

DALLAS VETERANS DAY COMMEMORATION

NOVEMBER 11, 2013



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ELEVENTH HOUR CEREMONY 11/11/13

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
Reflections Home School Choir
Master of Ceremonies Scott Murray
Oath of EnlistmentHonorable Congressman Sam Johnson
Presentation of the Colors JROTC Color Guard
Massing of the Colors DISD JROTC Cadets
InvocationCDR Rene P. Lawson CHC, USN
Pledge of Allegiance CPT Sam Brown, USA (Ret.)
The National AnthemMSgt. Erika Stevens TXANG
Laying of the WreathHonorable Congressman Sam Johnson
CAPT Nick Harper, US Coast Guard Aux. (Ret.)
SgtMaj Ruben Pereida, USMC (Ret.)
Rifle Salute Lone Star Chapter, Paralyzed Veterans of America
TAPS TSgt. Richard Bullock, USAF (Ret.)
Missing Man Formation Flight of the Phoenix Aviation Museum
Retire the Colors DISD JROTC Cadets
Welcome, Introduction of Mayor Mike Rawlings. Scott Murray
Welcome Comments Mayor Mike Rawlings, City of Dallas
Guest Speaker IntroductionCAPT Nick Harper, US Coast Guard Aux. (Ret.)
Guest SpeakerHonorable Congressman Sam Johnson
Music Interlude Brass Quintet, TX ANG Band of the Gulf Coast
Veterans Day ParadeParade Passes in Review in front of Dallas City Hall

Officer Parade Reviewing Party

Army Brigadier General Thomas W. Kula
Navy Rear Admiral James Eckelberger (Ret.)
Marine Corps Colonel William O. Dwiggin (Ret.)
Air Force Major General Joseph Ward, Jr.
Coast Guard Captain Mike Barody
Merchant Marine Captain Robert M. Keslinke (Ret.)



CHAIRMAN - Captain Nick Harper, US Coast Guard Aux.

A Fort Worth native, Nick Harper attended the Christ Church School near Urbanna, VA; Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA; received a BS Degree in Engineering from Lamar University in 1974, Beaumont, TX and an MBA in Finance from Amberton University, Garland, TX in 1984.



He was a RADAR Test Engineer for Westinghouse Air Arm Division, Baltimore, MD; a Nuclear Engineer for Huntington-Ingalls Industries, Newport News, VA; a Hull Engineer for nuclear submarine construction and restoration of a Civil War gunboat for Huntington-Ingalls Industries, Pascagoula, MS; a Flight Test Engineer for Lockheed-Martin, Marietta, GA; a Naval Contract Administrator for the US Navy, Washington, DC; a Naval Architect for the US Naval Shipyard, Charleston, SC and Gulfport Shipbuilding, Port Arthur, TX; also a Hull Engineer for Levingston Shipbuilding, Orange, TX.

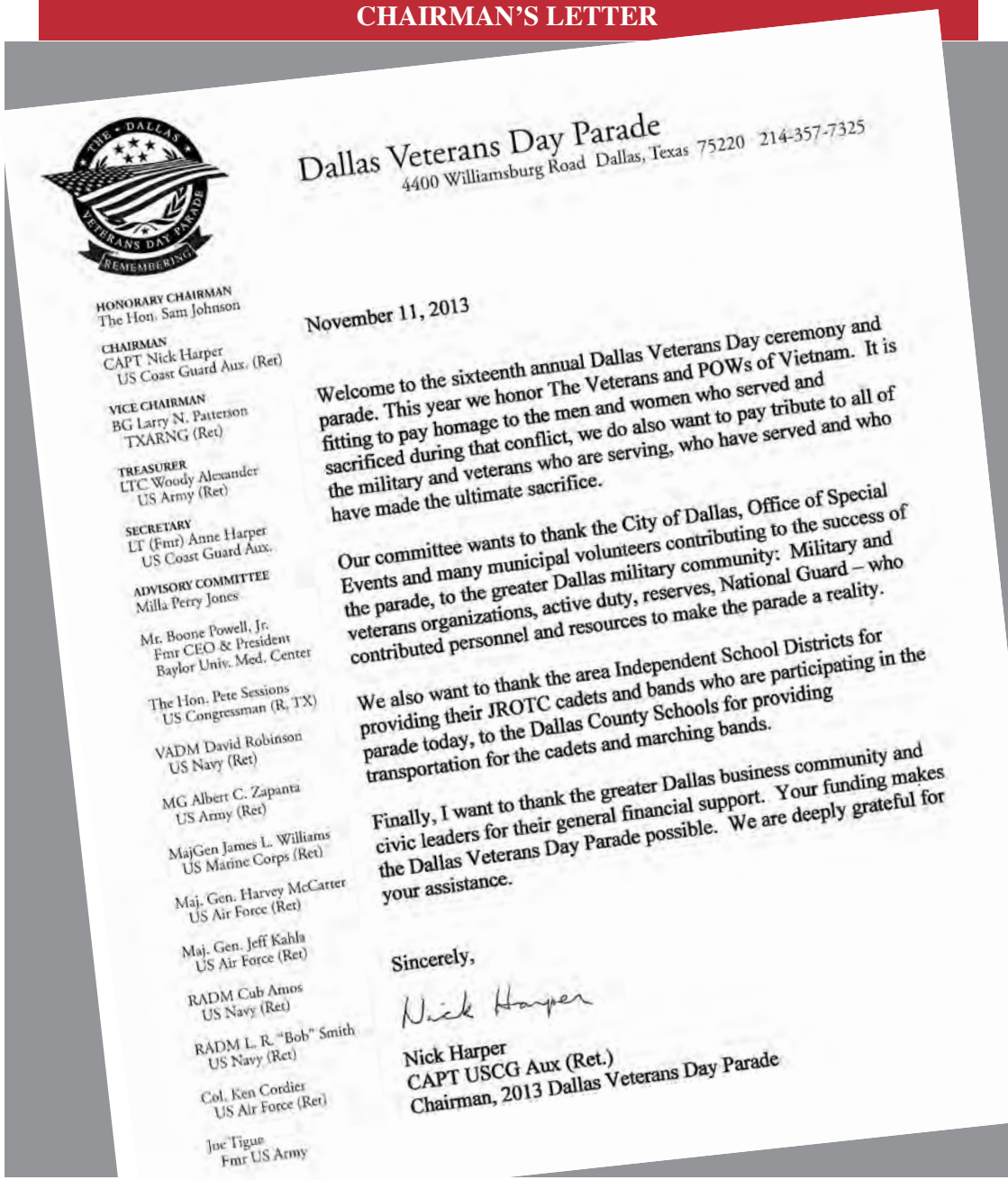
His civilian positions included: payroll system, power line design,

