



The Yolo Wayfarer Center has made Post 77 the Wayfarer Center's Volunteer of the Year. Presenting the award to Post 77 is Center Director Leona Jull (2nd from right). Accepting on behalf of the Post is Commander Ed Trautt, with regular Post 77 servers and chefs at the dinners for the homeless (l. to r.), Larry Schapiro, Gary Leach, Patty Schapiro and Marty Bernavage.

**POST 77 WINS WAYFARER CENTER
"VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR"
AWARD**

For the second time in its 25-year history, the Yolo Wayfarer Center has made a Volunteer of the Year selection. For 2009, the Wayfarer Center presented that award to Post 77.

Post 77 members have prepared and served monthly dinners for the homeless, in addition to providing items in need at the Center, such as for homeless children's education classes, an artificial Christmas tree, towels and wash clothes, clothing, children's games, and kitchen items, among other donations. Through member donations, individual homeless families have also been aided.

Post 77 received the award from the Yolo Wayfarer Center at a ceremony on December 12th.

Marty Bernavage, Second Vice Commander

**READY FOR A WONDERFUL DINNER?
ANNUAL ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BASEBALL
CRAB AND SHRIMP FEED IS JAN. 23**

Newspaper articles about the Post 77 baseball team were regularly seen in the Woodland Daily Democrat and the Davis Enterprise during the last baseball season. Most of the money to pay for the expenses of the Post baseball program came from profits made from the annual Shrimp and Crab Feed. Another successful crab and shrimp dinner will allow Post 77 to continue its baseball program. So please join us to help attain that important goal.

This year's fun dinner event will be Saturday, January 23, 6 p.m. in Waite Hall at the Yolo County Fairgrounds. All-you-can-eat crab, shrimp, salad, french bread and wine is \$40. Tickets are available weekdays at the Post clubroom or at Waite Hall the evening of the dinner.

Frank Eakle, Athletic Committee Chair

**MAJ. GENERAL WILLIAM WADE'S
VETERANS DAY WORDS TO YOLO COUNTY
AT THE POST 77 PROGRAM**

"By keeping up in peace a 'well regulated and disciplined militia,' we shall take the fairest and best method to preserve, for a long time to come, the happiness, dignity and independence of our country. George Washington, 1783. Little did Washington know, over 200 years ago when he first penned those words, the pivotal role an all volunteer force would play in America's global war on terrorism.

On this, the 8th Veterans Day that our nation finds itself at war since the tragic events of September 11th, 2001, I would argue that we are building America's next greatest generation. People from all walks of life have stepped forward to serve their nation – creating a new generation of young veterans....

"As time and age dims the corners of our memory, it is important to shine a bright light to illuminate the accomplishments and importance of our many veterans, and remind everyone of the importance of a ready military....

"For all veterans – past and present – who know the loneliness of standing the wall and manning the ramparts of freedom so that others may bask in the warmth of their protection, I leave you with the following words.

*"I am what others don't want to be.
I go where others fear to go, and do what others fail to do.
I dread the face of terror, the stinging cold of fear, and pray
for the sweet taste of eternal peace.
I have cried, pained, and hoped; but most of all, I have
lived through times that others would say were best forgotten.
But, each day, I am proud of what I am – a soldier."*



- Edward Trautt, Commander
- Albert Castillo, 1st Vice Commander
- Marty Bernavage, 2nd Vice Commander
- Gary Leach, Adjutant
- Dave Isbell, Immediate Past Commander
- Corbin Smith, Finance Officer & Assistant Adjutant
- Steve Waldeck, Treasurer
- Vince Olvera, Sergeant-at-Arms
- Gil Garcia, Chaplain
- Zeke Plocher, Service Officer
- Frank Eakle, Athletic Committee Chair
- Larry Schapiro, Historian
- Dave Kauderer, Judge Advocate
- William Allardice, Legislative Advocate
- Dan Cameron, Executive Committee

