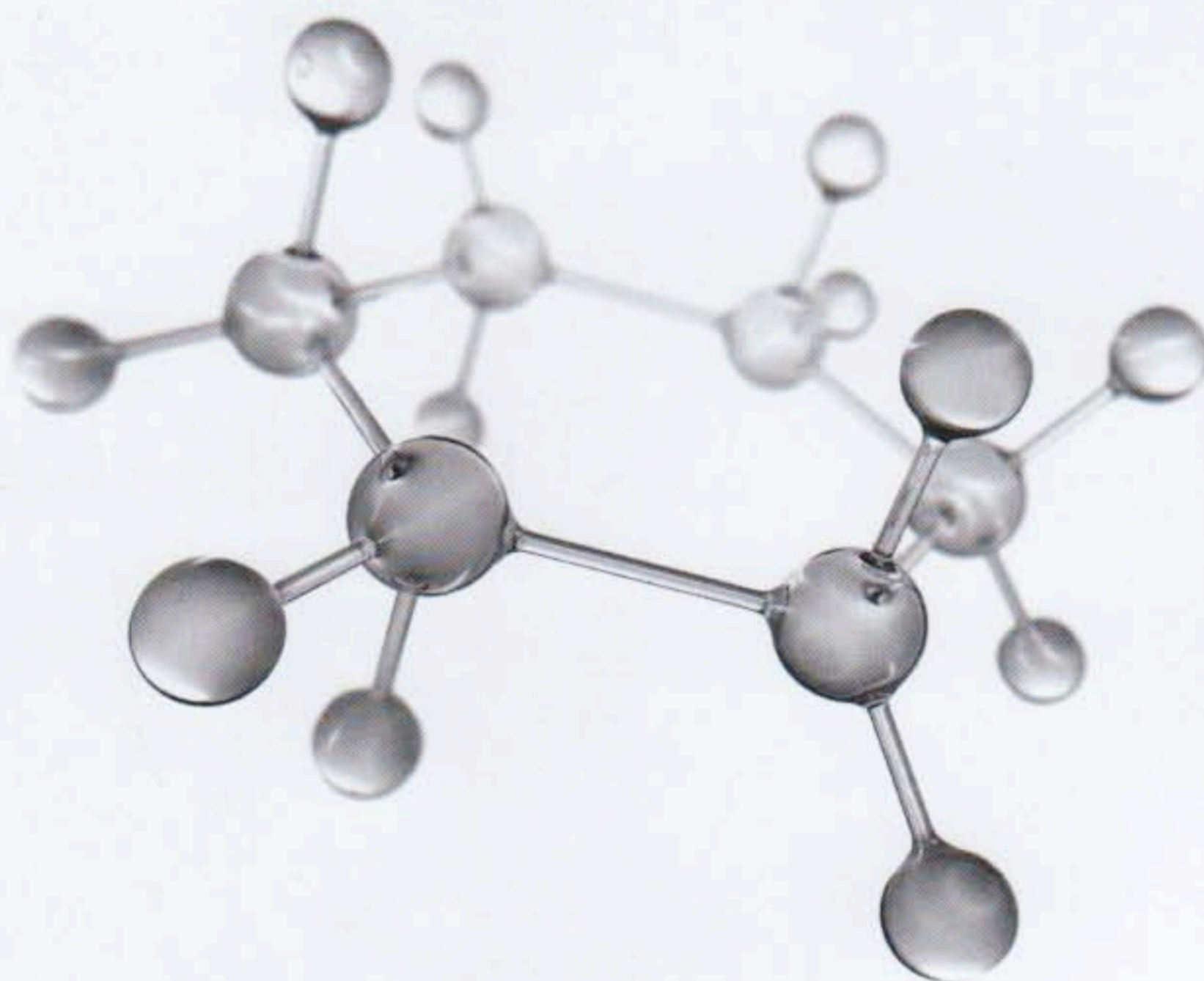
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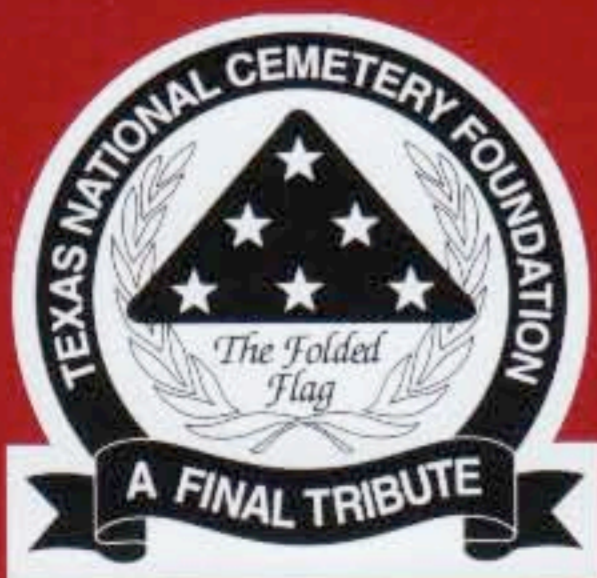
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HISTORY OF TAPS

The music for Taps is thought to have been written by Union General Daniel Butterfield for his Brigade (Third Brigade, First Division, Fifth Army Corps, Army of the Potomac) in July of 1862.

