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ELEVENTH HOUR CEREMONY 11/11/14

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, TX ANG Band of the Gulf Coast

Master of Ceremonies Scott Murray

Oath of Enlistment. Major General Kimberly Siniscalchi

Presentation of the Colors JROTC Color Guard

Massing of the Colors DISD JROTC Cadets

Invocation CDR Rene P. Lawson (Chaplain), USN

Pledge of Allegiance Staff Sergeant Travis Mills, USA (Ret.)

The National Anthem MSgt. Erika Stevens TXANG

Laying of the Wreath Honorable Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst
LTC Don Munson, USA (Ret.)
SgtMaj Willie Martin, USMC (Ret.)

Rifle Salute Lone Star Chapter, Paralyzed Veterans of America

TAPS TSgt. Richard Bullock, USAF (Ret.)

Missing Man Formation T-38's, Euro-NATO Joint Pilot Training Wing, Sheppard AFB, Texas

Retire the Colors DISD JROTC Cadets

Introduction of Mayor Pro Tem Tennell Atkins Scott Murray

Welcome Comments Mayor Pro Tem Tennell Atkins, City of Dallas

Guest Speaker Introduction LTC Don Munson, USA (Ret.)

Guest Speaker Honorable Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst

Music Interlude Brass Quintet, TX ANG Band of the Gulf Coast

Veterans Day Parade Parade Passes in Review in front of Dallas City Hall

Officer Parade Reviewing Party

Army Brigadier General Patrick H. Hamilton

Marine Corps Colonel William O. Dwiggin

Navy Rear Admiral Chris Sadler

Air Force Major General Kimberly Siniscalchi

Coast Guard Captain Mike Baroody

Merchant Marine Captain Robert M. Keslinke



CHAIRMAN - Lieutenant Colonel Don B. Munson USA (Ret.)

Lieutenant Colonel Don B. Munson was born in Indianapolis, Indiana 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 served in Airborne and Special Forces units for the next 20 years. During the conflict in Vietnam, he commanded a rifle company in the First Cavalry Division. His awards and decorations include the Silver Star and the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism, two Bronze Stars for valor, and a Purple Heart. After retiring from the military, he spent eight years training officers in the Headquarters of the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, in Riyadh and Jeddah. He participated with the Saudi forces, during the first Gulf War, *Operation Desert Storm*.



In 1996, following the Balkan War, LTC Munson was a Department of Defense military advisor, in Sarajevo, to the senior officials in the Ministry of Defense of the newly formed nation of Bosnia & Herzegovina. In 2003, he was again called for duty in a combat zone. He served for a year on the staff of the US Ambassador in Baghdad and then spent a second year working for the US State Department in Basrah, Iraq and Kuwait City, Kuwait. LTC Munson lives in Coppell, TX. He continues to be involved in numerous veterans' organization activities, to include support of BSA & GSA Scout troops, high school & college ROTC units and summer Youth Leadership Conferences, throughout the greater Dallas area.

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER



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November 11, 2014

Greetings to my fellow veterans and citizens of the Dallas Metroplex,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the seventeenth annual Dallas Veterans Day Parade and Eleventh Hour ceremony. This event is to honor our military veterans, those who have served, those who are serving and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, to maintain the freedom and liberty that is so precious to us all.

Our theme this year is: **"Honoring Our Wounded Veterans"**. The nation can never fully repay the debt we owe to the courageous men and women of our armed forces, who served, fought, and sacrificed so much, to protect our nation and our way of life.

On behalf of the Dallas Veterans Day Parade Committee, I would like to thank the City of Dallas, the Office of Special Events, and the many municipal volunteers who have contributed immensely to the success of this annual Parade.

I also want to thank the members of the Dallas Veterans Day Parade Committee. They are the backbone of the Parade. Their tireless support and countless hours make this event possible. I am sincerely proud to be a member of such an outstanding group of dedicated Americans.

Special thanks to the Greater Dallas military community. Our local National Guard, Reserve, and the many active duty units who have contributed enormous amounts of personnel, time and resources to make the Parade a reality.

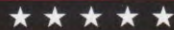
Similarly, I want to recognize the magnificent support of the Dallas area independent school districts faculties and administrators, as well as the thousands of students and cadets, who are featured in today's Parade. Further, I extend profound and hearty congratulations to all of the civic and patriotic organizations who join us every year to salute the soldiers, marines, sailors, airmen, and Coast Guard, to whom this celebratory day is dedicated.

Finally, I wish to thank the Greater Dallas business community and civic leaders for their generous financial support. Your funding makes the Dallas Veterans Day Parade possible. We are deeply grateful for your assistance.

Respectfully yours,

Don B. Munson
Lieutenant Colonel of Infantry, US Army (Retired)
Chairman, 2014 Dallas Veterans Day Parade

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HONORED KEYNOTE SPEAKER

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR DAVID DEWHURST

A native Texan, proud military veteran, successful businessman and rancher, Dewhurst has served as Lieutenant Governor and President of the Texas Senate since 2003. Through four regular sessions and seven special sessions of the Texas legislature, Dewhurst has championed legislation to create new jobs and expand economic opportunity, improve public and higher education, and ensure public safety.

As a successful businessman with an optimistic, solution-oriented approach to public service, Dewhurst has worked hard to make Texas a national leader in job creation and the best place in America to do business. A strong fiscal conservative, he helped pass the largest tax cut in state history, balanced five state budgets, and has continued to protect taxpayers by building and maintaining a healthy reserve of more than \$6 billion in the state's Rainy Day Fund. As a result, Texas' economy has grown faster than the national economy and more Texans are employed than at any other time in our state's history.

The *Dallas Morning News* called Lieutenant Governor Dewhurst's leadership of the Texas Senate "a demonstration of steadiness, resolve and consensus building." The *Houston Chronicle* has called Dewhurst "an exceptional leader."

In 1998, Dewhurst became the first Republican since Reconstruction to be elected Texas Land Commissioner. Dewhurst reduced the workforce and budget at the Texas General Land Office and turned back money each of two biennia to Texas taxpayers.

At the height of the Cold War, Dewhurst dedicated his young adult life to serving his country, first in the U.S. Air Force, then in the CIA and later in the State Department. When he left government service, he returned to Houston to begin his career in business. In the early 1980s, he started his own company, but like so many other Texas businesses at the time, he lost nearly everything when the oil and gas and real estate markets went bust. Dewhurst gradually built back all that he had lost and more, and earned his reputation as an innovative and successful businessman.

Lieutenant Governor Dewhurst has been a longtime community leader in his hometown of Houston, where he has served on numerous civic and charitable boards. A college basketball player at the University of Arizona and champion cutting horse rider, Dewhurst was inducted into the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame in 2009. Dewhurst lives in Houston with his wife, Tricia, and their young daughter Carolyn.