MISCELLANEOUS GOINGS-ON

On December 3rd, the Post presented a new U. S. flag to fly at the Holy Rosary School, as part of a ceremony by Post members, attended by the school's students and teachers. The school's flag had torn.... Larry Schapiro was awarded the Post's Bob Dahl Legionnaire of the Year Award.... The Post was again a location for Toys for Tots donations. The toy drive for needy children in Yolo County has been led in part over the years by Post 77 member and Past Commandant of the Yolo County Marine Corps League Frenchy Carerre.... Through member donations of \$189,000, the national American Legion has provided, in 2009, to injured and sick members of the Armed Forces, who are recovering at military hospitals and transition units, items including sweat suits, phone cards, DVDs, CDs, iPods, puzzles, books, and video games. It shows these heroes that we at the American Legion appreciate their sacrifices.... A new scout leader, Richard Engel, has taken charge of the Post 77-sponsored Boy Scout Troop 68.... The Post has donated to the construction of a veterans' memorial at the Davis Cemetery. Post member Ted Puntillo worked to make this monument a reality.... After 65 years at the bottom of Lake Michigan, a World War II-era Hellcat fighter plane was recently lifted pretty much intact out of the water. It crashed during a training exercise in January 1945. The pilot survived the crash and is now age 89.... Post 77 provides free use of the hall for the Woodland Little League Board to meet... The Post has some electronic bingo machines. You can try them out any weekday. If that is not your cup of tea, the clubroom has an old fashioned pinball machine.... While Post 77 and Post 440 in West Sacramento have voted to merge into Post 77, we are still awaiting approval from the State American Legion. The Post 440 Legion baseball team will continue.... On an on-going basis, the Post is collecting your worn or ripped flags for proper disposal under the procedures of the national American Legion.... The food donated by Post members as part of this year's Thanksgiving food drive went to the Wayfarer Center, which placed the items in baskets of food given to needy families.... "A new report from Rand Corporation suggests that teenagers in military families suffer much higher rates of emotional distress than other children. Across all age groups and genders, soldiers' children had significantly greater emotional difficulties, as measured by a series of survey questions." (Parade magazine, Dec. 20, 2009.).... In Afghanistan and Iraq, "Female soldiers are handling and dealing with stress of combat as well as male soldiers," said Col. Carl Castro, director of the Military Operational Research Program at the Department of Defense. (Sacramento Bee, Nov. 1, 2009.).... Check the date of your American Legion card. If it is not a 2010 membership card, please send in your \$33 dues. Thanks.... The Post Auxiliary members have done it again. First, they mailed boxes of items to members of the service in Iraq. Additionally, the Auxiliary bought gifts for 10 female veterans who live at the Yountville Veterans Home. Mary Cogburn drove to Yountville to deliver over 100 gifts.... One of the ways the Armed Forces deals with foreign languages overseas: West Point Professor Margaret Stock stated, "You cannot deploy globally without the contributions of immigrants [in the service]; the culture skills and language skills they contribute are integral to the success of the war effort." (The American Legion magazine, Jan. 2010.)

Vince Olvera, Sergeant-at-Arms

EVENT CALENDARS

JANUARY 2010

7th	7:00 p.m.	Yolo County Veterans' Coalition meeting at West Sacramento VFW
9th-8:30 to 11a.m.		Breakfast at the Post, \$5.50
20th	7:00 p.m.	Post Executive Committee meeting
22nd	5:00 p.m.	Post members cook and serve dinner to homeless at Wayfarers Center
23rd	6:00 p.m.	Post 77 Baseball Committee's annual all-you-can-eat Crab & Shrimp Feed dinner, \$40, Waite Hall, Yolo County Fairgrounds
26th	7:00 p.m.	Post 77 membership meeting

FEBRUARY 2010

4th	7:00 p.m.	Yolo County Veterans' Coalition meeting at Post 77
6th	6:00 p.m.	Annual Past Commanders Recognition Dinner, \$12
7th	1:00 p.m.	Super Bowl on big screen TV
12th	5:00 p.m.	Post members cook and serve dinner to homeless at Wayfarers Center
15th	6:30 a.m.	Putting up flags for Presidents' Day on Main St., Woodland
	4:00 p.m.	Take down U. S. flags
17th	7:00 p.m.	Post Executive Committee meeting
23rd	7:00 p.m.	Post 77 membership meeting
27-28		Legion Area meeting of Posts at Post 84, Auburn

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Jan. 12	7:00 p.m.	Membership meeting
Feb. 2	7:00 p.m.	Membership meeting