nuclear fuel warranty manager for Gulf States Utilities, Beaumont, TX; FASB Oil & Gas Accounting with Sun Oil Company, Dallas, TX; a MLP Accountant for Coopers & Lybrand, Dallas, TX; and accounting positions with Illinois Power & Light, Mobil Oil, IRM and Southwestern Life Insurance, Dallas, TX.

His military ranks and promotions included: USCG Aux Ensign 1978, CO Lake Ray Hubbard, CO Lake Lavon, CO NW Texas, CO W Texas & New Mexico, promoted to Captain in 1994.

His decorations included: CG Meritorious Service, CG Letter of Commendation (2), CG Presidential Unit Citation (Katrina), DOT Secretary's Outstanding Unit Award, CG Unit Commendation, CG Meritorious Unit Commendation, CG Meritorious Team Commendation, and CG Bicentennial Unit Commendation. He is married to Anne Harper and resides in Dallas, TX.

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER



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Fmr US Army

Welcome to the sixteenth annual Dallas Veterans Day ceremony and parade. This year we honor The Veterans and POWs of Vietnam. It is fitting to pay homage to the men and women who served and sacrificed during that conflict, we do also want to pay tribute to all of the military and veterans who are serving, who have served and who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Our committee wants to thank the City of Dallas, Office of Special Events and many municipal volunteers contributing to the success of the parade, to the greater Dallas military community: Military and veterans organizations, active duty, reserves, National Guard – who contributed personnel and resources to make the parade a reality.

We also want to thank the area Independent School Districts for providing their JROTC cadets and bands who are participating in the parade today, to the Dallas County Schools for providing transportation for the cadets and marching bands.

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

Sincerely,

Nick Harper
CAPT USCG Aux (Ret.)
Chairman, 2013 Dallas Veterans Day Parade



HONORED KEYNOTE SPEAKER

CONGRESSMAN SAM JOHNSON

After growing up in Dallas and graduating from Southern Methodist University (SMU), Sam Johnson began his 29-year career in the U.S. Air Force at the young age of 20. Johnson served as director of the Air Force Fighter Weapons School (Top Gun) and was one of two authors of the air tactics manual revolutionizing military air dominance by incorporating three-dimensional flight.

During the Korean War, Johnson flew 62 combat missions in his F-86, stationed just 25 miles away from the front lines. In his plane, Shirley's Texas Tornado, Johnson scored one MiG fighter kill, one probable and one damaged. While Johnson took his share of enemy gunfire and flak, he emerged from the war unscathed.

Back at Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada, Johnson flew the solo and slot positions for the world-renowned Air Force Thunderbirds precision flying demonstration team in the F-100 super sabre.

In the Vietnam War during his first tour of duty, he worked at Military Assistance Command in Vietnam (MACV) headquarters in Saigon, helping coordinate the first B-52 strikes under General Westmoreland.

During Johnson's second tour, he flew F-4 Phantom combat missions with the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing in Thailand. During his second tour of duty, Johnson flew his 25th combat mission on April 16, 1966. Shot down at dusk and taken captive by the North Vietnamese, Johnson suffered a broken right arm, dislocated left shoulder and a broken back. It was these injuries that the enemy captors would use in their constant efforts to glean information from Johnson.

Johnson spent nearly seven years as a prisoner of war (POW), 42 months in solitary confinement. Labeled as a "die-hard" by his captors, Johnson committed 374 names to memory from tapping a special code on the prison wall. "We were all trying to memorize names in case anybody got out," Johnson remembers.

While held in the infamous Hanoi Hilton, Johnson spent 72 days in leg stocks. A day after that torture ended, his captors forced him into leg irons for 2 ½ years. Weighing 200 lbs when shot down, an emaciated Johnson got down to an estimated 120 lbs while barely surviving on the occasional "meal" of weeds from the river, pig fat, white rice, or pumpkin soup.

Fellow POW Captain James Mulligan, USN (Ret.) recalled the day Johnson was allowed to return to a joint cell. He walked into the room with the two other detained American officers, "stood at attention with tears in his eyes, and simply said, 'Lieutenant Colonel Sam Johnson reporting for duty, sir'...after he had not talked to or directly been with an American for three and a half years."

Johnson chronicles his POW experience in solitary confinement in his autobiography, *Captive Warriors*. The book details the stories of eleven of the self-named "Alcatraz Gang," including great American patriots, such as Jeremiah Denton, Jim Stockdale and Jim Mulligan.

Other career highlights include: attending army jump school



during the Cuban Missile Crisis and experiencing five nuclear bomb explosions at the Nevada test site. Johnson flew through one nuclear explosion to gauge the effects to the plane, later joking, "Why didn't they want to know the effects on the pilot?" A graduate of the National War College, Johnson served as Wing Commander of the 31st Tactical Fighter Wing at Homestead AFB in Florida flying F-4s and Air Division Commander at Holloman AFB in New Mexico flying F-15s, where he retired a Colonel in 1979.