ABOUT THE COVER

This startling artistic cover "*That 2,000-Yard Stare*" is an overall representation of the horrors of war. The bare, blasted and black background, strengthens the concept of being thrust into an "alien place" for the human condition.

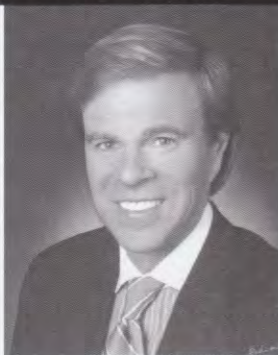
The image embodies all the trauma a human can experience, mental and physical. Our cover illustrates the vacant numbness of war in general and conveys the haunting demoralization of armed conflict.

Tom Lea painted the iconic original in 1944, part of a series he did on the battle of Peleliu. He described the Marine as "...standing quietly by a corpsman, staring stiffly at nothing. His mind had crumbled in battle, his jaw hung, and his eyes were like two black empty holes in his head."

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Scott Murray

From U.S. Presidents to U.S. Opens, World Series to the World Cup, Olympic Games to 30 straight Super Bowls, Scott Murray has covered them all. He spent three decades with **NBC** television as an Emmy Award-winning television sports anchor and broadcast journalist, including close to a quarter of a century at **NBC/DFW**. Scott was named Sportscaster of the Year 17 times and is a recipient of the prestigious Silver Circle Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.



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Although Scott has retired from nightly television news, he's returned to **NBC 5** as host of the weekly TV public affairs/philanthropic program, *Talk Street*. In addition, he is back on the radio hosting *The Scott Murray Show* on **570 KLIF** every Sunday night from 7-8pm. Scott continues to be a sought-after inspirational/keynote speaker, a published author of two books (*Whatever It Takes* and *Bring Out The BEST*), TV/radio spokesperson, emcee/moderator, and, Chairman/CEO of **Murray Media**, a video/HD/television production and A/V event company.

His commitment to community has resulted in his being honored with such awards as Man of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Humanitarian of the Year, Governor's Award, Director's Award from the FBI and the US Department of Justice, George Washington Medal of Honor Freedom Award, Tom Landry Award of Excellence, National Youth Leadership Council Gift of Leadership Award, Champion for Children Award, Honorary Member of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, Boy Scouts of America God and Service Award, Komen for the Cure National Individual Community Service Award, United Way Hercules Award, Philanthropy Hall of Fame Inductee, Texas Baseball Hall of Fame-Honorary Inductee, and his two most cherished awards, Dad of the Year & Father of the Year.

Scott stays active in the north Texas community as a volunteer, serving on the board/advisory boards of many children's, civic, charitable and non-profit organizations including The North Texas Super Bowl XLV Host Committee, National

PARADE ANNOUNCER

Shelly Slater, WFAA TV

Multi-Emmy-award-winning journalist Shelly Slater joined WFAA in 2006. She reports during the day and anchors the 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. newscasts. Shelly grew up in Plano and is thrilled to be back home in Wildcat country.

Shelly has taken home multiple Emmy honors for her in-depth reports, "Outstanding Achievement on the Anchor Desk," and for "Breaking News Coverage." She has also won an Edward R. Murrow award for field anchoring.

She graduated from University of Missouri-Columbia Summa Cum Laude. Before coming home, she anchored weekend newscasts in Kansas City, Missouri; Charleston/Huntington, WV; and Columbia, Missouri. Shelly also spent time with the British Broadcasting Company in London.

Shelly's brother, sister, and parents all live in North Texas. In her spare time she enjoys traveling, dancing, and catching up on sleep!

She, her husband, and two sons live in Dallas.



PARADE ANNOUNCER

Jack Davis, KAAM Radio

Jack Davis is a radio personality at The New Legends 770 KAAM. Jack's radio career spans nearly four decades. Jack has worked for other Dallas stations: KRLD-1080 AM; KPBC-1040AM; KKGM-1630AM; and KSKY-660AM, as well as The ABC Radio Network.

For his work in Southern Gospel Music Radio, and host of a syndicated Gospel show, Jack was inducted into the Texas Gospel Music Hall of Fame. He has also been master of ceremonies for Gospel music shows in Ft. Worth and Nashville. Before his career in radio, Jack retired from Frito Lay after 19 years. Jack served as a member of the U.S.

Air Force Air Police from September 1964 to September 1968, was on Temporary Duty to SE Asia 1965, guarding aircraft making raids into Vietnam from an Air Base at Takli Air Base Thailand, for which he received the Vietnam Service Medal. Today, Jack Davis is one of the most familiar voices in the Dallas-Ft. Worth market, and right at home where he belongs – on the radio.





GRAND MARSHAL VICE ADMIRAL DAVID B. ROBINSON, USN (RET.)

Vice Admiral David Robinson was born in Alexandria, LA and grew up in Denton, Texas. Following a year at Texas A&M he attended the U.S. Naval Academy, graduating with the rank of Ensign in 1963. His initial assignments were on the destroyers USS STORMES (DD 780) & USS ROWAM (DD 782). Following a tour at the Naval Postgraduate School, earning an M.S. in Oceanography, he took command of the patrol gunboat USS CANON (PG 90).



As Commanding Officer of the CANON, on patrol in the Bo De River in South Vietnam, he was severely wounded, sustaining a broken leg and numerous shrapnel wounds when a rocket exploded on the port side of the flying bridge. Despite his wounds, he continued to direct the ship's fire against the enemy, requesting he be strapped to a stretcher in an upright position so he could continue to command his ship until it cleared enemy fire. He was awarded the Navy Cross for this action.

He subsequently commanded the USS READY (PG 87), the guided missile destroyer USS LUCE (DDG 38), the guided missile cruiser USS RICHMOND K. TURNER (CG-20) and the THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71) battle group for operations in the Navy's 6th Fleet area of operations. Ashore he was the Aide to the Chairman of the JCS; Surface

Community Commander Assignment Officer; Executive Assistant to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations; the Director of Operational Plans & Interoperability (J7) Joint Staff; Deputy and Chief of Staff, U.S. Pacific Fleet and Commander, Naval Surface Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Additional awards include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal; Distinguished Service Medal, 2 awards; Legion of Merit, 5 awards; Bronze Star with combat "V"; Meritorious Service Medal and the Purple Heart. He retired in 1996.

Following his retirement, Admiral Robinson was an Executive Director for Booz, Allen & Hamilton, a management and technology consulting firm.