AUXILIARY

JANUARY 2010

5th	7:00 pm	Regular meeting
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FEBRUARY 2010

2nd	7:00 pm	Regular meeting
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Auxiliary officers:

Maria Hernandez-President • Heather Vigil-First Vice President
Lorraine Childers-Second Vice President • Arlene Sandoval-Secretary
Mary Cogburn-Treasurer • Maria Lavorico-Chaplain
Teddie Plocher-Sergeant-at-Arms • Christine Rogers-Children & Youth

If you have any questions about the Post 77 Auxiliary or would like a ride to an Auxiliary meeting, please call Maria Hernandez at 661-2210 or Mary Cogburn at 662-0624.

**ONLY THROUGH YOUR MEMBERSHIP
WERE WE ABLE TO DO
SO MUCH IN 2009**

Looking back at 2009, I realize that thanks are in order to each of you. Without your membership, there would be no Post 77. And the support to the community and to veterans by American Legion Post 77 during this last year could not have happened.

Let's look back at 2009. Through the Veterans Day dinner receipts, we were able to donate \$500 to buy wreaths to place on the grave sites of veterans at the national cemetery in Dixon. Our Veterans Day and Memorial Day programs were well attended; the Post receives many compliments about our continuing these patriotic traditions. The significantly upgraded veterans' monument in the Woodland Cemetery, spear-headed by the Legion, under the direction of Corbin Smith, looks great, including the spot light shining upon our country's flag throughout the nights. And Post 77 reminds the community of the sacrifices you have made on behalf of the United States of America.

The tradition continued in 2009 of ★Girls and Boys State, ★high school scholarships, ★awards to ROTC cadets, ★Legion local children's baseball, ★law enforcement officers and firefighters awards, ★taking part in veterans' funerals, ★American Legion student awards, ★color guards for community events, ★putting up flags on Main St., Woodland on patriotic holidays, ★raising the flag at every Woodland and Pioneer high schools' home football game, ★sending phone cards and other items to those stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan, ★an annual award to a business that flies the American flag 24 hours a day, ★a program at Woodland High School of having veterans speak to the students, ★sponsoring Boy Scout Troop 68, and ★honoring those who have died in war by our participation in the funeral service. This year we were able to add ★a high school essay contest on a patriotic subject, ★cooking meals for the homeless, ★re-painting the Civil War unknown soldiers' memorial in the Woodland Cemetery, ★collecting food for the poor, and ★sending a local student to an American Legion forestry conference.

As a consequence, Post 77 received the City of Woodland's highest achievement award, awards for best in the State from the American Legion, and a California Assembly resolution commending the members of Post 77 on their accomplishments over the last 90 years.

In addition, the State and National Legion have donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to help veterans, members of the Armed Forces who have been injured, children, and for many more good causes.

I'd say we have closed out this decade on a high note.

Ed Trautt, Commander



Post 77's newest members are husband and wife Laura and Matthew McWade. Both served for approximately seven years in the Army, achieving airborne and air assault status, and were deployed twice each to Iraq. Sgt. Matt also served in Afghanistan. Here they are at work on a dinner for the homeless at the Wayfarer Center. Staff Sgt. Laura cooked the December 5 dinner.

BREAKFAST AT THE POST

Have breakfast at the Post on Saturday morning, Jan. 9th from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. The menu of Chef Jim Webber is eggs to order, sausage or bacon, hash brown potatoes, and either biscuits and gravy or toast, all for \$5.50. Sounds great. You can pick up your breakfast ticket in the Clubroom the week before the breakfast.



Post 77 Adjutant Gary Leach spoke before a crowd of approximately 1,000 people at the Dec. 12 Wreaths Across America program at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon. Afterwards wreaths were placed on the burial sites of each veteran, over 5,600 wreaths in total. Gary is vice-chair of the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery Advisory Board.

WOODLAND - LIFE ON THE WORLD WAR II HOMEFRONT



The new Sanitary Dairy opened in April of 1941 with a fleet of three home delivery milk trucks. Originally near the Corner Drug on Main Street, Woodland, the dairy moved to its new location on 6th and Lincoln Streets.