A decorated combat veteran and war hero, Johnson was awarded two Silver Stars, two Legions of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, one Bronze Star with Valor, two Purple Hearts, four Air Medals, and three

Outstanding Unit Awards.

After his distinguished military career, Johnson returned to Texas and started a home-building business from scratch. After serving in the Texas legislature, in 1991 he embarked on a new mission of service to his country - representing the people of Texas' Third District in the United States Congress.

A vocal advocate of limited government and lower taxes, Johnson sits on the prestigious Ways and Means Committee. Johnson serves as Chairman on the Social Security Subcommittee.

One of a handful of combat veterans in Congress, Johnson has led the charge to stand up for the brave men and women in uniform - regardless of the political posturing in Washington, DC.

In fact, in 2007 Johnson spent the anniversary of his homecoming from captivity, February 12, pleading with a House panel to include his measure as part of the House debate on the future of the troops in Iraq. Johnson insisted, "I know what it's like to be far from home and hear that your country AND your Congress don't care about you. Our troops stand up for us every minute of every day. We must stand up for them in Congress. To our troops, we must remain always faithful."

In 2009, Johnson's peers recognized him as the "most admired" Republican member of the U.S. House of Representatives. In addition, in 2009 the prestigious Congressional Medal of Honor Society bestowed Johnson their highest civilian accolade, the National Patriot Award, for his tireless work on behalf of the troops, veterans, and freedom.

In 2011, the renowned bipartisan publication, National Journal, named Johnson the most conservative Member of Congress based solely on his voting record. The same year, Johnson accepted the "Freedom of Flight" award at the Living Legends of Aviation Awards, dubbed the Oscars of aviation, from renowned air show pilot Bob Hoover.

This year, Congressman Johnson celebrates the 40th anniversary of "Operation Homecoming," which released the longest held Prisoners of War as well as those needing urgent medical attention from Vietnam.

Sam Johnson is married to the former Shirley L. Melton of Dallas.



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.



Texas Super Bowl XLV Host Committee, National Football Foundation/College Football Hall of Fame/ Gridiron Club of Dallas, National Sports Marketing Network, Doak Walker National Running Back Award, Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award, Armed Forces Bowl, TicketCity Bowl, Pat and Emmitt Smith Charities, Speedway Children's Charities, FCA, DASA, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America Foundation, Speedway Children's Charities, Cancer Support Community, Dallas Symphony and the AT&T Performing Arts Center.

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.

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

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.

PARADE ANNOUNCER

Gloria Campos, WFAA TV

WFAA-TV News 8 veteran anchor Gloria Campos joined the station as a General Assignments Reporter in 1984. She is currently co-anchor of the News 8 Update at 10pm. Campos also reported and produced the station's weekly Wednesday's Child for twenty years and lends support to the non-profit 'Friends of Wednesday's Child.' Campos' community involvement includes: the Dallas Summit, the DFW Network of Hispanic Communicators, the National Association of Hispanic Journalists and an honorary lifetime member of the Texas PTA. Her awards include: D Magazine 2012 Readers' Choice Best TV Broadcaster in Dallas; 2010 Texas Tech University Double T Award for Excellence in Community Service; 2007 Fort Worth Star Telegram Reader's Choice Best TV Newswoman; 2007 "Women in Spirit" award from the American Congress of Jewish Women Dallas Chapter. 2007 The DALLAS 25 - one of the North Texas region's most influential residents; 2007 nominee of Texas Trailblazer Award and many other broadcast awards.

Gloria earned a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from Southwest Texas State University. She was awarded Texas State University School of Journalism and Mass Communication Alumnus of the Year, 2004 and serves on their Advisory Board. Gloria and husband Lance have been married for more than 20 years and have twin sons, Greg and Tony.



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; KKGMM-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 COLONEL CHARLES B. DEBELLEVUE, USAF (RET.)

Colonel Chuck DeBellevue earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics from the University of Southwestern Louisiana and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the USAF in January 1968. He attended Undergraduate Navigator Training and upgraded into the F-4. After 18 months in the states, he was assigned to the 555th Tactical Fighter Squadron at Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand in October 1971. While there, Chuck flew 220 combat missions—96 of which were over North Vietnam and is credited with the destruction of six North Vietnamese jet fighters in aerial combat—four MiG-21s and two MiG-19s. Chuck is the leading “ACE” from the war in Southeast Asia.



Chuck is a command pilot with over 3,000 flying hours, 550 hours of which were in combat. His military decorations include the Air Force Cross, 3 Silver Stars, 3 Legions of Merit, and 6 Distinguished Flying Crosses. He retired effective 1 Feb 1998 with 30 years of service and was the last American Ace on active duty.

Following retirement from the Air Force, Chuck has worked for a number of companies, both local and national, and for Oklahoma State University. He is the Chief Executive Officer for Eagle Support Enterprises LLC, a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business that provides consultant services for defense contractors.

Following his combat tour he attended Undergraduate Pilot Training and served in a number of squadron, staff and command positions. Chuck’s final assignment was as the commander of AFROTC Detachment at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Chuck was selected as the Outstanding Alumni of the University of Louisiana – Lafayette for 2008 and was inducted into the Louisiana Aviation Hall of Fame on May 22, 2011 and the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame on November 9, 2012.

Chuck and his wife, Sally, were the 1994 recipients of the General and Mrs. Jerome F. O’Malley Award, given to the top wing commander and spouse in Air Force Material Command.

Chuck DeBellevue is married to Sally Kanik of Rancho Cordova, CA. They have two daughters and a son and four grandchildren.

GRAND MARSHAL COLONEL BERNARD TALLEY, USAF (RET.)