He is the recipient of the Navy League Arleigh Burke Leadership Award, graduate of the Foreign Service Institute's Executive Seminar, and an inductee in the Surface Warfare Hall of Fame. He has served on the boards of the U.S. Naval Institute Foundation; the Naval Academy Class of 1963 Foundation; Erasing the Stigma of Mental Illness Foundation and the Dallas Maritime Museum Foundation.

Admiral Robinson resides in Dallas, Texas with his wife Rebecca.

GRAND MARSHAL CORPORAL JAKE SCHICK, USMC (RET.)

Jake Schick, Warrior Relations Specialist with the Brain Performance Institute's Warrior Training Team, is a third generation Marine who epitomizes service and sacrifice.

After a triple-stacked tank mine detonated below his vehicle in Al Anbar Province, Iraq in 2004, Jake suffered compound fractures in his left leg and left arm; multiple skin, ligament and bone losses; varying burns; partial loss of his left hand and arm; amputation below the knee of his right leg, traumatic brain injury (TBI) and post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Jake has undergone 46 operations, 23 blood transfusions, and countless hours of rehabilitation. Jake will tell you his physical injuries weren't the worst that happened to him. For years he dreaded his TBI and PTSD diagnosis; a common mindset among warriors. After being encouraged by a fellow warrior to train his brain the way he re-trained his body, Jake skeptically participated in the Brain Performance Institute's high performance brain training, called SMART. He credits this opportunity with making him a better husband, father and man.



Since participating in the SMART program, Jake has become a staunch advocate for maximizing the cognitive potential in people from all walks of life and shares his story and the effects of being severely wounded at public speaking engagements throughout the country.

A passionate and fearless leader whose quick wit and stories of intestinal fortitude have a profound impact on everyone he meets, Jake has appeared on James Gandolfini's HBO special "Alive Day Memories: Home from Iraq" as well as "60 Minute Sports" and various other local and national venues. Jake will also play a small role in the upcoming Clint

Eastwood production of "American Sniper." You can read Jake's [Open Letter To Warriors](#) and his eloquent wisdom on resilience in [Psychology Today](#).

Jake's passion lies in helping his fellow warriors regain their drive and determination and enhance their cognitive performance in his role as a Warrior Training Specialist at the Center for BrainHealth and Brain Performance Institute.



GRAND MARSHAL SERGEANT VINCENT RIOS, USMC (RET.)

Vincent Rios was born in Houston, Texas. He graduated from Diamond Hill-Jarvis High School in Fort Worth and enlisted in the USMC in 1964. In 1965 he was assigned to a rifle company in the First Marine Division and deployed for combat in Vietnam, following jungle warfare training in Okinawa, Japan, a 13-month overseas tour attaining the rank of Corporal.



He survived the IED blast that liquefied both his legs all the way to the hip and shred off his right arm from the shoulder down. After convalescence and gaining mastery of his prosthetic devices, he enrolled at San Diego's Mesa College earning an Associate Degree in Behavioral Science, a BS in Psychology and an MA in Social Science from San Francisco State University. He also earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Golden Gate University.

Rios served as County Civil Service Commissioner, State Veterans Employment Program Supervisor and a federal executive holding positions with the Department of Labor, Health, Education and Welfare, Health and Human Services. He retired as the Assistant Regional Administrator of Labor's Veterans Employment and Training Service in 2001. He serves as National Vice President for the First Marine Division Association and a member of the Marine Corps League, Third Marine Division Association, American

Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Disabled American Veterans, AMVETS and Navy League.

He received civilian awards for community service; commended by the Texas Senate; awarded the "Salute To A Veteran" by the Gen. Edward H. Tarrant Chapter, the Outstanding Federal Employee, "Wall of Fame" award, Golden Gate University's "Alumnus of the Year", and Department of California's Disabled Veteran of the Year, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Medal of Honor, Order of the Founders and Patriots' Distinguished Service Medal, Southwest Division.

After two years at the Camp Pendleton Marine Base as a correctional custody instructor, he returned to Vietnam where he was severely wounded on February 6, 1969 and medically discharged in July. He is the recipient of the Bronze Star Medal with "v" device for valor (2 awards), Purple Heart Medal (3 awards), Meritorious Unit Commendation (2 awards), National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm (2 awards), and other awards.

Sergeant Rios currently resides with his wife, the former Cheryl Whitt, in Haslet, Texas. They have 3 sons (2 Marines), 2 daughters and 7 grandchildren.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE STAFF SERGEANT TRAVIS MILLS, USA

Travis Mills inspires audiences nationwide to "Never give up. Never quit," no matter the obstacles or circumstances. Travis' larger-than-life personality, sense of humor and incredible spirit for life engages audiences from the moment he takes center stage. Travis' story has been featured on local and national news, including Fox News' Happening Now with Jenna Lee and the O'Reilly Factor with Bill O'Reilly.

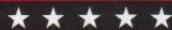


On April 10, 2012, United States Army Staff Sergeant Travis Mills of the 82nd Airborne was critically injured on his third tour of duty in Afghanistan by an IED (improvised explosive device) while on patrol, losing portions of both legs and both arms. He is one of only five quadruple amputees from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan to survive such extensive injuries. Thanks to his amazing strength, courage, an incredible will to live, the heroic actions of the men in his unit, the prayers of thousands, and all the healthcare providers at the Water Reed

Army Medical Center, near Washington, D.C., Travis continues to overcome the obstacles of living life as a quadruple amputee. Every day is a battle, but Travis continues to astound everyone with his progress and with his amazing spirit. SSG Travis Mills is a genuine American hero, and for his incredible sacrifice, we are forever in his debt.

Travis' story inspired the creation of the documentary: Travis: A Soldier's Story, which is playing in select theaters nationwide (www.travisthemove.com).

In September 2013, Travis founded the Travis Mills Foundation, a nonprofit organization, formed to benefit and assist wounded and injured veterans. Travis and the Foundation are actively involved with several veterans organizations, including; Veterans Family Camp in Kennebec, Maine. The parade committee is honored to have Staff Sergeant Mills give the Pledge of Allegiance at this year's parade.