The United States officially declared war after the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, however the draft had already begun in 1940. Patriotism was running high on the Homefront and the Hollingshead brothers, Edward standing and Billy on the seat, are ready for a Patriotic Decorated Bicycle Parade on Sept. 22, 1940.



Members of the Woodland High School Japanese Young People's Association buy a \$100 War Bond on February 14, 1942 from William Hatch of the Bank of America. The students cancelled a dance and collected money instead to buy the bond.

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Captions by Bill Hollingshead
Member of Yolo Post 77

On December 12, 2009, the University of California Davis granted honorary degrees to Japanese-Americans who had their education interrupted by the WW II internment. For those who had passed away, the degrees were given posthumously to their families.

POST 77 ESSAY CONTEST RESULTS FIND THAT MANY STUDENTS UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF VETERANS DAY

Do Woodland High School students know the meaning of Veterans Day? Yes, they do. From reading the essays written in response to Post 77's essay contest, the high school students conveyed their strong feelings about the importance of the sacrifices made by veterans. The Post 77 essay topic was "Why should Veterans Day be important to Americans?"

First place in the essay contest, which included prize money for all four winners, was Kayla Marks who wrote: "Veterans Day reminds us what America stands for and why we love this country so much, our freedom and liberties."

The second place essay, by David Bristow explains about veterans: "Without those heroes, life as we know it would be so much different, and most likely without all the freedoms we enjoy. Veterans have given us democracy, freedom, strength, and above all else, veterans have given us a sense of dignity in the sanctuary that is the United States of America." David plans to join the Armed Forces after graduation from Woodland High School.

Third place winner Jordan De Knikker knows from the generations of his family who served that "These brave men and women have traveled to far off places to fight and defend America. Veterans Day should be a hallowed day of solemn remembrance." Jordan has already joined the Navy for an enlistment to start after high school graduation in May.

Kayla Pitto provides what should always be the objective of Veterans Day observances: "November 11th is the day we make sure that the veterans know that we appreciate the sacrifices they have made to keep our country free." "Veterans Day should be important to Americans because veterans risked their lives for us, made our country what it is today and provided freedom to us all," Brandon De Anda wrote.

Many would no doubt agree with the beautiful thought of Monica Saldano that "Veterans Day can be compared to a thank you letter." Lauren Rodriguez recommends on Veterans Day "going to a veterans' memorial or simply taking a moment to think about veterans and treasure the sacrifices they made for our country."

About Armed Forces veterans, the students wrote most passionately. "Not knowing if they would return to their families, veterans risked everything to serve their beloved country." (Michella Hjersman) "For those who put their lives at risk, those who dodged bullets, and walked through minefields, they will always be remembered." (Leonela Hernandez) "They would rather die than let a foreign enemy take the freedom of millions of Americans." (Robert Morrison) "Some veterans missed seeing their children grow up. This sacrifice they made for us." (Brandy Davis) "I'm thankful for the men and women who have fought for my safety and freedom." (Kyle Deever)

How can veterans feel other than their service was important when hearing the words of Woodland High School student Viridiana Ambriz? "Veterans should and will always be remembered for their courage, sacrifice and the love of their country. Veterans are true heroes of America and never shall they be forgotten."

Al Castillo, First Vice Commander



Post 77 donated boxes of toys in December to children of parents in the Armed Forces. Here, Lt. Col. Charles Velesaris of Travis Air Force Base receives toys from Post 77 Commander Ed Trautt to go to children at the Base.

All-you-can-eat
Crab & Shrimp Feed
January 23, 2010



Post 77 Sergeant-at-Arms Vince Olvera visited the Vietnam Wall Memorial in Colusa. The Colusa Casino hosted a showing of the Wall in November.

POST 77 MEMBER BILL MARBLE SERVES THE COMMUNITY

After growing up in Yolo County, Bill Marble served as a Captain in the Air Force Dental Corps. The members of the Air Force must have gotten great dental work, as Bill was first in his dental school class.

Bill Marble has an extensive record of community service, including YMCA soccer coach, Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Yolo District Boy Scout Commissioner, 12 years on the Food Bank Board of Directors, and First Vice President of the League of California Cities' Sacramento Valley Division. He currently chairs two important water boards, the Water Resources Association of Yolo County and the Woodland-Davis Clean Water Agency. For 20 years, Bill has served as a volunteer doing free dental work for the poor in Yolo County.