Bernard Talley was born in Baltimore, Maryland. He graduated from Loyola High School and then in 1962 from Mt. St. Mary’s University, Emmitsburg MD with a B.S. in Economics. Later that year, he was commissioned a 2nd Lt in the USAF through the OTS Program. He was assigned as the Property Accounting Officer at McCoy AFB FL, until he entered pilot training in April 1964. He earned his wings at Laredo AFB, TX in May 1965 and became a fighter pilot, flying the F4C Phantom II for the 25th tactical Fighter Squadron at Eglin AFB FL.



Refueling Wing at March AFB, CA. from 1984 until his retirement in October 1988. In 1998, he served as the chairman of the 25th Silver Anniversary of Freedom POW reunion in Dallas.

Colonel Talley also joined American Airlines and served as a pilot from 1973 until 1999 flying the MD-80, DC-10 and Boeing 727, 747, 757 and 767.

He is a member of the Reserve Officer Association, Catholic War Veterans, the American Legion, the Caterpillar Club, VFW, DAV and Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association. He was active in the Air Force Speakers Bureau, an academy liaison officer and a member of the former

In April, 1966 he was deployed to Southeast Asia and flew 76 combat missions with the 433rd TFS, Ubon Royal Thai AFB, Thailand.

On September 10th, 1966 he was forced to eject over North Vietnam and managed to evade capture until the following night. He was held captive for 2,369 days until released as part of “Operation Homecoming” on March 4th 1973.

Strategic Air Command Reserve Forces, Policy Council. While a member of the Allied Pilots Association, he was National Chairman of the Professional Standards Committee and National Chairman of the American Airlines Jump Seat Committee.

Upon repatriation, Colonel Talley joined the Air Force Reserve where he flew the C-141 Starlifter transport with the 315th Military Airlift Wing at Charleston AFB, SC. In 1981, he was assigned and selected to become the 1st commander of the 78th air refueling squadron, flying the new KC-10 extender, heavy tankers at Barksdale AFB, LA. His final assignment was as the Vice Commander of the 452nd Air

Colonel Talley’s military awards include 2 Silver Stars, The Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, 2 Bronze Stars, the POW medal, 2 Purple Hearts, Presidential Unit Citation and several others.

Colonel Talley currently resides in Frisco, TX with his wife Devon.



YOU HAD OUR BACK. **NOW WE HAVE YOURS.**



On behalf of the 100,000 Team Members spread across this great country, Brinker International, Chili's Grill & Bar, and Maggiano's Little Italy express our gratitude to all veterans and active duty military on this Veterans Day. We are honored to recognize the bravery of our Veterans and POW's of Vietnam. Thank you for the sacrifices you have made and continue to make on our behalf. **WE SALUTE YOU.**



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1956 French leave Vietnam after '54
Defeat at Dien Bien Phu

1957 Communist insurgency into
South Vietnam

1959 NVA use Ho Chi Minh trail
which becomes strategic target

1960 Kennedy elected - Diem trail
attempt - Viet Cong formed

1961 Battle of Bien Hoa Province
NVA guerrillas defeated

1962 Agent Orange employed
Diem Palace bombed

1963 Kennedy assassinated
Buddhist against Diem, dies

1964 Gulf of Tonkin Incident - Cong
attack Bien Hoa AB - LBJ wins

1965 Operation Rolling Thunder
bombs N. Viets nearly 3-yrs.

1966 Heavy fighting in Ia Drang
Valley - 1st Cav. defeats NVA

Veterans stage anti-war rally
B-52s bomb North Vietnam

Vietnam: Time of Trauma,

Most of us lived through that era and recall the suffering, loss and agony of those times.



The Vietnam War was a Cold War-era military conflict in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia from July 8th, 1959 to May 15, 1973. It followed, and in some ways was a continuation of, the First Indochina War between Ho Chi Minh's Viet Minh and the French forces. That "First" war ostensibly ended when the French forces were defeated at Dien Bien Phu in May 1954. Now,



this "Second" Indochina War (also known as The American War) was fought between North Vietnam with its communist allies and South

Vietnam, supported by the United States and its allies. The South Vietnamese Viet Cong, allied and directed by the North, largely fought a guerrilla war against forces in the South while the North Vietnamese Army (NVA) engaged in a more conventional war, at times committing large units into battle. The U.S. government viewed this war as a way to prevent a communist takeover of South Vietnam as part of our wider Containment Strategy. That program, prompted by the "Domino" theory maintained that if one state in a region came under the influence of communism, then the surrounding countries would follow in a domino effect. This was why the U.S. entered into the Vietnam conflict. Referencing communism in Indochina, President Dwight D. Eisenhower put the theory into words during an April 7, 1954 news conference:



JAN.8-1967 Operation Cedar Falls
 JAN.28-1967 N. Viet bombing "ineffective"
 JAN.30-1968 Tet offensive
 MAR.10-1968 Battle for Hue & Khe Sanh
 MAR.16-1968 206,000 more troops requested
 MAY.10-1968 Paris Peace Talks begin
 NOV.5-1968 Nixon elected President
 MAR.18-1969 Secret bombing of Cambodia
 NOV.3-1969 "Vietnamization" announced
 MAY.4-1969 Kent State Incident
 MAR.16-1969 US troop nos. fall to 280K
 FEB.-1970 Vietnamization fails
 JUNE17-1970 Pentagon Papers published
 JUNE17-1971 US Troop levels cut by 70K
 JAN.27-1972 Watergate break-in
 FEB.12-1972 Cease Fire signed in Paris
 AUG.8-1973 POWs come home - Draft ends
 JAN.6-1974 Viet Cong plan major offensive
 APR.30-1975 Communist Forces capture
 Key Phuoc Long Province
 Last Americans evacuate
 Saigon falls to Communists

Tribulation and Character

We can but pay humble homage to those who gave of themselves, some to the ultimate.



This "Nurses statue" in DC is a tribute to the many nurses that served so valiantly and selflessly in Vietnam.