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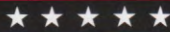
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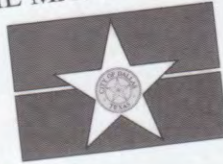
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MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR / CITY OF DALLAS



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Veterans Day began with the armistice of World War I, thus making this the 95th 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 honors Wounded Veterans of all Wars. There is a place in all our hearts for those among us who have been wounded in the service of our country. We humbly honor them and salute their courage and perseverance in the face of their many challenges. The scars of the wounded can be both physical and more pervasively and insidious, invisible. The visible, physical ones are heart rendering, but the invisible ones, known as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder or PTSD, can last well beyond the physical healing and their affects are often more troubling; and

WHEREAS, over the many years, there has been vast improvement of the treatment and evacuation of the injured from the battlefields. They survive injuries that, in wars past, they never had a chance to. That fact has created a large cadre of veterans who have to somehow carry on with the terrors and scars they experienced. Whatever the causes, we humbly honor and salute those wounded veterans knowing full well that "There but for the grace of God go I"; and

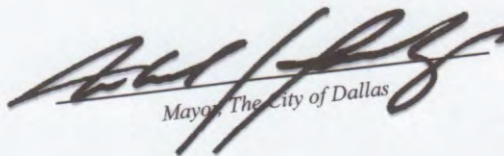
WHEREAS, Dallas honors the men and women serving in Afghanistan committed to fighting against local terrorism in that region and those committed to fighting terrorism all over the globe; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Dallas Veterans Foundation will produce an appropriate ceremony on Veterans Day 2014, 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, MICHAEL S. RAWLINGS, mayor of the City of Dallas, and on behalf of the Dallas City Council, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, November 11, 2014 as

VETERANS DAY

in Dallas, Texas.


Mayor, The City of Dallas



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PARADE PARTICIPANTS

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| Parade Theme Banner | Honoring Disabled Veterans | Dallas ISD | Carter HS, Army JROTC 21st BN |
| Ft Hood Color Guard | Color Guard | Dallas ISD | Carter "CC Marching Machine" |
| Grand Marshall | Vice Admiral David B. Robinson, USN (Ret.) | Patriot Paws | Dallas Chapter |
| Grand Marshall | Sergeant Vincent Rios, USMC (Ret.) | Dept of Veteran Affairs | Dallas Veterans Center |
| Grand Marshall | Corporal Jake Schick | The Chosin Few | North Texas Chapter |
| Ft Hood | 504th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade | Korean War Veterans Association | Sam Johnson Chapter 270 |
| Highland Park Masonic Lodge | Earl Tweed World War II Veteran/Purple Heart | Greater Dallas Veterans Council | Council for 73 Veterans Organizations |
| Oak Cliff Disabled American Vets | Chapter #32 | Dallas ISD | Sunset HS Army JROTC, 6th BN |
| Military Order of the Purple Heart | Dallas Chapter #542 | Dallas ISD | Sunset "Purple Marching Machine" band |
| Lone Star T's Model T Club | Wounded Warriors | Dallas ISD | Woodrow Wilson HS, Army JROTC 7th BN |
| Horseless Carriage Club of America | North Texas Regional Group | Dallas ISD | Conrad HS Army JROTC 20th BN |
| Dallas ISD Honor Guard | Representing 23 JROTC Dallas ISD | Military Officers Association of America | Greater Dallas Chapter |
| Dallas ISD | Skyline HS, Army JROTC 11th BN | Department of Veterans Affairs | North Texas Health Care System |
| Coppell ISD | Coppell HS Marching Band | Irving ISD | MacArthur HS, Army JROTC BN |
| Atmos Energy | Supporting our Veterans | American Red Cross | Dallas Area Chapter |
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| Irving ISD | Irving HS Marine JROTC | Dallas ISD | Adamson HS Band |
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| American Merchant Marines | SS Stephen Hopkins Chapter | Mesquite Rodeo | Mesquite Championship Rodeo Arena |
| Dallas ISD | White HS, Marine Corps JROTC 1st BN | NBC Universal | NBC NetVet Group |
| Dallas ISD | WT White "Longhorn" Marching Band | Heroes, Cops and Kids | Dallas Chapter |
| Dallas ISD | Pinkston HS, Army JROTC 19th BN | Red Path Warriors Society | North Texas Chapter |
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| Dallas ISD | Townview "Big D" Marching Band | Veterans of Foreign Wars | Post #6796 "John Franklin Sprague" Post |
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| Dallas ISD | Seagoville HS, Army JROTC 9th BN | Dallas ISD | Hillcrest HS, Army JROTC 5th BN |
| American Legion | 5th District Commander, State of Texas | Dallas ISD | Hillcrest Marching Band |
| American Legion | Post #218, Irving | Dallas ISD | Lincoln Magnet HS, Army JROTC 10th BN |
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| American Legion | Post #597, Carrollton | Dallas City Hall | City Hall Veterans |
| American Legion | Post #802, Tommie Robison | Petal against PTSD | providing support for PTSD Veterans |
| American Legion | Post #275 | Dallas County Sheriff's Department | Sheriff's Honor Guard |
| US Marshalls Posse | Texas Chapter | Dallas County Sheriff Posse | Sheriff's Lupe Valdez |
| Cedar Hills ISD | Cedar Hills HS, Air Force JROTC | Ms Texas Senior | Ms Sheila Klein |
| Bishop Dunne High School | Bishop Dunne "Falcon" Marching Band | Dallas ISD | Jefferson HS, Army JROTC 13th BN |
| Veterans for Peace | North Texas Chapter | Dallas ISD | Thomas Jefferson "Patroits" Band |
| The Texas Shark | Captain Smokey | Dallas ISD | Samuel HS, Army JROTC 12th BN |
| Miss Texas | Monique Evans | Dallas ISD | Kimball HS, Army JROTC 15th BN |
| Mansfield ISD | Timberview HS Air Force JROTC | Dallas Segway Tours | Rolling Segways |
| Dallas ISD | Bryan Adams HS, Army JROTC 14th BN | Crandall ISD | Crandall HS "Pirate" Regiment Marching Band |
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- 1st, Seagoville HS, 9th BN, Army JROTC
- 2nd, White HS, 1st BN, Marine Corps JROTC
- 3rd, Adams HS, 14th BN, Army JROTC

High School Bands

- 1st, Kimball HS, Knight Train Band
- 2nd, Skyline HS, Raiders Band
- 3rd, Conrad HS, Chargers Band

Military Units

- 1st, US Navy Submarine "Dallas"
- 2nd, 254th Combat Communications Group
- 3rd, Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES)

Veterans Organizations

- 1st, American Legion Post 218, Irving
- 2nd, American Legion Post 597, Carrollton
- 3rd, US Navy Submarine Veterans, Dallas Base

Patriotic Units/Floats

- 1st, Frontiers of Flight Museum
- 2nd, 100 Veterans, DART
- 3rd, American Red Cross, Dallas Chapter

Parade Spirit

- 1st, Fizzlooney, 1972 Chevy +Vietnam Veterans Signatures
- 2nd, Dallas County Sheriff's Posse
- 3rd, Hella Shrine Legion of Honor

Youth Groups

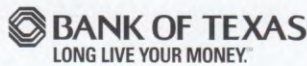
- 1st, Forrestal Sea Cadets & Ranger League Cadets