In fact, Taps seems to have been a revision of an earlier bugle call. Up to the Civil War, the infantry call for Lights Out, as set down in military manuals, had been borrowed from a French tune called Tattoo. As a signal for end of the day, armies have used Tattoo to signal troops to prepare them for bedtime roll call. The call was used to notify the soldiers to cease the evening's drinking and return to their garrisons, and was sounded an hour before the final call of the day to extinguish all fires and lights. This early version is found in three manuals. This call, referred to as the Scott Tattoo, was in use from 1835-1860. A second version of Tattoo came into use just before the Civil War and was in use throughout the war replacing the Scott Tattoo.

As the story goes, General Butterfield was not pleased with the call for Lights Out, feeling that the call was too formal to signal the days end. One day he changed it with the help of the brigade bugler, Oliver Wilcox Norton.

General Butterfield sent for Norton, showed him some notes on a staff written in pencil on the back of an envelope, and asked him to sound them on the bugle. Norton did so several times, playing the music as written. Gen. Butterfield changed it somewhat, lengthening some notes and shortening others, but retained the melody. Finally they settled on what has been known thereafter as Taps. The call, sounded that night in July, 1862, soon spread to other units of the Union Army and was even used by the Confederates. Taps was made an official bugle call after the war.

The first use of Taps at a funeral during the Peninsular Campaign in Virginia was by Captain John C. Tidball of Battery A, 2nd Artillery who ordered it played for the burial of a cannoner killed in action. The soldier was buried at a time when the battery occupied an advanced position, concealed in the woods. It was unsafe to fire the customary three volleys over the grave because of the proximity of the enemy, and it might have renewed fighting. Captain Tidball decided that the sounding of Taps would be the only ceremony. The custom, thus originated, was taken up throughout the Army of the Potomac.

The earliest official reference to the mandatory use of Taps at military funeral ceremonies is found in the U.S. Army Infantry Drill Regulations for 1891.

Butterfield died in 1901. His tomb is the most ornate in the cemetery at West Point despite the fact that he never attended there. Also a monument to Butterfield is in New York City near Grant's Tomb. Nothing on either monument mentions Taps or Butterfield's association with the call. Taps was sounded at his funeral.

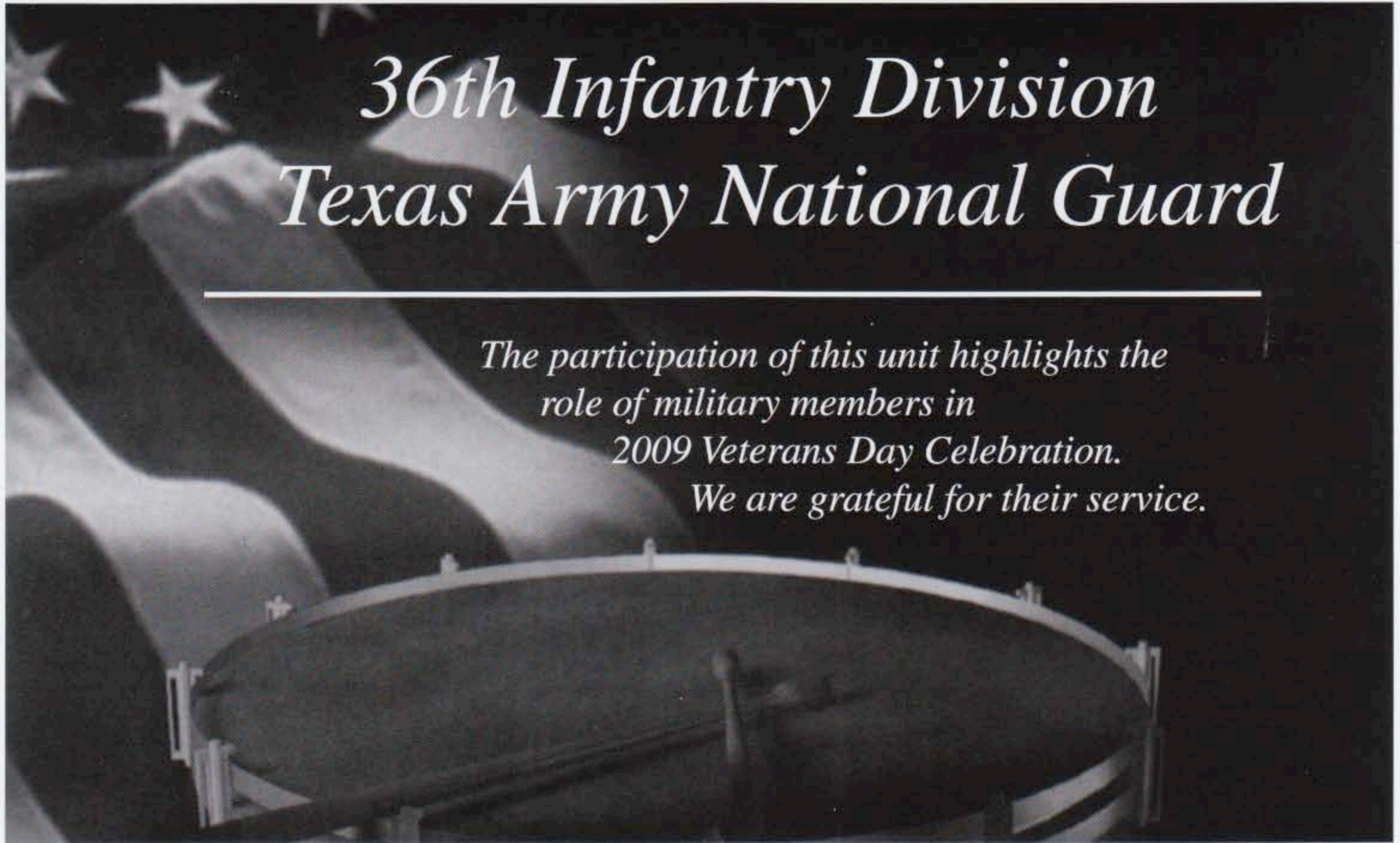


As soon as Taps was sounded that night in July 1862, words were put with the music. The first were, "Go To Sleep, Go to Sleep." As the years went on many more versions were created. There are no official words to the music but here are some of the more popular verses:

Day is done, gone the sun,
From the hills, from the lake,
From the skies.