The Vietnam "Three-soldiers" statue memorial reflected in "The Wall".

“Finally, you have broader considerations that might follow what you would call the “falling domino” principle. You have a row of dominoes set up, you knock over the first one, and what will happen to the last one is the certainty that it will go over very quickly. So you could have a beginning of a disintegration that would have the most profound influences”. The North Vietnamese government and the Viet Cong viewed the conflict as a colonial war, fought at first against France, backed by the U.S., and later against South Vietnam. U.S. military Advisors arrived in what was then French Indochina in 1950. The North Vietnamese and Viet Cong were supplied by a vast network of hidden trails known as the Ho Chi Minh Trail and supplies and personnel were also sent via Laos to the Viet Cong. U.S. involvement escalated in the early ‘60s, with troop levels tripling in 1961 and tripling again in 1962

with U.S. combat divisions. deployed in 1965. American involvement peaked in 1968 at the time of the Tet Offensive. After that, Nixon announced the Vietnamization policy of “ ... expand, equip and train South Vietnam’s forces and assign to them an ever-increasing combat role, at the same time steadily reducing the number of U.S. combat troops.” In 1973, despite the Paris Peace Accords, signed by all, fighting continued. U.S. military involvement ended on August, 15 1973 as a result of the Case-Church Amendment passed by the U.S. Congress. The Viet Cong capture of Saigon marked the end of the war, and North and South Vietnam were unified the following year. The war exacted a huge human cost in terms of fatalities. Estimates of the number of Vietnamese soldiers and civilians killed vary from fewer than one million to more than three million. Among the casualties 58,220 U.S. service members also died in the conflict.

We pay homage to those taken prisoner



Grim determination on the face of a captured pilot by the NVA



& acknowledge their pain & suffering.



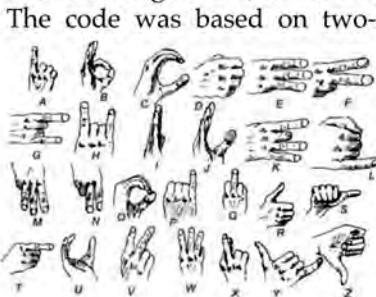
Inside infamous Hanoi Hilton days before release on April 1st 1973.

During the Vietnam conflict almost 9,000 US fixed wing aircraft and helicopters were lost. Some 2,000 pilots and crew were killed and 500 ended up in enemy hands. Counting ground troops, 725 US service members were captured and interned by the enemy between 1961 and 1973 in North Vietnam, and in Cambodia, China, Laos, and South Vietnam. Their treatment was brutal. In North Vietnam alone, more than a dozen prisons were scattered in and around the capital city of Hanoi. American POWs gave them nicknames: Alcatraz, Briarpatch, Dirty Bird, the Hanoi Hilton, and the Zoo. Conditions were appalling. Prisoners were isolated, starved, beaten, tortured, and paraded in anti-American propaganda. "It's easy to die but hard to live," a prison guard told one new arrival, "and we'll show you how hard it is to live."

POWs particularly dreaded the rope tactic. Prison guards would tie a POW's hands behind his back and rotate his arms up over his shoulders until they became dislocated.



POWs struggled to survive very horrible conditions, physical pain, and psychological deprivation, often for years on end. They exercised as best they could. Some played mind games to keep themselves sane, making mental lists or building imaginary houses. They drew strength from each other, secretly communicating via notes scratched with sooty matches on toilet paper, subtle hand gestures, or code tapped out on their cell walls.



The code was based on two-number combinations that represented each Alpha letter enabling prisoners to establish a command structure, keep a captives roster & pass along some information. "... tapping was our conversation," Recalled a former POW ADM James B. Stockdale.

"Emotions as elation, sadness, humor sarcasm, excitement, depression - all came through." POW families launched awareness campaigns, and the media gave the POW situation extensive coverage. At war's end, about 600 returned home. Some folks believe that thousands more "missing in action" were left behind. Due to a lack of accurate intelligence sources inside North Vietnam, the



Overhead view of Hanoi Hilton, aka - French colonial Hoa Lò Prison.

U.S. never had solid knowledge of how many American prisoners of war were held. Following the Paris Peace Accords of January 1973, U.S. POWs returned during Operation Homecoming from February to April 1973 when 592 POWs were released. Efforts halted after the fall of South Vietnam in 1975. But, POW/MIA activists pushed the U.S. government to improve its efforts to resolve the fates of the missing. Normalization of U.S.-Vietnam relations in the mid-1990s was a culmination of this process. In all, there were 732 total captured and interred of whom 70 died while POWs, and 662 returned. Of the MIAs 800 remains were returned and 1,807 are still considered MIA.





