

DENTON COUNTY VETERAN
DEDICATED TO INFORMING THE VETERANS OF DENTON COUNTY
OF ISSUES WHICH CONCERN THEM

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REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR

DECEMBER 7, 1941

USS Arizona Memorial



The final resting place for 1,102 (75 were recovered) crewmen of the U.S.S. Arizona who lost their lives on December 7, 1941. They are still entombed within the Arizona herself. [The sunken battleship](#) is commemorated by a 184 foot-long memorial structure that spans its mid-portion. No part of the edifice touches the ship.

There are three sections in the memorial: The [entry](#) and assembly room, [\(a central or middle area\)](#) used for observations of the sunken ship and for ceremonies. Many visitors drop flower leis into the water from this section, honoring the dead. The third section is the [shrine room](#). The room contains the names of all those killed on the Arizona and their names are engraved on a marble wall. Upon entering the shrine room, the reverence and honor it is was intended to inspire is immediately noticeable. All persons are keenly aware that this is hallowed ground.

The memorial's architect was Alfred Preis. After years of fund raising efforts that began 1950, the memorial finally was dedicated in 1962.

The USS Arizona is no longer in commission, contrary to popular belief. A flag of the United States of America does fly above the sunken battleship. The flag is attached to a severed mainmast of the USS Arizona.

In recent years, the memorial has come to represent all the military and associated personnel killed at Pearl Harbor.

PERSONNEL KILLED

Navy 2001
 Marine Corps 109
 Army 231
 Civilian 54

Civilian 35

SHIPS

Sunk or beached 12
 Damaged 9

PERSONNEL WOUNDED

Navy 710
 Marine Corps 69
 Army 36

AIRCRAFT

Destroyed 164
 Damaged 159

All of the ships, with the exception of the USS Arizona, [Utah](#) and [Oklahoma](#) were salvaged and later saw action in World War II.

The Memorial and the Visitor Center are readily accessible from downtown Honolulu or Waikiki.

Veterans Industry

Veterans Benefits & Services

<http://www.va.gov/VETIND/page.cfm?pg=2>

Answers for

Employers, Manufacturers & Governmental Agencies

Veterans Industries provides a cost effective means of achieving your company's production goals of managing costs and improving service delivery, while maintaining high quality standards.

Quality Standards

Veterans Industries believes in doing work right the first time. Quality Right is 100%, and we demand only the highest in quality workmanship. VI/CWT welcomes an opportunity to work with you to develop and meet your company's specific quality goals. Many of our programs work with ISO9000 certified companies.

Service

Our labor force is available to help you meet peak or unexpected demands. [What services do you need?](#)

Cost Management

1. Competitive, Semi-Skilled and Skilled Labor

VI/CWT is a vocational training program working with veterans who are striving to succeed and restore themselves as contributing citizens.

Comprehensive medical costs are covered by the Veterans Administration.

Veterans have a history of demonstrating their skills and abilities while serving our country.

Working with the VI/CWT program can reduce your Company's overhead costs.

2. How does VI/CWT reduce overhead costs?

Providing temporary staffing at your facility, reducing your costs for workers compensation payments, vacation, sick time, payroll and FICA.

Work is completed at our facility, reducing demands on your space, utilities, inventory and time.

3. Delivery

Many of the Veterans Industries programs offer local delivery.

4. Storage

Many Veterans Industries programs are able to provide temporary storage solutions.

Permanent storage can be arranged at a nominal cost.

Companies interested in opportunities with Veterans Industries, contact:

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<http://www.militaryfuneralhonors.osd.mil/intro.html>

Who is eligible for Military Funeral Honors?

- *Military members on active duty or in the Selected Reserve.*
- *Former military members who served on active duty and departed under conditions other than dishonorable.*
- *Former military members who completed at least one term of enlistment or period of initial obligated service in the Selected Reserve and departed under conditions other than dishonorable.*
- *Former military members discharged from the Selected Reserve due to a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty.*

Who is not eligible for Military Funeral Honors?

- *Any person separated from the Armed Forces under dishonorable conditions or whose character of service results in a bar to veteran's benefits.*
- *Any person who was ordered to report to an induction station, but was not actually inducted into military service.*
- *Any person discharged from the Selected Reserve prior to completing one term of enlistment or period of initial obligated service for reasons other than a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty.*
- *Any person convicted of a Federal or State capital crime sentenced to death or life imprisonment.*

What is Military Funeral Honors?