All is well, safely rest,
God is nigh.
Go to sleep, peaceful sleep,
May the soldier or sailor,
God keep.
On the land or the deep,
Safe in sleep.
Love, good night, Must thou go,
When the day, And the night
Need thee so?
All is well. Speedeth all
To their rest.
Fades the light; And afar
Goeth day, And the stars
Shineth bright,
Fare thee well; Day has gone,
Night is on.
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As we go, This we know,
God is nigh.

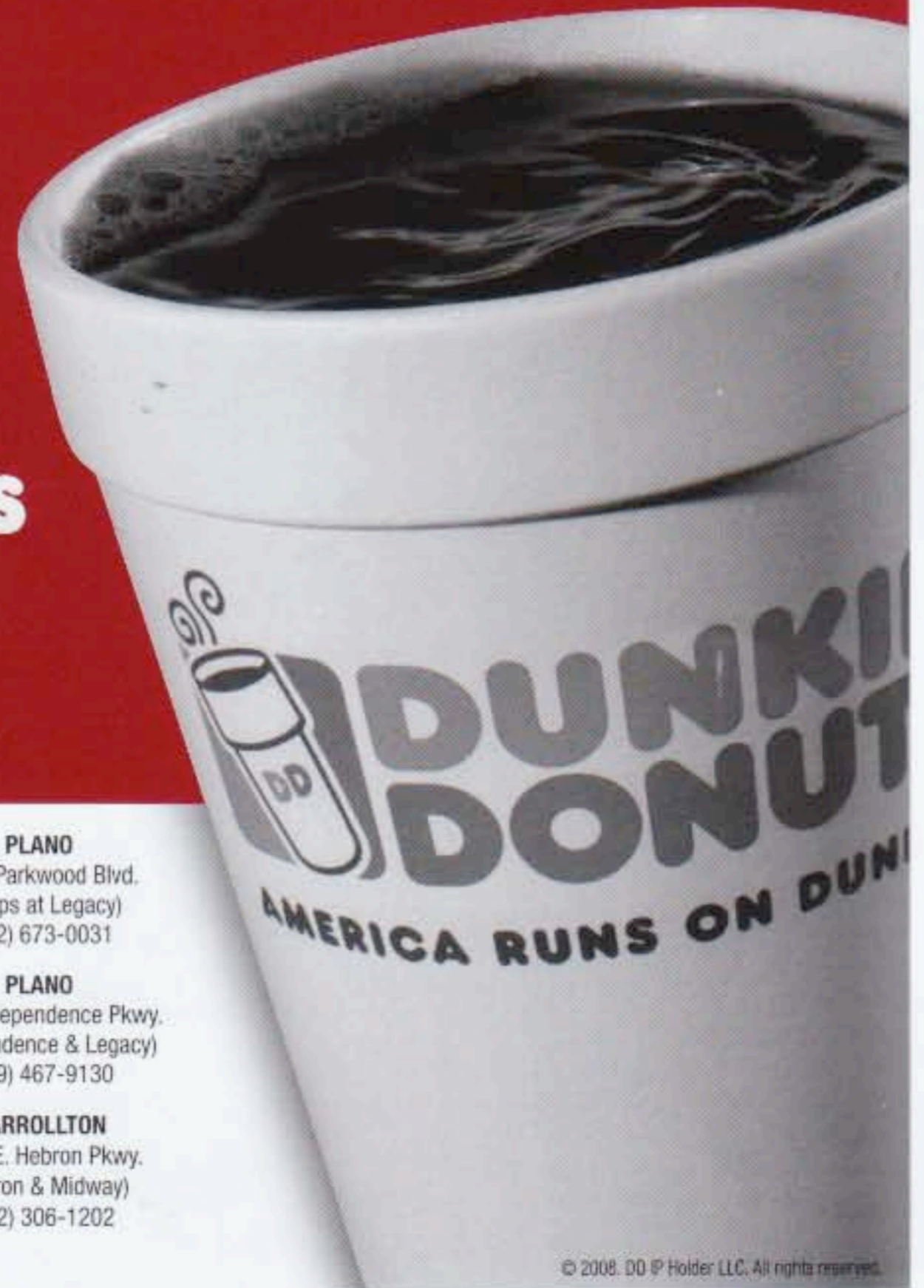
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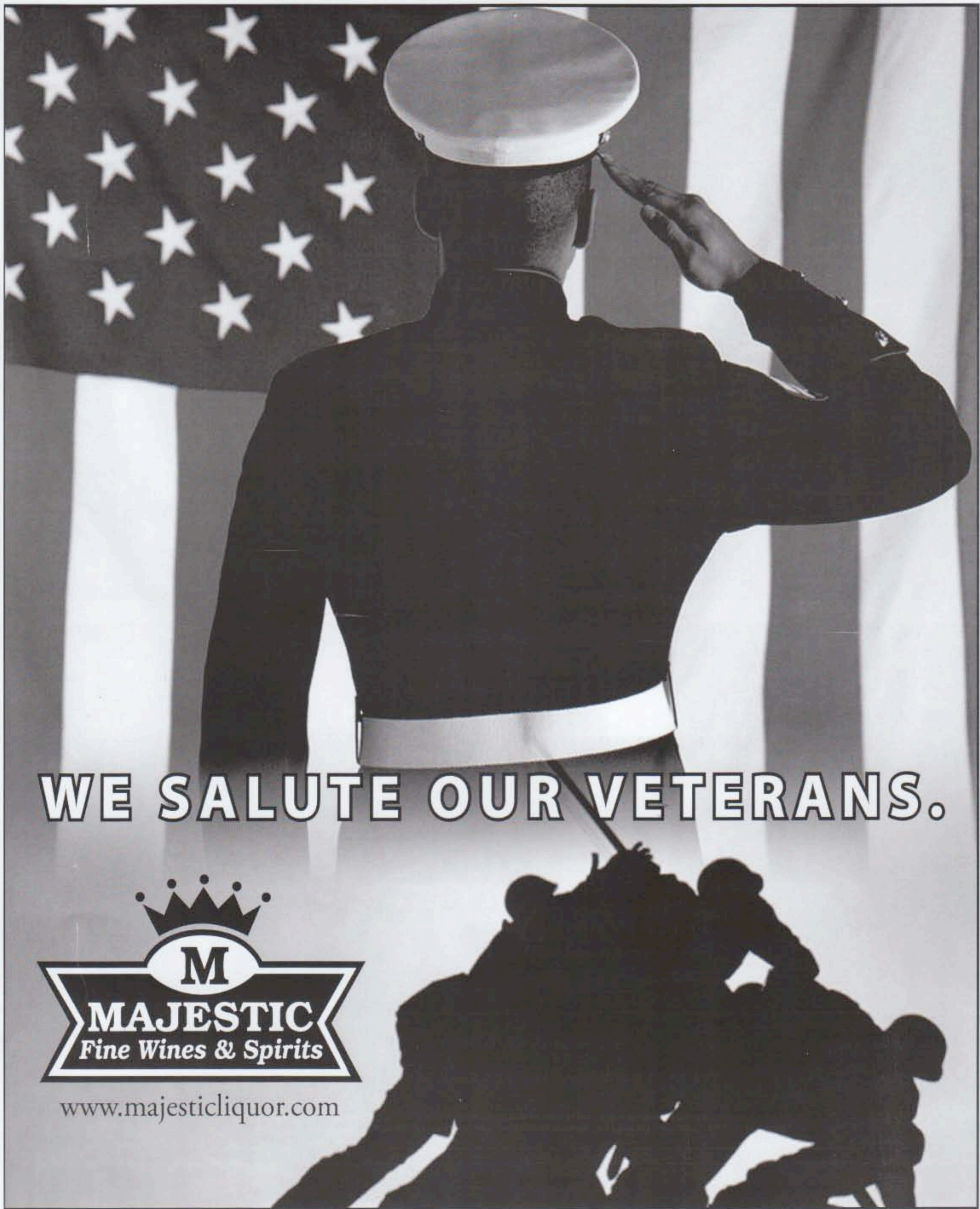
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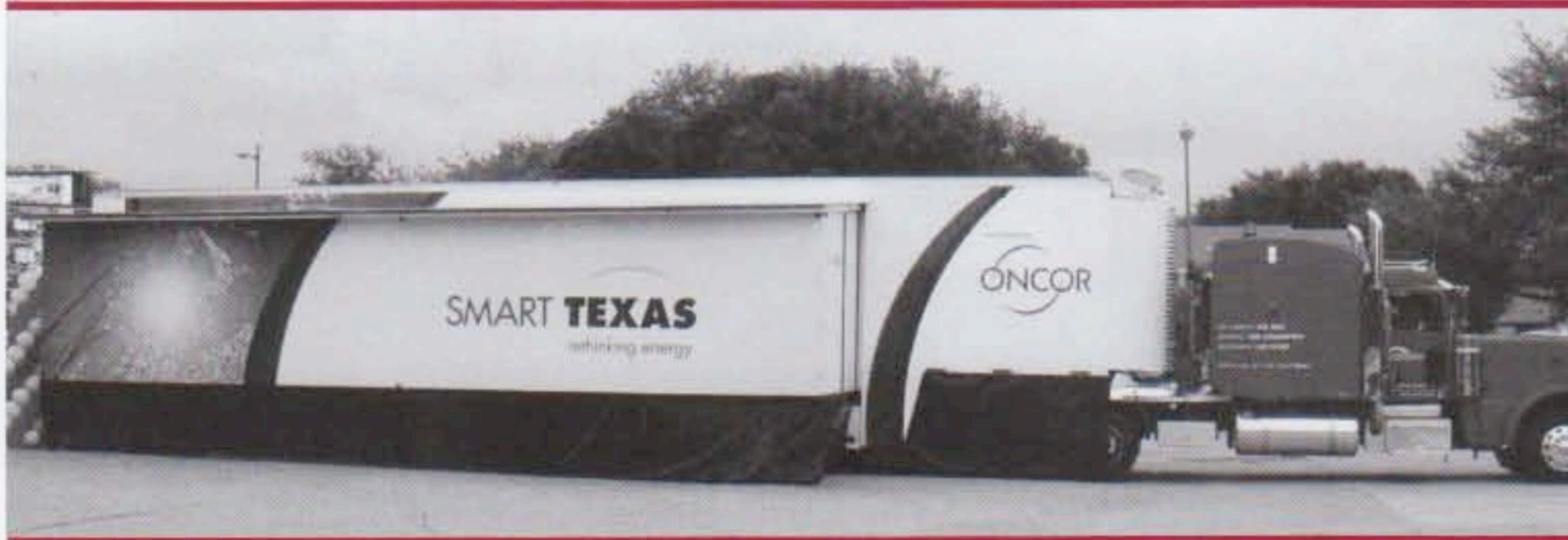