PARADE PARTICIPANTS

Honor Guard	Marine Corps. Recruiting Dallas	Dallas ISD	Lincoln Magnet HS, <i>Tigers Band</i>
North Texas Caledonian Pipes and Drums .....	.....Bagpipe Band	Dallas ISD	Lincoln Magnet HS, Army JROTC 10th Bn
Parade Theme banner	Honoring the Veterans and POW's of Vietnam	Daughters of the Nile	Shalman Temple No. 90
Grand Marshal	Colonel Bernard Talley, USAF (Ret.)	Hella Shrine Temple	Dallas Temple
Grand Marshal	Captain Charles De Bellevue, USAF (Ret.)	Dallas City Hall	City Hall Veterans
Honored Area Vietnam POWs	5 area Vietnam POWs	Dallas County Sheriff's Department	Sheriff Honor Guard
American ex-Prisoners of War	Dallas Metroplex Chapter	Dallas County Sheriff Posse	Sheriff Lupe Valdez
Lieutenant Colonel Duncan Wilmore .....	.....Vietnam Veteran	Park Place Motor Car	Honoring Veterans
Dallas ISD	Skyline HS, " <i>Raiders</i> " <i>Marching Band</i> .	Dallas ISD	Hillcrest HS, Army JROTC 5th Battalion
Dallas ISD	Skyline HS, Army JROTC 11th Battalion	Dallas ISD	Samuel HS Marching Band
Vietnam Veterans of America .....	.....Chapter 137	Dallas ISD	Samuell HS, Army JROTC 12th Battalion
Tribute to Veterans	1972 Chevy / signatures Vietnam Veterans	The Chosin Few	North Texas Chapter
Old Men of the Neighborhood	Dallas Chapter	Korean War Veterans Association	Sam Johnson Chapter #270
Dallas Mexican Veterans	Dallas Chapter	Dallas ISD	Sunset HS, Army JROTC 6th Battalion
Atmos Energy	Supporting our Veterans	Dallas ISD	Kimball HS Band
Trinity Valley Community College	Cardinal Regiment Marching Band & Cardettes	Dallas ISD	Kimball HS, Army JROTC 15th Battalion
Sons of the American Revolution	Texas Society, Dallas Chapter	Dallas Segway Tours .....	.....Segways
Daughters of the American Revolution	Jane Douglas / Dallas Chapter	Wounded Warriors	Texas Chapter
Cedar Hills ISD	Cedar Hills HS, Air Force JROTC	Welcome Home a Hero	DFW Welcome Group
Navy League	Dallas Council, Vehicle	Texas Air National Guard	254th Combat Communications Squadron
Navy League	Forrestal Sea Cadets & Ranger League Cadets	Overcomers Servicing People	Appreciation Festival 2013
U.S. Navy	U.S. Nuclear Submarine "Dallas" (Cdr & Crew)	Forney ISD	Forney HS, AF JROTC Battalion
U.S. Navy	Dallas Base Submarine Veterans	Air Force Sergeants Association .....	.....Chapter #1073
U.S. Coast Guard	Unit Houston-Galveston	Air Force Association	Seidel Chapter #232
Dallas ISD	Wilmer-Hutchins HS NAVY JROTC	Civil Air Patrol	North Texas Squadrons
Crandall HS Band	Pirate Regiment Marching Band	Mansfield ISD	Timberview HS Air Force JROTC
Southwest Airlines	Southwest Airlines Pilots, Military Veterans	Coppell Fire Department .....	.....Bagpipe Band
Dallas Tap Dazzlers	Dallas Chapter	Frontiers of Flight Museum	Gen. James Doolittle, Vehicle
Antique MG's of America	Dallas Chapter	SSR Fanatic	Chevy Truck Convertible Society
Buckner Retirement Village Veterans	Buckner Veterans 'Hearts in Action'	Lions International .....	.....District 2-X-1
Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans	Dallas & Fort Worth Chapter	Dallas ISD	Seagoville HS, Army JROTC 9th Battalion
Hooves for Heroes	Equest Therapeutic Horsemanship	Dallas ISD	Roosevelt HS Mustangs Band
Jewish War Veterans of America .....	.....Chapter #256	Dallas ISD	Roosevelt HS, Army JROTC 16th Battalion
Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base	Fort Worth Key Spouses	The O'Neill Family	Jim O'Neill Firetruck
Army & Air Force Exchange Service .....	.....Vehicle	Veterans for Peace	North Texas Chapter
Dallas ISD	James Madison HS, <i>Trojans Band</i>	American Red Cross	Dallas Area Chapter
Dallas ISD	Madison HS, Army JROTC 3rd Battalion	Arlington Bulldogs	Arlington Bulldogs Ladies Dance Team
Special Forces Association .....	.....Chapter XXXI	Knights of Columbus	Father Abram J. Ryan Assembly
Mesquite ISD	Poteet HS Army JROTC Bnt.	Dallas ISD	Jefferson HS, Army JROTC 13th Battalion
Mesquite ISD	Horn HS, Army JROTC, 5th BN	Dallas ISD .....	.....Spruce HS Band
Veterans of Foreign WarsDistrict 3 Commander	Dallas ISD	Spruce HS, Army JROTC 17th Battalion
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Veterans of Foreign Wars	Post #2494 Grand Prairie	AmVetsChapter #23
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Dallas ISD	North Dallas HS, <i>Bulldogs Band</i>	Marine Corps League	Big D Detachment
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Horseless Carriage Club of America	North Texas Regional Group	Dallas ISDPinkston HS Band
Mansfield ISD	Mansfield HS Tiger Battalion JROTC	Dallas ISD	Pinkston HS, Army JROTC 19th Battalion
George Padilla	Vietnam Veteran honoring WWII Grandfather	American Legion	5th District Commander, State of Texas
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Jim Gooch	World War II Veterans	American Legion	Post #453, Love Field
DeSoto ISD	DeSoto HS, Army JROTC, 1st Battalion	American Legion	Post #511, Dallas
Dallas ISD	Woodrow Wilson HS, <i>Wildcats Marching Band</i>	American Legion	Post #597, Carrollton
Dallas ISD	Woodrow Wilson HS, Army JROTC 7th Battalion	American Legion	Post #802, Tommie Robinson
Military Officers Association of America	Greater Dallas Chapter	Dallas ISD	Molina HS, Army JROTC 18th Battalion
Department of Veterans Affairs	North Texas Health Care System	Dallas ISD	Conrad HS Band
Readjustment Counseling Service	Dallas County Veterans Center	Dallas ISD	Conrad HS, Army JROTC 20th Battalion
Reserve Officers Association	Dallas Chapter 18	Defender of Freedom .....	.....Texas Chapter
Irving ISD	MacArthur HS, Army JROTC Battalion	Doberman Rescue Association	North Texas Chapter
Dallas ISD	South Oak Cliff HS Marching Band	Boude Storey Middle School	Leadership Cadet Corp
Dallas ISD	South Oak Cliff, Army JROTC 8th Battalion	Steel Wheels of Texas	E. TX Military Vehicle Preservation Assoc.
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National Sojourners	Chapter #112, Audie Murphy	Dallas ISD	Townview Center, Army JROTC 22nd Bn
Heroes, Cops and Kids	Dallas Chapter	Dallas 9/11 Memorial Foundation	Dallas Chapter
Red Path Warriors Society	North Texas Chapter	Dallas Fire Rescue	Ladder #4 & Sparky, the fire dog
Grand Prairie ISD	Grand Prairie HS, Army JROTC		