Military Funeral Honors have always been provided whenever possible. However, the law now mandates the rendering of Military Funeral Honors for an eligible veteran if requested by the family. As provided by law, an honor guard detail for the burial of an eligible veteran shall consist of not less than two members of the Armed Forces. One member of the detail shall be a representative of the parent Service of the deceased veteran. The honor detail will, at a minimum, perform a ceremony that includes the folding and presenting of the American flag to the next of kin and the playing of Taps. Taps will be played by a bugler, if available, or by electronic recording. Today, there are so few buglers available that the Military Services often cannot provide one.

How much does a Military Funeral Honors detail cost?

Military Funeral Honors are provided by the Department of Defense at no cost to the family.

How does a family request funeral honors?

Families of eligible veterans request funeral honors through their funeral director. The funeral director will contact the appropriate Military Service to arrange for the funeral honors detail.

What can the family of an eligible veteran expect?

The core elements of the funeral honors ceremony, which will be conducted on request, include:...

- *Flag folding*
- *Flag presentation*
- *Playing of Taps*

The veteran's parent Service representative will present the flag.

(continued in January issue)

Korean War Medal of Honor Recipient

<http://www.korea50.mil/personnel/mno.html>

*Martinez, Benito

Rank: Corporal

Organization: U.S. Army, Company A, 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division.

Place and date: Near Satae-ri, Korea, Sept. 6, 1952.

Entered service at: Fort Hancock, Texas.

Birth: 1931, Fort Hancock, Texas.

General Order No.: 96, Dec. 29, 1953.

Citation: Corporal Benito Martinez, Infantry, United States Army a machine gunner with Company A, 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division,, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and outstanding courage above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy near Satae-ri, Korea on 6 September 1952. While manning a listening post forward of the main line of resistance, his position was attacked by a hostile force of reinforced company strength. In the bitter fighting which ensued, the enemy infiltrated the defense perimeter and, realizing that encirclement was imminent, Corporal Martinez elected to remain at his post in an attempt to stem the onslaught. In a daring defense, he raked the attacking troops with crippling fire, inflicting numerous casualties. Although contacted by sound power phone several times, he insisted that no attempt be made to rescue him because of the danger involved. Soon thereafter, the hostile forces rushed the emplacement, forcing him to make a limited withdrawal with only an automatic rifle and pistol to defend himself. After a courageous six-hour stand and shortly before dawn, he called in for the last time, stating that the enemy was converging on his position His magnificent stand enabled friendly elements to reorganize, attack, and regain the key terrain. Corporal Martinez' incredible valor and supreme sacrifice reflect lasting glory upon himself and are in keeping with the honored traditions of the military service.



Korean War Tidbits

(E)isenhower -- In December 1950, as part of the great rearmament buildup in the wake of the Korean War, President Harry S. Truman appointed General Dwight D. Eisenhower To command the forces of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). But in June 1952, the ever-popular "Ike" resigned from the Army and returned to the U.S. to run for president as a Republican. (page 103) (KW)

(F)ilm, television, and literature of the Korean War -- The Korean War was not covered directly by television, as was the war in Vietnam. In fact, the fledgling television networks did not even try in most cases to replace the official coverage provided by the government. Of course, newsreels of events were available on a delayed basis in the movie theaters, as was the Hollywood version of the war presented in Korean War combat films. (page 111) (KW)

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Korean War KIAs
Casualties from Texas for December
 Information provided by: Washington Headquarters Services
 Directorate for Information Operations and Reports