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- AT&T Veterans Employees Resource Center
- AAFES - Army Air Force Exchange Services
- DVA, N. TX VA Health Care System
- Dallas Mexican American Historical League
- Dallas Police Department - "McGruff" Mascot
- Dallas Police Department - Recruiting
- Frontiers of Flight Museum
- Honor Flight of Dallas
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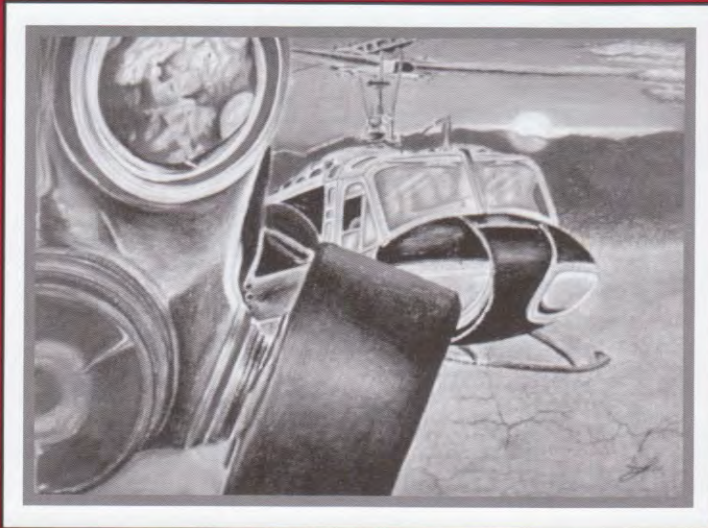


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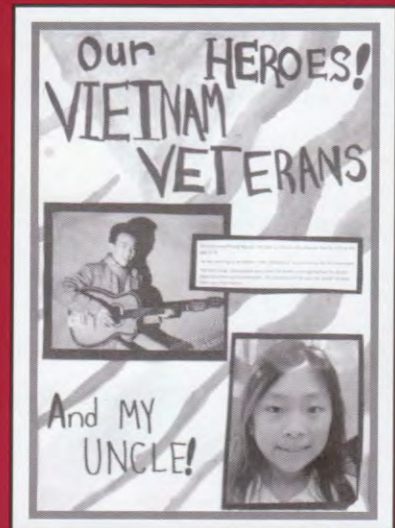
The Dallas Veterans Day Parade Committee and the Dallas Independent School District work together every year to inform students of Veterans' contributions to our country. The Veterans Day Art Competition acquaints DISD students with the history and purpose of Veterans Day. Currently there are 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in four divisions: Grades 1-3, 4-5, 6-8 and 9-12. The winning pieces will be shown on Veterans Day in the Flag Room at Dallas City Hall. They will later be shown at the Frontiers of Flight Museum at Love Field during November.

2013 WINNERS

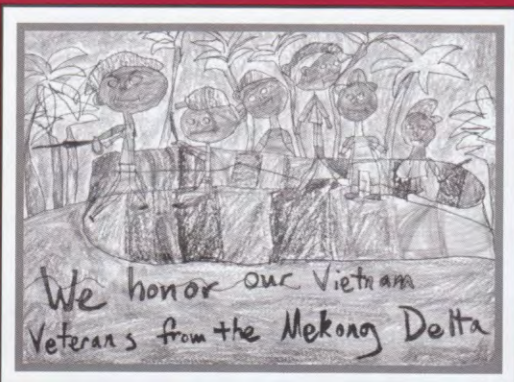
| Grade | Place | Student Name | School | Teacher Name |
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| 1-3 | 1 st Place | Evelyn Morales | Henry G. Gonzalez Elem. | Julie Blasingame |
| | 2 nd Place | Leslie Torres | Seagoville North Elem. | Haylee Yale |
| | 3 rd Place | Maeng Ree | Charles Gill Elem. | Carlos Martinez |
| 4-5 | 1 st Place | Dalena Kaplan | George Bush Elem. | Kim Elmore |
| | 2 nd Place | Jade L. McBrown | Kramer Elem. | Teresa Mihaylov |
| | 3 rd Place | Marvin Coronado | Oren M. Robert Elem. | William Pope |
| 6-8 | 1 st Place | Leonardo Medrano | John Hood Middle School | Margaret Kalka |
| | 2 nd Place | Christopher Bueno | Zan Wesley Holmes, Jr. M. S. | Leahblair Jackson |
| | 2 nd Place | Drew Curtis | Zan Wesley Holmes, Jr. M. S. | Leahblair Jackson |
| | 3 rd Place | Than Zaw Oo | Sam Tasby Middle School | Karen Romo |
| 9-12 | 1 st Place | John Beritan | Hillcrest High School | Barbara Roth |
| | 2 nd Place | Andrew Villa | Spruce High School | Natasha Benford |
| | 3 rd Place | Kyron Williams | Spruce High School | Natasha Benford |