2012 Parade Winners

JROTC Marching Units

- 1st, Horn HS, 5th BN, Army JROTC
- 2nd, Wilmer-Hutchins HS, 1st BN, Navy JROTC
- 3rd, Seagoville HS, 9th BN, Army JROTC

High School Bands

- 1st, Sunset HS, Purple Marching Machine Band
- 2nd, Hillcrest HS, Panthers Marching Band
- 3rd, Trinity Valley CC, Cardinals Marching Band & Cardettes
- Honorable Mention: Adams HS, Cougar Band

Military Units

- 1st, 1st Cavalry Division Mounted Horse Guard and Chuckwagon
- 2nd, 36th Infantry Division Band, Texas National Guard
- 3rd, US Navy Submarine Dallas

Veterans Organizations

- 1st, American Legion Post 218, Irving
- 2nd, American Legion Post 511, Wynnwood
- 3rd, US Navy Submarine Veterans, Dallas Base

Patriotic Units/Floats

- 1st, Sons of the American Revolution, Dallas Chapter
- 2nd, Red Path Warrior Society
- 3rd, Am Vets Restoration & Roofing, Tomb of the Unknowns

Parade Spirit

- 1st, East Texas Piney Woods Motor Pool
- 2nd, Hella Shrine Legion of Honor
- 3rd, Bryan Adams HS Cheerleaders

Youth Groups

- 1st, Boy Scout Troop 59, Dallas

STATIC DISPLAYS

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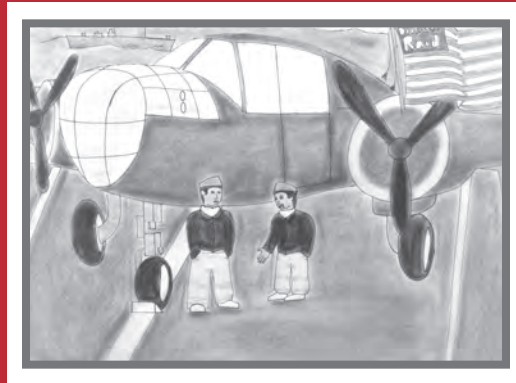


STUDENT ART PARTNERSHIP

“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 three divisions: Grades 1-3, 4-5 and 6-8. The 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.”

2012 WINNERS

Grade	Place	Student Name	School	Teacher Name
1-3	1 st Place	Aderian Gee	John Neely Bryan Elem.	William Hannon
	2 nd Place	Caitlyn Ajakaiye	Charles Rice Learning Center	Linda Gamble Camp
	3 rd Place	Alejandro Mendez	Celestino M. Soto, Jr. Elem.	Betty Waters
	Hon. Mention	Brendan Leyva	Henry B. Gonzalez Edlem.	Julie Blassingame
4-5	1 st Place	Gustavo Meza	Clinton P. Russell Elem.	Mechelle Larson
	2 nd Place	Clarissa Coronado	Eduardo Mata Elem.	William Pope
	3 rd Place	Regina Devara	Eduardo Mata Elem.	William Pope
	Hon. Mention	Aliber Galvan	Urban Park Elem.	Vicki Crenshaw
	Hon. Mention	Valerian Mayega	George Bush Elem.	Kimberly Elmore
6-8	1 st Place	Bryan Macias	Sam Tasby Middle School	Karen Romo
	2 nd Place	Jose Estrada	Sam Tasby Middle School	Karen Romo
	3 rd Place	Than Zaw	Sam Tasby Middle School	Karen Romo



Winner
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Bryan Macias



Winner
Grades 4-5
Gustavo Meza



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Aderian Gee



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Col. Day was born in Sioux City, Iowa on Feb. 24, 1925. In 1942 at 17 years old he harassed his parents to let him enlist in the United States Marine Corps. After serving in the South Pacific he returned home, attended College on the G.I. Bill, earning a BS, followed by law school. He joined the Air Reserves, got a direct commission in the Iowa ANG and was called up for Korean duty in 1950 and was awarded his pilot wings in 1952. He served two tours in Korea and decided to make the Air Force a career. While transitioning to F-100 Super Sabers in England he had to eject from his flaming jet and found his chute had burned, becoming the first person to ever live through such a feat. He was injured, but was alive. Nearing retirement in 1968, now Maj. Day, instead volunteered for Vietnam. On August 26th, 1967 on his 65th mission his F-100 took enemy AA fire and he had to eject from his plane shattering his arm and injuring his eyes and back. He was captured very soon and the local militia staged a 'mock execution' and hanged him from a rafter by his feet for hours. Later, after day 5, he persuaded his captors to loosen his bonds and he managed to free himself and head south. Despite his injuries, he eluded recapture



for 12-15 days (delirium had set in leading him to lose track of time) on bamboo float and living on frogs. While tasting freedom and safety just two miles from a Marine Fire Base, a Viet Cong patrol shot him in the leg and hand and recaptured him. Back at his original camp, Day was tortured for escaping, breaking his right arm again. He then was moved to several prison camps near Hanoi. Because of his injuries, his fingers curled up, but he straightened them up during his captivity by sitting on them and flattening them out against walls. Finally,

after a long while, he was tapping out the code the prisoners had devised as their only way to communicate.