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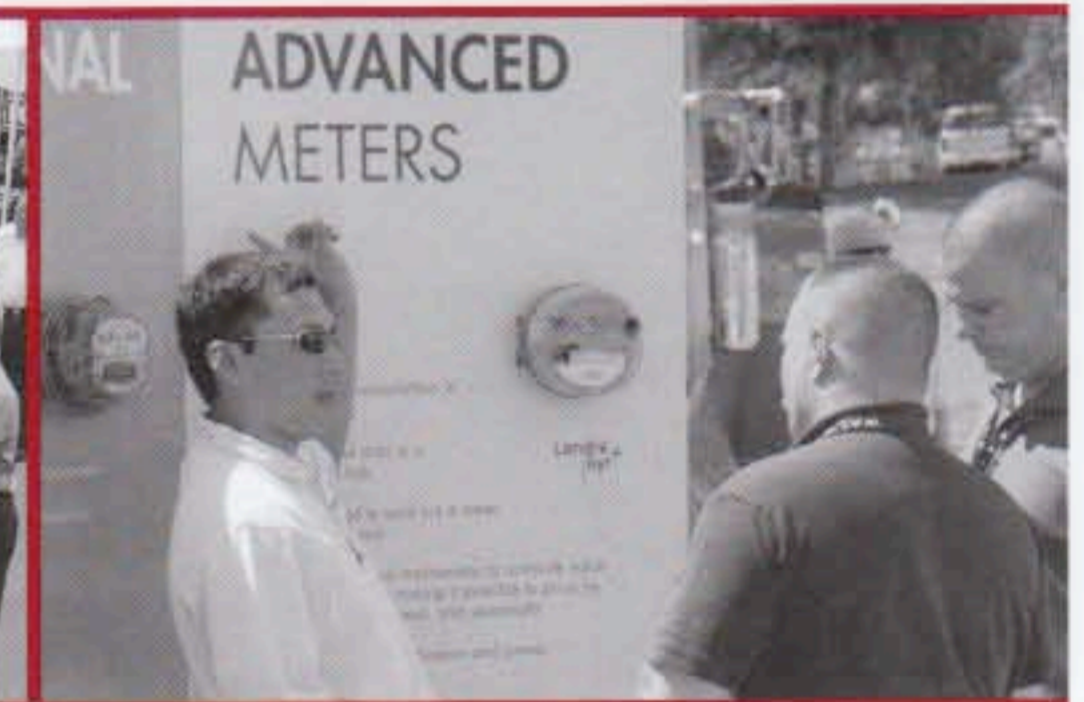
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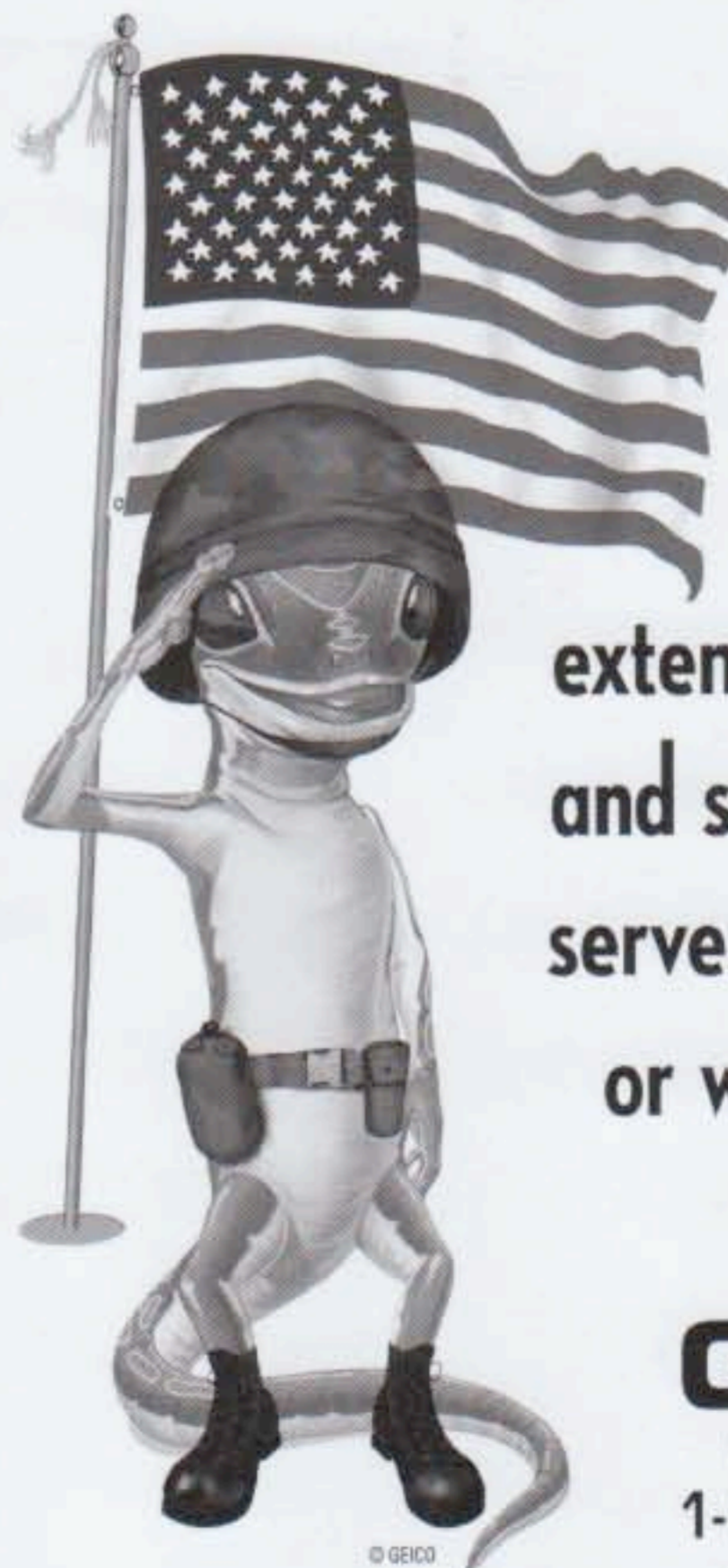
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