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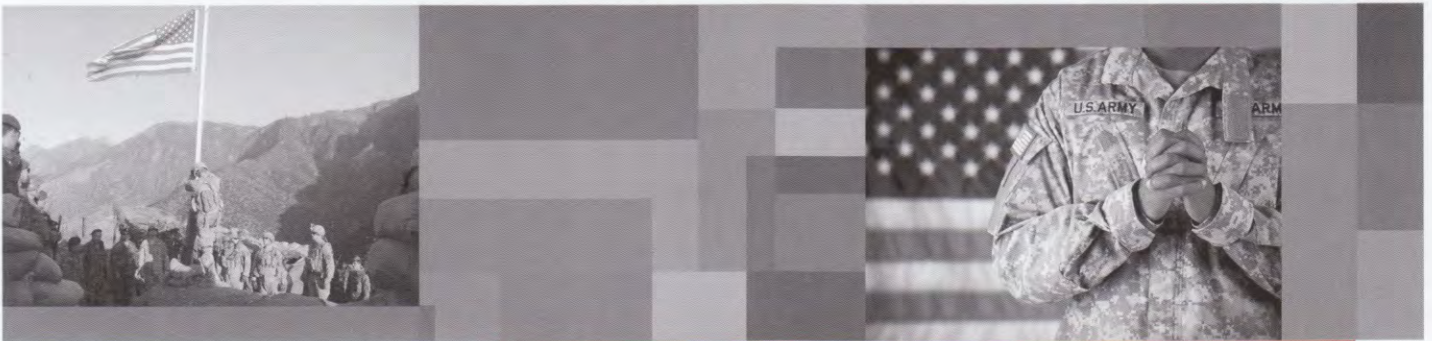
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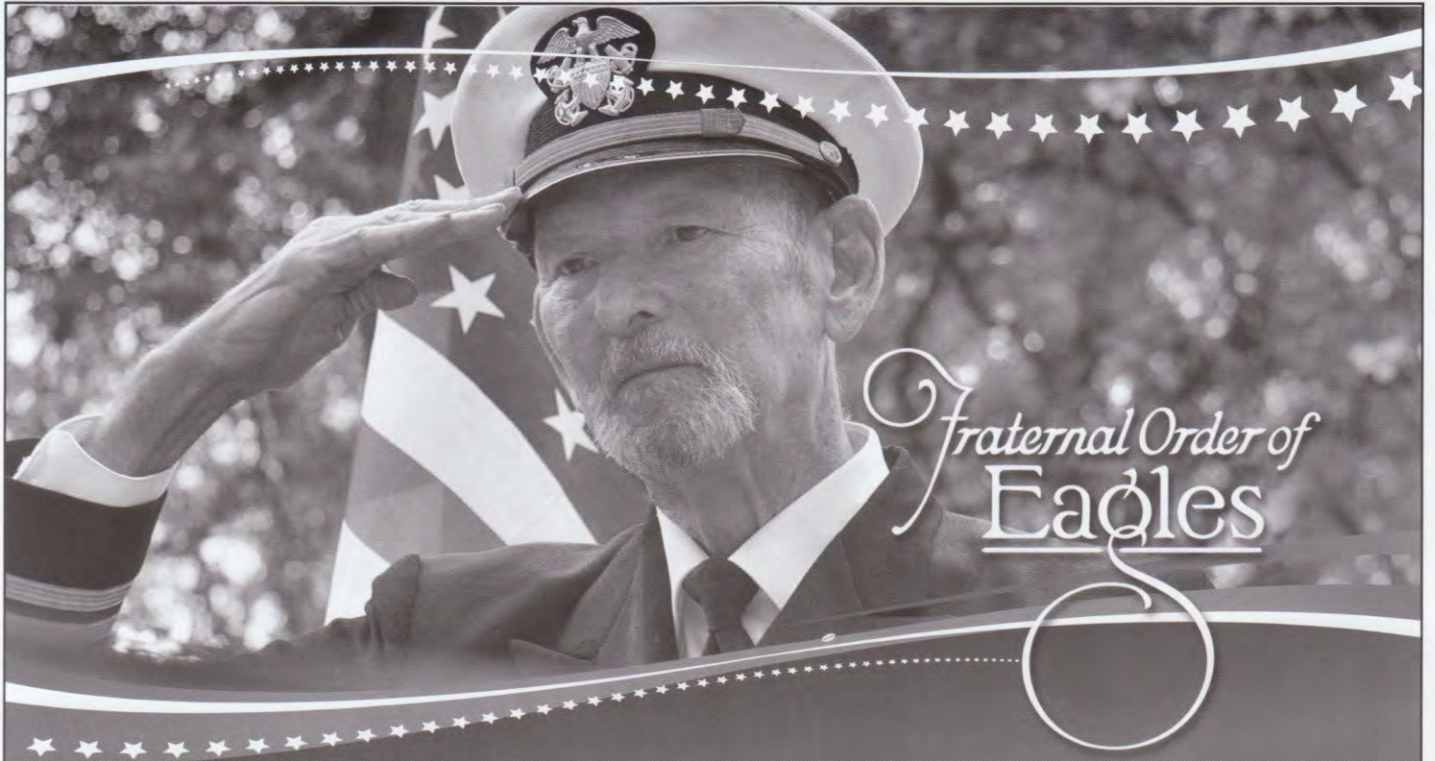
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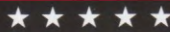
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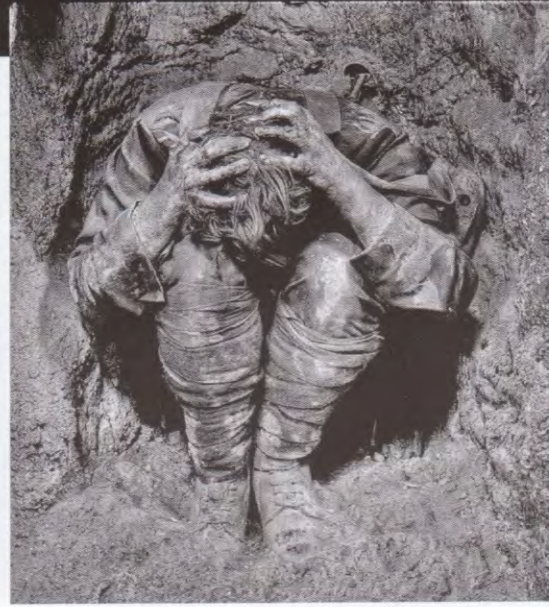
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We humans are not prepared for the stress of modern warfare in all its horrors and we all react a bit differently to what we have experienced. In war we are often thrust into a crucible of gore that we would never ordinarily witness. The trauma of seeing, close up, the destructive nature of war scars our psyche in ways we are only just now being able to understand and trying to address.

The treatment of war wounds is constantly being refined to reflect weapons improvements, transportation, antiseptic practices, and surgical techniques. Throughout all of warfare, more soldiers died from disease than wounds, and misconceptions about the best timing and mode of treatment for injuries often resulted in more harm than good. Not until 1537 did French army surgeon Ambroise Pare, observed gunshot wounds healed faster when treated with salve than when they were cauterized with hot oil. He also discovered that amputees chances of survival improved if he avoided cauterization in favor of tying off exposed blood vessels, a practice that had fallen out of favor for 1,000 years. The Prussian army (Franco-Prussian War of 1870-71) was the first to issue soldiers field dressings. World War I saw major advances in abdominal wound treatment, while World War II was marked by improved ability to operate within the chest cavity. By the Korean War, doctors could reconstruct arteries as they treated wounds. While in Vietnam, the most important event that occurred was the change in the ability to transport the wounded rapidly by helicopters from the point of injury and airlift them to safety. Similarly, flak jackets-when soldiers agreed to wear them-also sharply reduced the

number of deaths from shrapnel wounds. Since the 19th century, mortality from war wounds steadily decreased as surgeons on all sides of conflicts developed systems for rapidly moving the wounded from the battlefield to frontline hospitals where surgical care is delivered.

Today we have developed such effective methods of treating and evacuating the injured from the battlefields that they survive injuries that, in wars past, they never had a chance to. This fact has created a large cadre of veterans who have to carry on, somehow, with the disabilities and the wounds they experienced.

