



November 2021

Our Mission

To integrate military and civilian resources through one central location providing efficient and effective support and fellowship for Veterans, active duty, reserves, guards and their families.

Welcome to Roll Call, the monthly newsletter to keep you informed about what is going on at CampV.

*WE WILL NEVER
FORGET*



Every day is Veteran's Day at Camp V. This coming November 11, we join the nation in honoring all past, current and future military brothers and sisters.

November 11, the 11th month, the 11th day and 11th hour we will be commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The remains of the Unknown Soldier were selected from the battlefields of France to be returned to the United States to the special Tomb in Arlington National Cemetery designated by legislation introduced by Congressman Hamilton Fish of New York. Hamilton Fish had fought in World War I as a member of the vaunted Harlem Hellfighters, some of the fiercest and most brave of World War I soldiers. They were primarily African American and Puerto Rican soldiers.

Out of 1,312 names in the Data base of Smith County men in WWI, 381 African Americans were identified. The 369th, Harlem Hellfighters was sent over under strength, and 1,800 "exceptional recruits" were to be selected to bring it up to

full complement. These included four men from Smith County. Of these, one, James Madison Webb was severely wounded by MG fire on September 27, 1918 near Sechault, France. Two others, Jordan Stokes and Hernton Johnson were injured, as both came back suffering from severe Shell Shock.

On this Veterans Day, we will be honoring these men from Smith County and all veterans past, present and future as does the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The program begins at 10:30 AM and at 11:00AM we will have a National Salute, with protocol designed by the Old Guard who stand Sentinel at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier every day, all day in rain, sleet or snow. It will begin with a 21 Gun Salute by Jacksonville Marine Corps League #1381, Dee Merritt, Senior Vice Commandant. Taps will be played by Kevin Pierce, Band Instructor, Brook Hill Lower School, Bullard. A white rose bouquet will be presented in the Never Forget Garden by Mrs. Marcy Carter-Lovick, Texas State Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Blessing of the Camp V Never Forget Garden will be by The Reverend David Luckenbach of historic Christ Church Episcopal. The Church was founded in downtown Tyler in 1917 just as our national was facing the Great War.

This project was only possible with the help and funding by some very special volunteers. Special thanks goes out to: Leslie Fight (Master Gardner), Robin Golightly (CampV), Kris Downey (Parker Health & Chiropractic) Charles Long (Momentum DME) Daisy Monreal (SSWD) Travis Parker (Parker Health & Chiropractic) Genny Rodriguez (SSWD & Parker Health & Chiropractic) Gordon Sanders (Parker Health & Chiropractic) Dean Stewart (Stewart's Automotive) Paul Breedlove (Breedlove Landscaping) and all the members of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The Never Forget Garden at Camp V is intended to bring many years of remembrance and comfort to all our family of veterans.

Please join us at the day's observance where we will express our most profound gratitude and respect.

November 11th, 2021

Ceremony begins @ 10:30 am

CampV

3212 W. Front St.
Tyler, TX. 75702

October Recap



The fourth annual Vino for Vets auction and wine tasting competition was held on October 2d at Hollytree Country Club.

"Vino for Vets is a yearly fundraiser for veteran's organizations. It is a wine tasting competition which has grown each year and my hopes are that it continues to grow so it can help as many veterans as possible," said April Chennault, founder of Vino for Vets.

Since its inception, Vino for Vets has donated over \$83,000 to local Veteran's organizations.

CampV was selected as the benefactor for this years event for the second year in a row. Attendees had a great time and the proceeds will go directly assisting our East Texas Veterans. Hope to see you at next years event.



CampV was the proud recipient of the Lone Star Legal Aid, Community Partner Award for 2021. The award was presented during a special ceremony by the Honorable Judge Nathaniel Moran and the Executive Director of Lone Star Legal Aid. The certificate reads "In appreciation of outstanding service to the Veteran community and assisting with efforts to secure equal justice for all".



BOB WOODRUFF FOUNDATION

Investing in the Next Chapter for Our Veterans

CampV received a generous grant from the Bob Woodruff Foundation to help battle food insecurity amongst our Veteran population. The support from the Bob Woodruff Foundation has enabled us to provide Direct Food Assistance to those battling food insecurities by enabling us to provide grocery store gift cards that enabled over 300 Veterans in need to purchase food for themselves and their families in order to prepare sustainable meals at home. The intent of our program is to ensure that the Veterans of East Texas and their families have the basic human need of food not become a barrier for their lives or their success. While this years grant period has ended, our staff is already hard at

work to secure additional funding for next year in order to continue this program.

Upcoming Events

We have several events that are coming up soon!

SHORT RANGE

Women's Center Meet and Greet

Come out and hang out with female Veterans and female spouses.

Date: November 2d

Time: 1730-1930

Location: CampV Women's Center

Veterans Banquet

A special recognition of all family members and friends of those missing in action or killed in action, with special musical selections, and guest speakers.