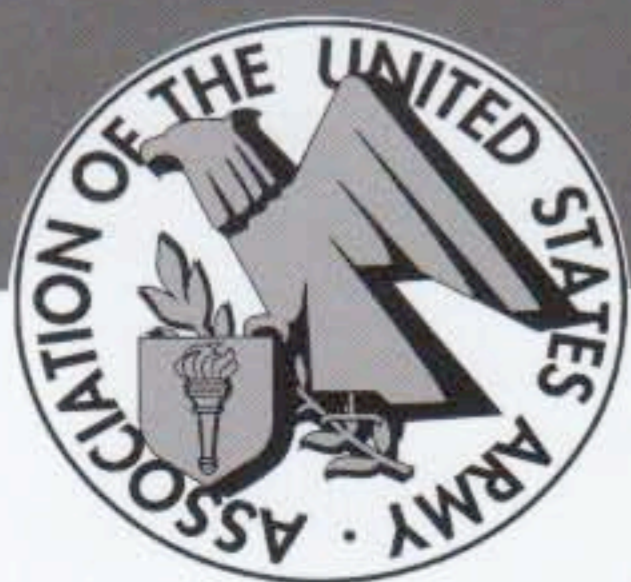
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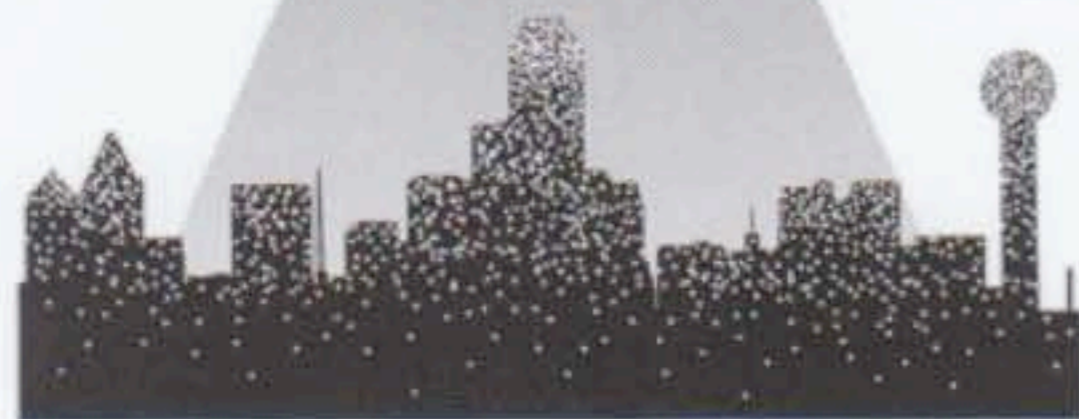


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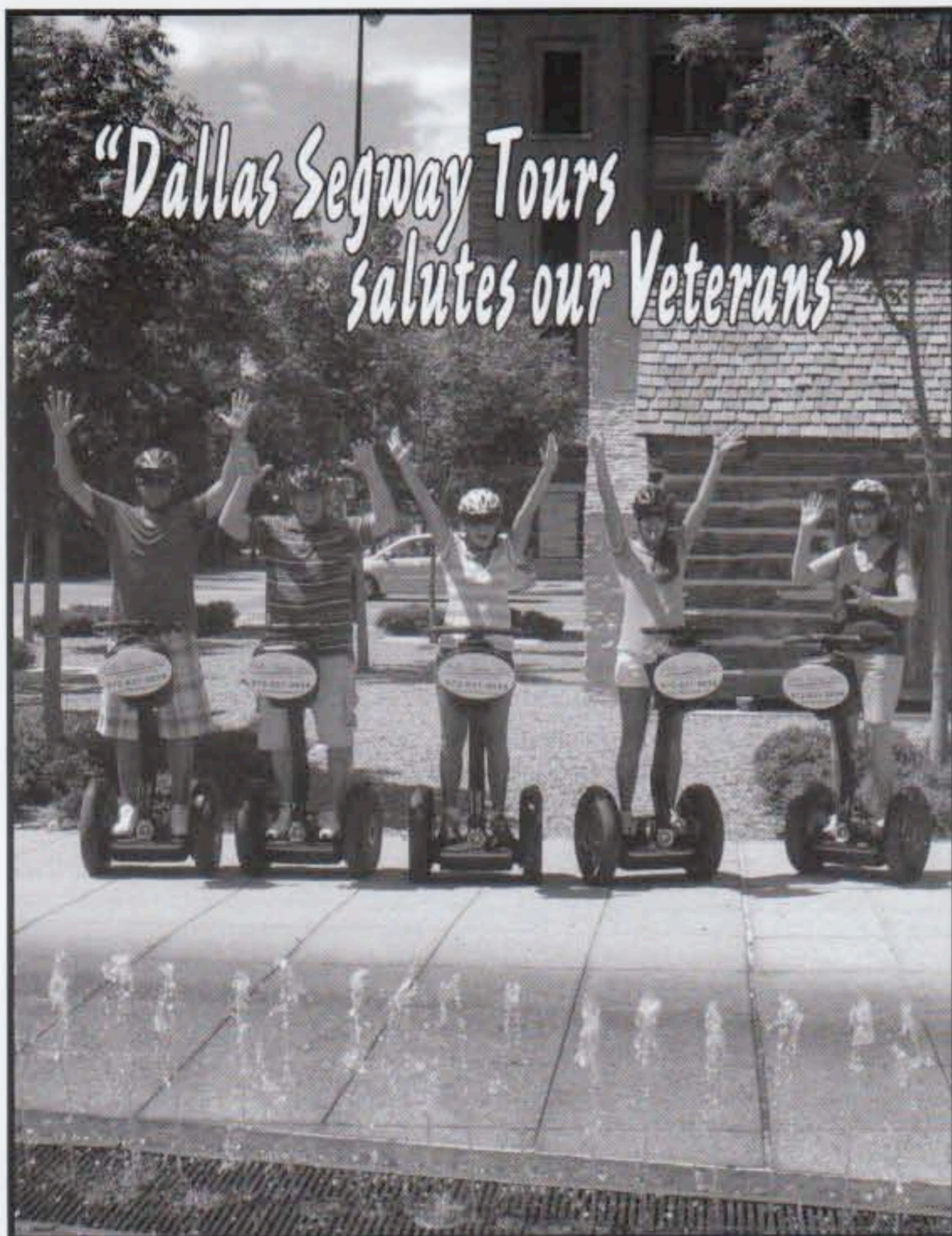