Throughout the history of evolution, human fears and reactions were useful ancestral survival techniques. These behaviors were roughly dependent on how close the threat was: avoidance, heightened vigilance, withdrawal, aggressive defense, appeasement, and finally complete immobility (to confuse a predator's attack reflex or simulate death). It is thought PTSD may result from an over-active primal fear response. Behaviors caused by PTSD may correspond to avoidance of, and withdrawal from, evolutionary threats.

The Greek historian Herodotus, writing of the Battle of Marathon in 490 B.C., cites an Athenian warrior who went permanently blind when the soldier standing next to him was killed, although the blinded soldier "was wounded in no part of his body." So, too, blindness, deafness, and paralysis, among other conditions, are common forms experienced among soldiers today.

The condition continued to be misunderstood throughout history. Swiss and German military physicians in the late 1600s were among the first to identify and name the many behaviors that make up acute combat reaction or PTSD. "Nostalgia" or homesickness, (a realization that there was no hope of returning safe and sound) the term used to define a condition characterized by melancholy, incessant thoughts of home, disturbed sleep, weakness, loss of appetite, anxiety, cardiac palpitations, stupor, and fever.

In our own West, at the battle of Little Big Horn, Maj. Reno's troops were to be a blocking force for Gen. Custer. The battle had hardly begun when Maj. Reno became a psychiatric casualty. His Indian scout was struck in the face by a

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General Douglas MacArthur

bullet with such gory results that he went into shock, and began foaming at the mouth. Some of his men were so paralysed with fear, they couldn't defend themselves. The Indians thought them cowards and refused to kill them.

Modern Warfare

Emotional stress builds very fast on a battlefield. If there is no permissible emotional outlet, the soldier will “convert” his symptoms into physiological conditions. Many consider the Civil War the first step on the road to modern warfare. Soldiers made the first frontal assaults into repeating rifles and pistols, as well as the Gatling gun and delayed-time artillery rounds that allowed air bursts. Military physicians diagnosed many cases of functional disability as the result of military stresses and fear of battle and called it “soldier's heart” and “exhausted heart.” Severe cases were simply mustered out without help. These “insane” numbers were so many that, after public outcry, the first military hospitals were established in 1863 and later, a number of ‘soldiers’ homes’.



WWI brutalities produced large numbers of physically and psychologically wounded. Unfortunately, what little had been learned up to then was forgotten. The only American experience with psychiatric casualties that anyone could remember was when American soldiers under Gen. John J. Pershing's command in Mexico exhibited an abnormally high rate of mental illness. Consequently, the medical establishment set out once again to recreate the wheel. This time, they began by attributing the high psychiatric casualties to the new weapons of war; specifically, large-caliber artillery. It was believed the impact of these shells produced concussion that disrupted the physiology of the brain; thus the term “shell shock” came into fashion.

During WWI, almost two million men were sent overseas to fight in Europe. Deaths were put at 116,516, while 204,000 were wounded. During the same period, 159,000 soldiers were out of action for psychiatric problems, with nearly half of these (70,000) permanently discharged. Erich Maria Remarque (“All Quiet on the Western Front”) said: “Now if we go back we will be weary,

broken, burnt out, rootless, and without hope. We will not be able to find our way anymore. And men will not understand us. ... We will be superfluous even to ourselves; we will grow older, a few will adapt themselves, some others will merely submit, and most will be bewildered.”

The first person to really discover PTSD was Abraham Kardiner, an American psychoanalyst working with World War I veterans. He observed, in addition to the psychological distress that they were manifesting, they were physiologically altered. Particularly he noticed that they were very jumpy, that unexpected loud noises would produce in them a startled reaction.

All the wounded in the subsequent wars and actions are staggering and sad in the extreme. It's impossible to predict which soldiers will collapse and which will behave bravely. A soldier who is brave one day may well be a psychological basket case the next. There is no statistical difference in the rates of psychiatric breakdown among inexperienced troops and battle-hardened veterans. When all is said and done, all normal men are at risk in war.

Robert J. Lifton is a psychiatrist based at Yale University, and is renowned for his work with trauma patients, including Vietnam veterans. He argues that in the search to understand the soldiers' traumatic stress reaction, doctors should focus on the death and destruction that actually took place and its related questions of meaning, rather than invoke the idea of “neurosis.” To survive, soldiers undergo a radical reduction in their sense of the actuality of things. This happens in order for the soldier to avoid losing his sense completely and permanently. Having closed off and numbed themselves soldiers are then faced with the task of working their way back toward humanity. It's not easy: “one's human web has been ... shattered, and in rearranging one's self-image and feelings, one is on guard against false promises of protection, vitality, or even modest assistance. One fends off not only new threats of annihilation but gestures of love or help.”

PTSD, as a paradox, is ultimately a sign of the sanity of those who fought in the war, otherwise, why be disturbed by the killing, by the stuff of war? “Forever after, in peacetime, the reconstruction of “the human web” becomes more and more implausible: if societies are sane—if, in fact, they are civilized—why are there wars?”

Post-traumatic Stress Disorder, then, is a re-experiencing of the trauma in thought, feeling, or dream content, which is evidenced by emotional and psychological numbing. PTSD is also characterized by depression, loss of interest, anger, anxiety, cynicism and distrust, memory loss and alienation.