Date: November 6th

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Willow Brook Country Club

**Tickets available for purchase [HERE](#)

Quilts of Valor Peer Group

Come out and learn how to quilt while making quilts for fellow Veterans.

Date: November 10th

Time: 1800 - 2000

Location: CampV Womens Center

CampV Veterans Memorial Garden Commemoration

A special commemoration event to officially open the memorial garden at
CampV.

Date: November 11th

Time: 10:30 am

Location: CampV

Veterans Day Celebration

The program will consist of a special recognition of all family members and friends of those missing in action or killed in action, musical selections, and speakers. Guest speaker is Mayor Pam Fredrick of Bullard.

Date: November 11th

Time: 12:00 - 2:00 pm

Location: 1051 N. Houston St Bullard, TX 75757.

Rally Point Luncheon

Come out for a free lunch and camaraderie with your fellow veterans.

Upcoming Dates: November 2d, 9th, 16th, 23d(Thanksgiving Feast), and 30th

Time: 1200 - 1300

Location: CampV / Greenzone Recreation Center

Quilts of Valor Peer Group

Come out and learn how to quilt while making quilts for fellow Veterans.

Date: November 20th

Time: 0900 - 1200

Location: CampV Womens Center

Natural Health Peer Group

Learn how to use natural remedies for improved health

Date: November 20th

Time: 1500 - 1700

Location: CampV Womens Center

Pamper Me Peer Group

Enjoy pampering time for women with JoAnn Allen

Date: November 23rd
Time: 1300 - 1400
Location: CampV Womens Center

LONG RANGE

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

A special recognition of those that served on the day that will live in infamy.

Date: December 4th
Time: 1000 - 1400
Location: Historic Aviation Memorial Museum
150 Airport Drive, Tyler, TX 75704

Rally Point Luncheon

Come out for a free lunch and camaraderie with your fellow veterans.

Upcoming Dates: December 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th

Time: 1200 - 1300
Location: CampV / Greenzone Recreation Center

As always you can stay up to date on all of our events by checking out our [website](#) or liking the CampV [Facebook page](#).

Success Stories



We like to celebrate the successes that our Veteran clients have. This month we would like to share the story of Mr. Rob Robinson:

Mr. Rob Robinson is a veteran who recently stopped by Camp V for some assistance. One of the issues that he needed assistance with was finding help with Health coverage. One of our awesome service providers here at Camp V by the name of Jessilyn Edwards with Humana assisted him with his issue.

Mr. Robinson had a unique situation that caused his Medicare Part B to be

cancelled. This left him with no civilian coverage and did not have coverage at the VA. Typically individuals pay \$148.50/month to Medicare for part B. Due to his Medicare Part B being cancelled he would have had an extra penalty for life in addition to the \$148.50/month to get it reinstated. Mr. Robinson was initially interested in a plan that he heard provided civilian coverage outside of the VA for Medicare eligible Veterans at no cost and could increase their Social Security Check by \$50/month.

After speaking with Mr. Robinson she instructed him on how to Re-Apply for Part B. Once his Medicare was reinstated she reviewed his entire situation, and uncovered that he was also eligible for additional benefits that would completely waive his penalty and waive his \$148.50/month. Jessilyn helped him qualify for a state program that would cover the cost of his Medicare completely. In addition to that Mr. Robinson will have access to civil doctors at no cost, the ability to get dentures, a \$35/month healthy food card, hearing aids, transportation, and many other benefits at no cost to him. These benefits will not affect his status with the VA or his pension when he gets established with the VA. This will give him additional coverage and additional benefits that sometimes is not covered by the VA. If you need assistance or would like to see what you could qualify for please stop by and set up an appointment with Jessilyn Wednesday or Friday from 9AM – 2PM.

Jessilyn Edwards will be offering a Veteran Medicare 101 Educational Training November 9th 11-1 PM and providing information at Rally point on Tuesday, November 9th at the Green Zone if you would like to stop by and get some great food and information. Contact information is 903-261-0639

Upcoming Program Alert

ARE YOU A VETERAN AGED 50 YEARS OLD OR OLDER?

DO YOU WANT TO BE IN BETTER SHAPE AND LIVE A
HAPPIER LIFESTYLE?

IF THE ANSWER IS YES THEN WE GOT A PROGRAM FOR
YOU!



FIT VET CHALLENGE!

What is it? A FREE customized 32-week program beginning January 2022. Program is based on your current condition that includes components to improve the four pillars of both physical and mental health:

- 1) Movement
- 2) Mental health
- 3) Education
- 4) Social

WORK IT ALL OUT

If you are interested in signing up for this program, click the link below to start your journey toward a healthier lifestyle. Once you sign-up, you will be scheduled for the orientation day and initial physicals. Hurry! Space is limited!

SIGN UP

Click Here to Help Veterans in East Texas Now!



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Tyler, Tx 75702

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