Bill Marble is also one of our Woodland City Council members. As a veteran, he understands veterans' issues. It is good to have him on the City Council looking out for us.

Post 77 is proud of the community work and accomplishments of member Bill Marble.

Larry Schapiro, Post Historian

MEMORIES OF YOLO COUNTY MIAs STILL BRINGS SADNESS

Each year, at Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies in Yolo County, we pay humble tribute to America's missing in action. Nationally, a special recognition day for MIAs is annually the third Friday in September.

At Post 77 and other American Legion Posts throughout the United States, a POW/MIA empty chair sits at all membership meetings as a physical symbol of the thousands of American POW/MIAs still unaccounted for from all wars and conflicts. At each Post 77 dinner and other events, a small table occupies a place of honor, symbolizing that members of our Armed Forces are still missing from our ranks.

MIAs remain our comrades. Some from Yolo County are:

First Lt. Frank Frazier of Davis served during World War II in the 530th Army Corps Fighting Squadron. Kristina Maggi, Head Researcher for the Yolo County Veterans Memorial Project, provided information about Lt. Frazier that he went missing in action during March 1945 in the Philippines. He was 34. He is honored at the Fort McKinley Monument at Manila, Philippines. Approximately 78,750 of our World War II servicemen are still listed as missing in action.

Albert Estrada of Woodland is an MIA from the Korean War. A good looking guy, Estrada at Woodland High was an athlete and a sharp dresser whom high school girls liked. In North Korea, on November 27, 1950, Corporal Estrada's unit was surprised by a

massive Chinese communist attack. After six days of fierce fighting, including hand-to-hand combat, he was one of 385 from the original 2,500 troops who were still able to fight. Four days later, the Chinese communist army resumed its attack. Corporal Estrada and the others fought the enemy off for two more days. On December 7, 1950, at age 18, during the midst of a vicious battlefield fight, Albert Estrada was never heard from again.

PFC Luis Mercado of Yolo became missing in action in the Korean War during his participation in the battle of Porkchop Hill, an area that is now part of the Demilitarized Zone. On July 6, 1953, just before midnight, following a very intensive artillery barrage, the Chinese army attacked with two battalions. PFC Mercado's regiment, the 17th Infantry Division, launched a counterattack. The enemy rained down artillery and mortar fire at the rate of one round per second. Luis Mercado fought valiantly but was last seen alive on July 8, 1953.

With lack of support from the North Korean dictatorship, Estrada, Mercado and approximately 8,138 others still remain missing in action.

There are 1,731 MIA's from the war in Vietnam. When including both MIAs and those who were missing but later declared dead, 1,960 were in the Army, 1,130 Air Force, 325 from the Navy and 108 Marines. One of those still missing in action is Staff Sgt. William Shinn of Woodland. On January 28, 1970, after two U.S. F105F jet pilots were downed, Shinn flew in an HH-53B on a search and rescue mission into North Vietnam. When his aircraft was about 50 miles from the F105F crash site, it was hit by an air to air missile fired from a MIG-21. There was one two second beep from SSgt. Shinn's aircraft after the explosion, indicating that at least one person aboard may have exited the aircraft. William Shinn's whereabouts are still unknown.

During and after the Vietnam War, citizens from around the country wore POW bracelets. John Schneider of Scotia, New York wore a POW bracelet with the name "William Shinn, USAF" for almost 40 years, until his death in 2009. Schneider asked to be laid to rest in the Gerald Solomon National Cemetery in New York with only his military dog tags and that POW bracelet.

The body of Davis resident Wayne Reinecke was not found after the SH3A helicopter he was on crashed in the Gulf of Tonkin, off of North Vietnam, on Jan. 12, 1967. Wayne Reinecke was an Aviation Antisubmarine Warfare Technician 3rd Class serving on the U.S.S. Bennington. Wayne's uncle wrote the Post saying: "Wayne enjoyed his military duty. He was a normal, clean cut kid who was always ready to pitch in."

These MIAs from Yolo County are still missing. For their families and those of other MIAs, life goes on in agonizing suspense.