Rep. Sam Johnson, a friend and fellow prisoner recalls his favorite Bud Day story from 1971. "We POWs in room 7 [Hanoi Hilton] decided to defy our captors and hold a church service. They hated that we found unity and strength in God and one another. Heavily armed guards broke up our service and hustled out three POWs for torture and solitary confinement. As armed guards surrounded us, Bud pounced onto the poor excuse for a bed and belted out the National Anthem, "God Bless America" and other patriotic songs. Soon after, POWs in other rooms chimed in and supposedly, we could be heard outside the prison walls." On March 14, 1973, Day left Vietnam and reunited with his wife, Doris and Children. On March 4, 1976, President Gerald Ford awarded Day the Medal of Honor for his personal bravery. Day retired from active duty in 1977 to resume practicing law.



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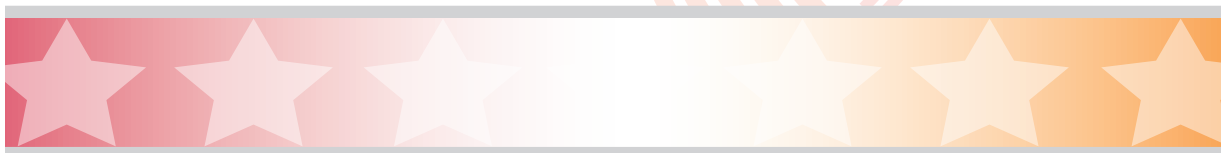
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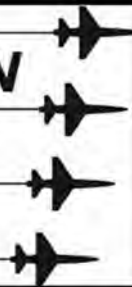
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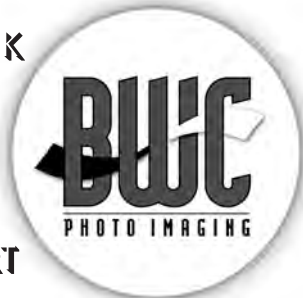


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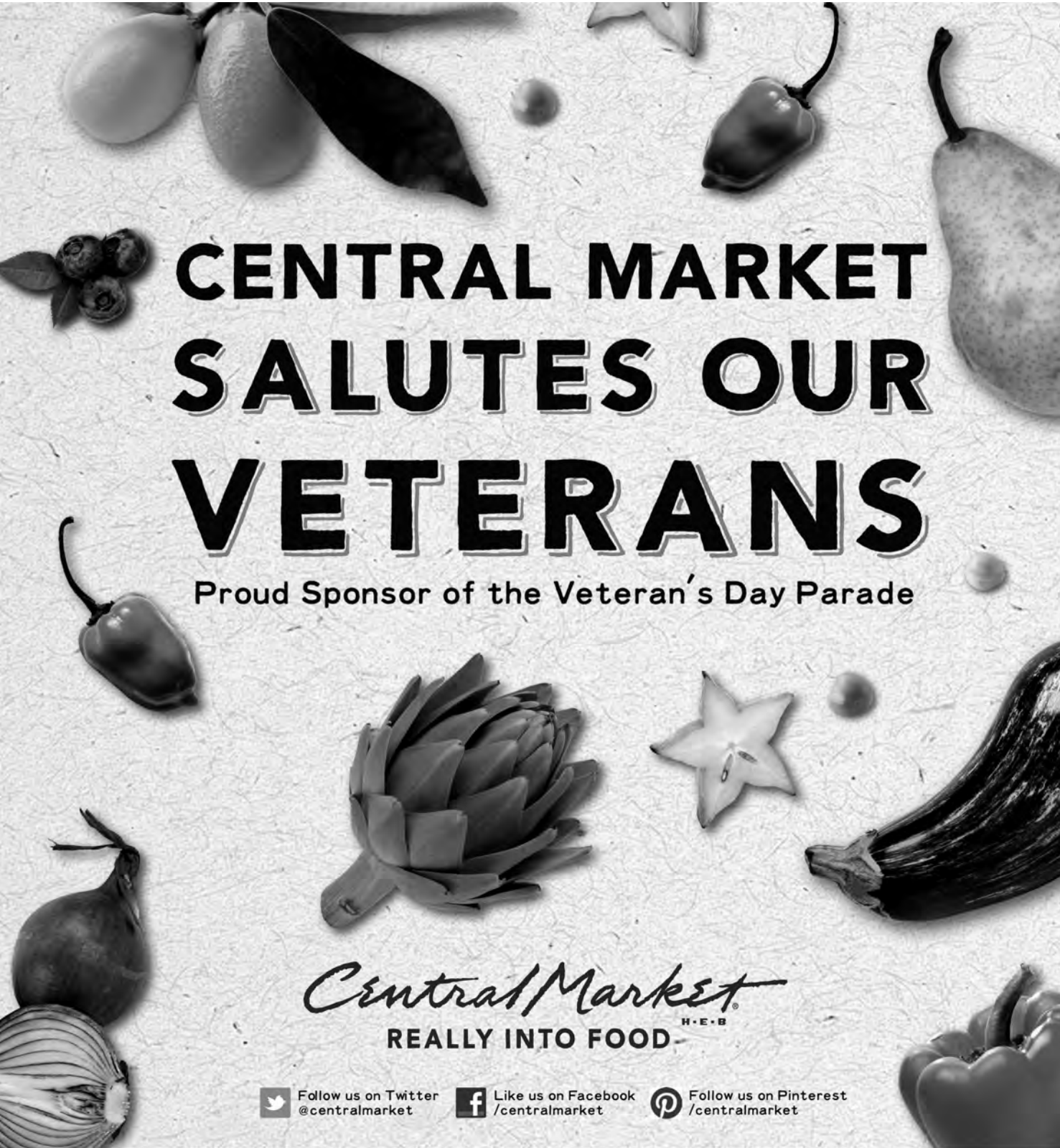
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