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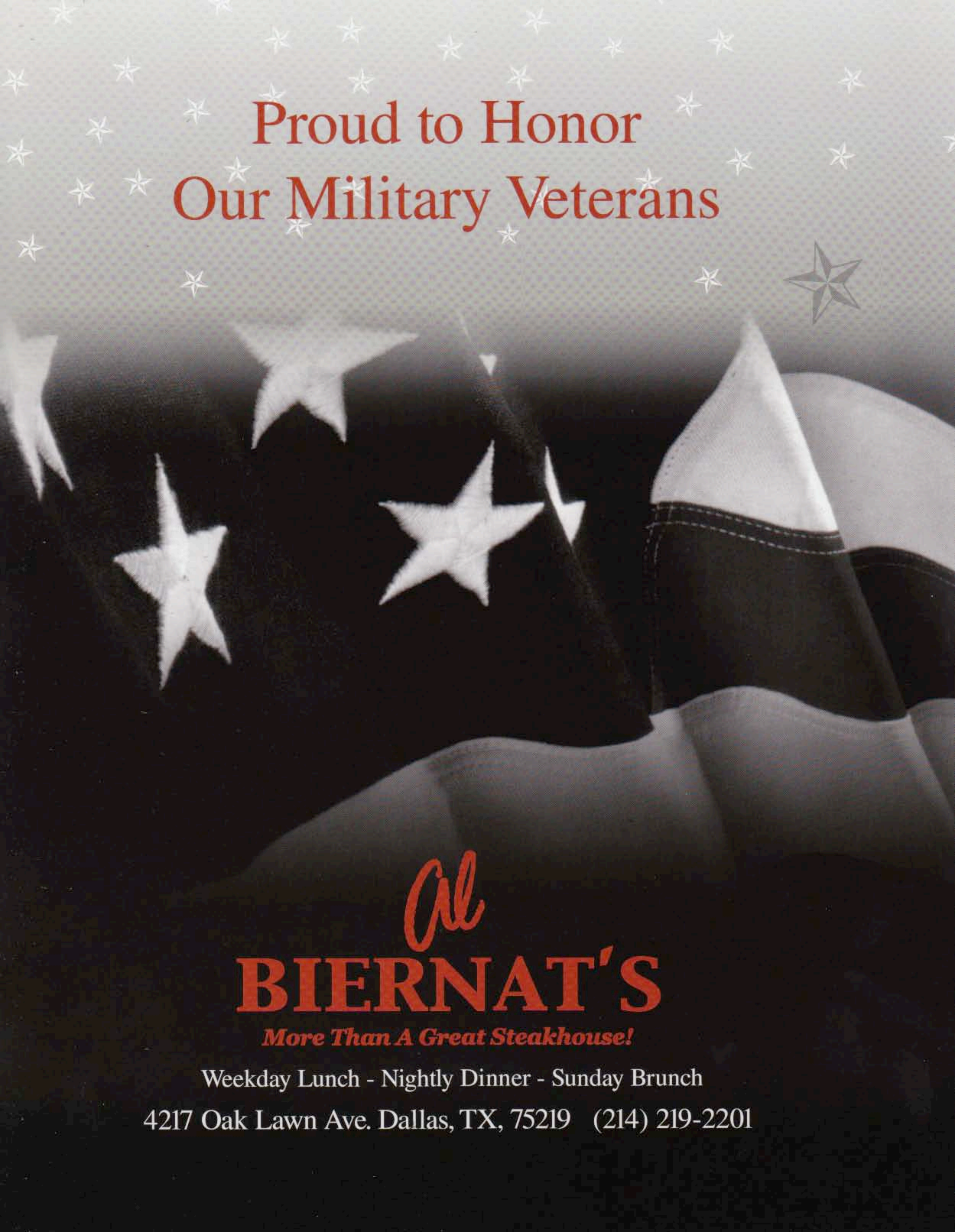
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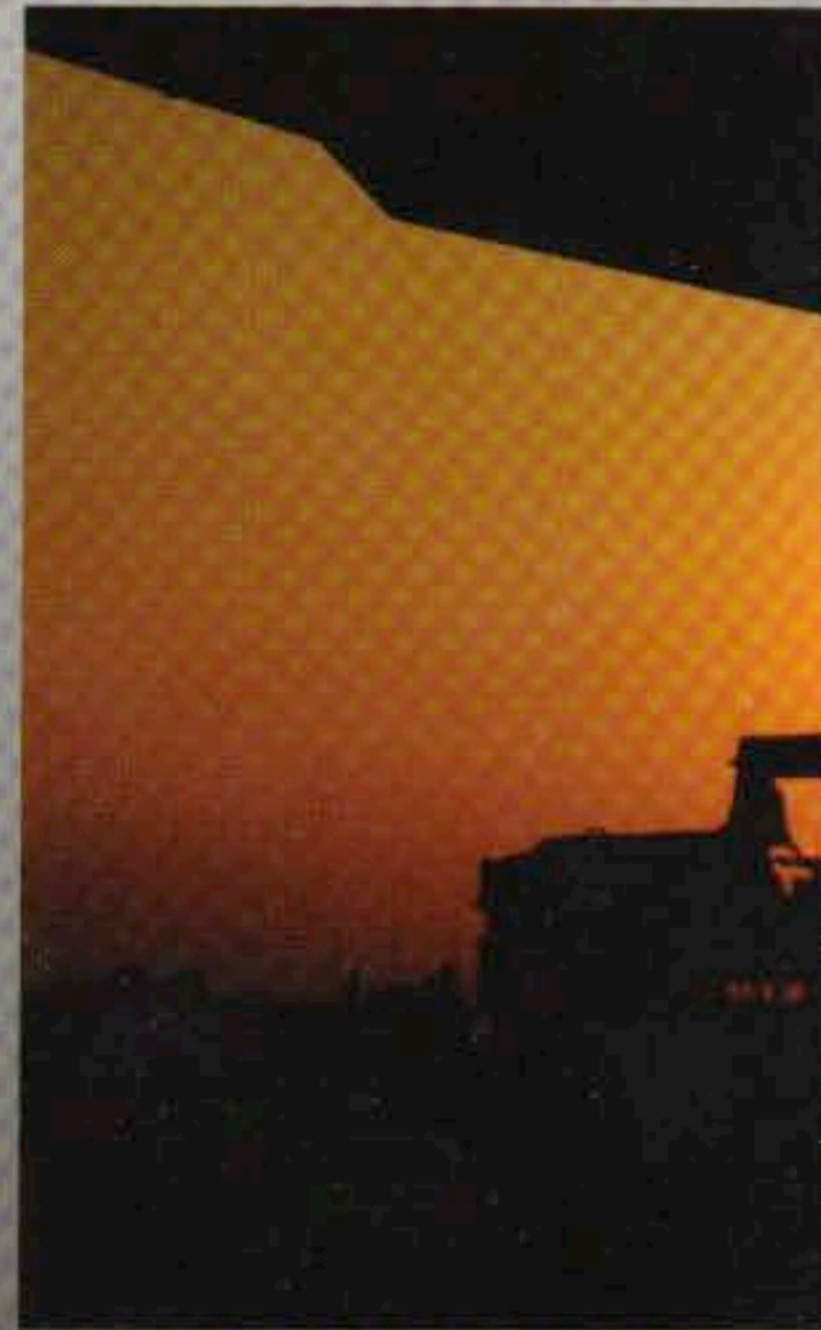
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