Larry Schapiro, Post Historian

VETERANS BENEFIT FOR NURSING HOME AND IN-HOME CARE

“Aid and Attendance” is a special monthly pension benefit offered by the Veterans Administration for veterans and surviving spouses who require in-home care or live-in nursing homes. For a veteran or surviving spouse to qualify, the veteran must have served at least 90 days of active military duty, one day of which is during a period of war.

The veteran’s benefit is \$18,234 annually (paid monthly) and increases to \$21,615 if the veteran has a dependent. The surviving spouse alone is entitled to \$11,715 annually.

The Yolo County Veterans Service Office, at (530) 406-4850, will help you prepare an application to the Veterans Administration.

Zeke Plocher, Post Service Officer



Post 77 provided a new U. S. flag to Holy Rosary School in Woodland on Dec. 8th to replace its worn and ripped flag. At an outdoor assembly of the school’s students, Post First Vice Commander Al Castillo presented the new flag to Holy Rosary School Principal Marianne Cates. Raising the flag for the first time and speaking to the students that day on the meaning of the ceremony were Post members Corbin Smith, Gary Leach and Vince Olvera.

WARREN MEYER’S LIST OF ADVANTAGES OF BEING A SENIOR CITIZEN

1. Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
2. In a hostage situation, you are likely to be released first.
3. There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
4. You get into heated arguments about pension plans.
5. Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the National Weather Service.
6. Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can’t remember them.

THANK YOU

Whatever is bigger than a thank you is needed for Corbin Smith, who comes to the Post hall everyday to take care of the Post members and business. Thanks to James Borba and Joe Reynolds for helping to install new sod at Clark Field, as part of Post 77 aiding the upgrading effort for Clark Field.

Chef Jerry Barrus deserves accolades for his Post baby back ribs dinner. Good job Jerry.

John Benedict must have learned a lot after being an Army cook, as the Veterans Day turkey dinner he prepared was quite tasty.

Thank you, Jim Webber, for cooking various monthly breakfasts at the Post, and Rueben Ramos, for his Mexican food-style breakfast.

There was noise on the roof of the Post hall. We thought that Santa was coming early. It was instead Connie Zenger cleaning off the roof. No, Connie does not walk like a reindeer. Connie, however, seems to always be helping out. For example, she cleaned the kitchen grill and vent so well, they are shiny.

Thanks to those in the Clubroom who have been participating in raffles to raise funds for Post 77’s dinners for the homeless at the Yolo Wayfarer Center.

First Vice Commander Al Castillo has installed a wireless access point at the hall, allowing the Post to now have free, wireless internet access at the Post.

Dan Cameron, Post Executive Committee

IN MEMORIAM

**HENRY OCHOA
ALFRED CALVERT**

“Farewell, My Comrades.”

ARLINGTON TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SLATED FOR REPAIRS.

When the snow melts, preservation experts armed with high-tech grout will start repairing the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. Cracks have spread around all four sides and through the middle of the 77-year-old monument. Officials at Arlington have accepted a 62-ton piece of snow-white marble donated by Colorado businessman John Haines, in case the tomb’s carved monument ever needs to be replaced. The block is from the same quarry where the tomb’s original marble was cut.

Dave Kauderer, Judge Advocate



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**WELCOME,
 NEW POST 77 MEMBERS**

Frenchy Carerre re-joined the American Legion. He had 900 hours in B-26s as part of the 3rd Marine Air Wing, 1943-46. Frenchy agrees with President Ronald Reagan's view, "Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference in the world . . . but the Marines don't have that problem."

Laura McWade, Army 47th Cavalry 2000-08, Staff Sergeant, two deployments to Iraq.

Matthew McWade, Army 82nd Airborne Sgt., deployed to Afghanistan and two times to Iraq.

Willie James, Air Force, 1966-86, 12 1/2 years of that overseas, including Vietnam.

George Hall, Army Airborne, four years. Served in Granada, Panama, and Germany.

James Hanson, Lieutenant, Army National Guard, 1952-60.

Corbin Smith, Assistant Post Adjutant

**WISE WORDS FROM
 GENERAL GEORGE S. PATTON**

"Freedom has a taste... and for those that have fought for it, it is a taste so sweet the protected will never know."