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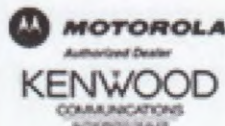
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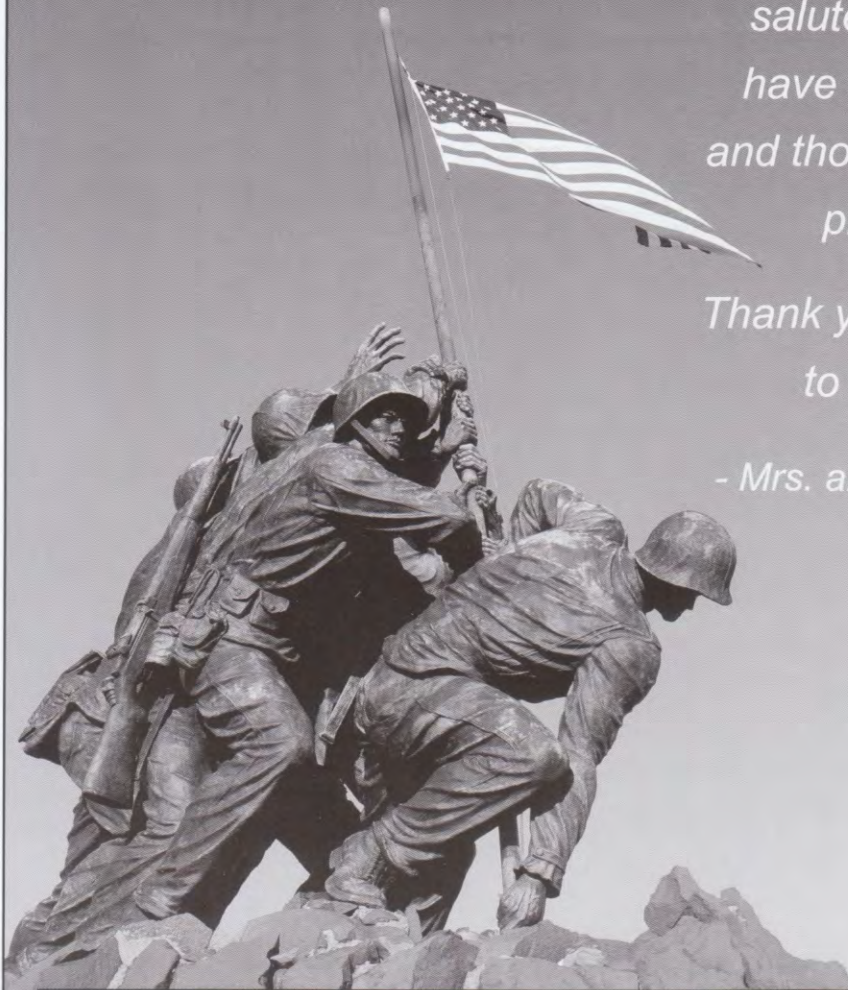
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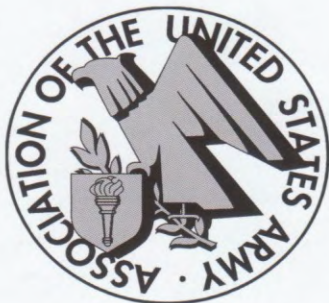


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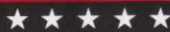
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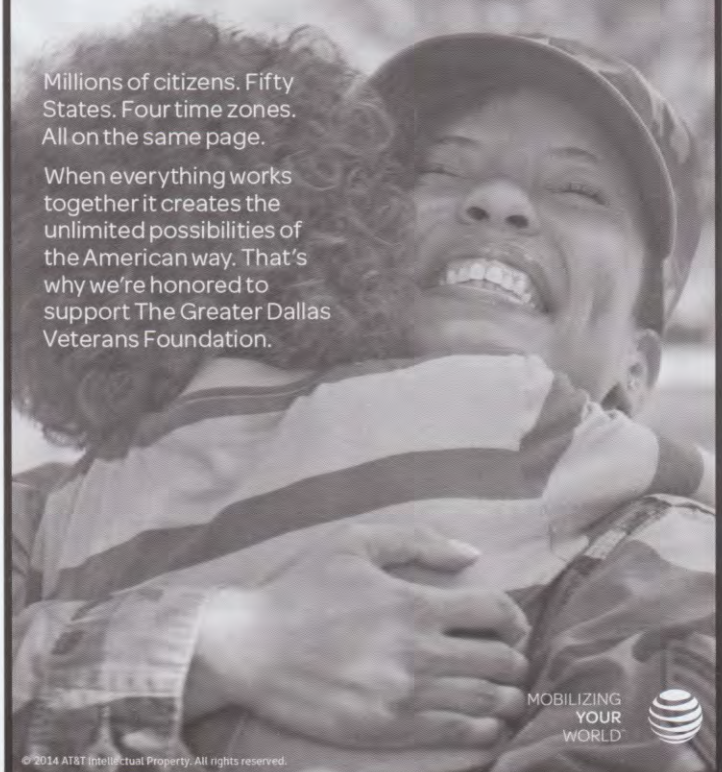
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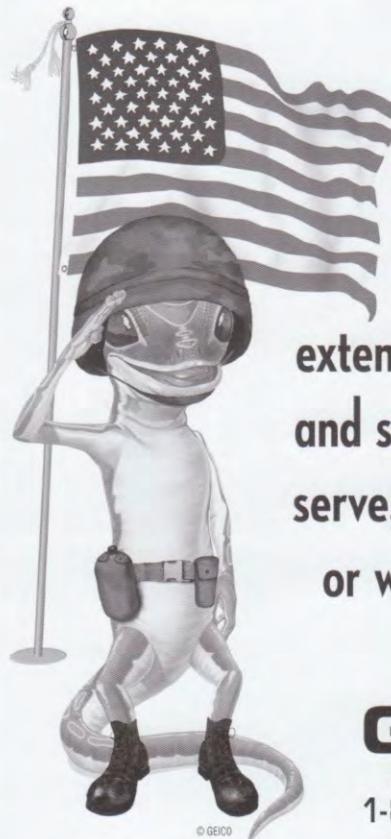
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As dawn broke over Machias Bay, Maine, on June 12, 1775, forty men armed with guns, swords, axes and pitchforks and led by a revolutionary firebrand named Jeremiah O'Brien brought their private sloop, Unity, quietly around the lee side of Round Island. Their target, the British armed schooner Margaretta, immediately attempted to fire on the unarmed Unity, but Unity was too close. O'Brien commanded his crew to ram the British ship, boarded her and proceeded to engage in hand-to-hand combat. By the end of an hour, the British captain was mortally wounded, and the British ship had surrendered.

O'Brien and the Unity crew claimed four double fortified three-pounders, fourteen swivel guns and several smaller guns. Unity had become a warship for the soon to be proclaimed United States of America in this first sea engagement of the Revolutionary War. During the Revolutionary war, more than 11,000 Merchant Mariners died in service to our fledgling nation. They were the first to sacrifice their lives, but they would not be the last.

The War of 1812 was fought ostensibly because of the merchant marine. British warships were seizing American vessels on the high seas and impressed over



10,000 seamen into service for the British Navy or British merchant fleet. American ships were also being seized or sunk if they did not call at a British port before sailing to Europe. France responded by seizing ships that did stop at a British port. Because the United States had a limited number of Navy ships (23) the war was mainly fought with merchant ships as privateers. America had 517 privateers during the War of 1812 and these privateers eventually captured 1,300 enemy ships worth nearly \$40 million.

That was a tremendous amount of money at the time considering that Alaska was bought for \$7.2 million and the Louisiana Purchase for \$12 million. This was the primary reason the British came to the peace table. It didn't end there though. Our country has since built up its own large Merchant Marine fleet and made its own sacrifices. During the first World War more than 700 merchant ships were sunk. Over 800 merchant ships were sunk during World War II. The Merchant Marine was present at Normandy, on D-Day, and all the other World War II invasions.

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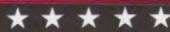


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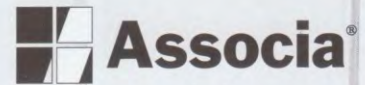
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