NAME	BIRTH DATE	CASUALTY DATE	NAME	BIRTH DATE	CASUALTY DATE
PFC Marvin D. Actkinson	1931	Dec. 31, 1953	PFC Ruben Sanchez Adams	May 23, 1931	Dec. 17, 1953
PFC Lucio R. Aguilar	1930	Dec. 31, 1953	PFC Santiago Aguirre	March 29, 1930	Dec. 02, 1950
SGT Roberto Alva	1915	Dec. 31, 1953	PFC Armando Alvarez	1930	Dec. 31, 1953
LT Dale William Anderson	Feb. 23, 1923	Dec. 26, 1952	SGT James T. Anderson	1920	Dec. 31, 1953
1LT Conrad James Armel	April 02, 1918	Dec. 31, 1953	PVT Raymond C. Arriaga	Nov. 04, 1930	Dec. 31, 1953
PFC Fernando L. Arriola	June 18, 1931	Dec. 31, 1953	MAJ Oren Calvin Atchley	Nov. 03, 1913	Dec. 31, 1953
PFC C.J. Austin	June 24, 1930	Dec. 31, 1953	CPL Arturo D. Avila	Feb. 11, 1929	Dec. 31, 1953
PFC Bernardo Ramos Ayala	Aug. 20, 1930	Dec. 07, 1953	PVT Mathis O. Ball, JR.	Jan. 07, 1930	Dec. 31, 1953
PFC Raymond H. Barber	1933	Dec. 31, 1953	PVT William O. Barnes	1932	Dec. 31, 1953
2LT Roger W. Bascom	June 21, 1927	Dec. 24, 1950	PVT Joseph Batiste	1930	Dec. 31, 1953
CPL Willie James Baty	1930	Dec. 31, 1953	PFC Alton Ray Bell	1931	Dec. 02, 1950
PFC James Harold Bell	Feb. 17, 1931	Dec. 08, 1953	PFC Johnnie Grayham Bell, JR.	1928	Dec. 31, 1953
SGT Peter C. Bell	1912	Dec. 31, 1953	CPL Morgan Vernon Bellah	1918	Dec. 31, 1953
1LT Clarence OT Bergstraesser	Nov. 25, 1919	Dec. 31, 1953	PFC Autrey John Betar	Feb. 05, 1932	Dec. 31, 1953
SGT John Andrew Blankenburg	Feb. 11, 1924	Dec. 01, 1950	CPL Euell Claude Booth, JR.	1932	Dec. 31, 1953
PFC James Elmore Bowers	1930	Dec. 01, 1950	MSG Lewis Wilson Bratton	1918	Dec. 26, 1950
PFC Bobby Leland Brown	Sept. 01, 1930	Dec. 22, 1952	CPL Leonard Charles Brown	March 20, 1930	Dec. 02, 1950
1LT William J. Browning	1928	Dec. 31, 1953	PFC Thomas Charles Bruce	July 28, 1931	Dec. 07, 1950
CPL Claude Franklin Bunn	1917	Dec. 31, 1953	SFC Waduo H. Burnanam	Aug. 27, 1919	Dec. 31, 1953
PFC Leon Leonard Castino	Sept. 30, 1927	Dec. 01, 1950	PFC Harvey L. Chambles	1931	Dec. 26, 1952
SFC Sam Chapman	1921	Dec. 19, 1950	PFC R.B. Cherry	1931	Dec. 31, 1950
PFC Hereford W. Cleveland	1916	Dec. 01, 1950	PFC Roberto Cocio	1931	Dec. 31, 1953
A1C Edwin Wesley Collins	Jan. 09, 1930	Dec. 31, 1953	CPL Campbell Deffe Cook	1929	Dec. 31, 1953
PFC Andrew Cordova	May; 10, 1930	Dec. 01, 1950	SSGT Jack William Cornelius	Sept. 25, 1914	Dec. 13, 1950
CPL Samuel Corney	1922	Dec. 01, 1950	CPL Walter Ray Couch	Nov. 17, 1927	Dec. 31, 1953
PVT Jerry P. Craig	1932	Dec. 31, 1953	CPL Charlie Hubbard Crutcher	1929	Dec. 31, 1953
CPL Jose Alejandro Cueto	May 04, 1933	Dec. 31, 1952	PFC Ray Thomas Daniel	Dec. 21, 1928	Dec. 07, 1950
PFC Grady Gail Daniels	Dec. 03, 1930	Dec. 02, 1950	PVT Theotis Daniels	1930	Dec. 31, 1953
PFC J.C. Daugherty, JR.	1927	Dec. 31, 1953	SGT Billy R. Davenport	1929	Dec. 31, 1953
SGT Gerald O. Davis, JR.	Jan. 04, 1929	Dec. 08, 1950	PVT Jimmie L. Davis	1930	Dec. 31, 1953
CPL Nicholas Delgado	1929	Dec. 31, 1953	CPL John C. Ditner	1928	Dec. 30, 1951
SFC Billy G. Donahoe	1924	Dec. 31, 1953	CPL Barto H. Dozier	1912	Dec. 02, 1950
PFC Leonard W. Drummond	1931	Dec. 15, 1950	PVT Donaciano Duarte	1930	Dec. 31, 1953
SFC William E. Duncan	1922	Dec. 24, 1951	PFC Andrew L. Durbin	1932	Dec. 31, 1953
PVT Leonard Earhart	1928	Dec. 31, 1953	CPL Noel J. Edgar	1931	Dec. 31, 1953
PFC Amor Emerson, JR.	1929	Dec. 31, 1953	PFC Roberto Falcon	1930	Dec. 31, 1953
PVT Eleodoro R. Fernandez	Feb. 03, 1925	Dec. 26, 1950	PFC Lonnie Fields	1931	Dec. 31, 1953
PFC Ernest Fitzgerald, JR.	Sept. 24, 1931	Dec. 04, 1953	PFC Fred Fleener, JR.	1930	Dec. 31, 1953
SGT Braulio Flores	1922	Dec. 31, 1953	PFC Froelan Flores	Nov. 24, 1929	Dec. 02, 1950
PFC Cecil R. Floyd		Dec. 04, 1952	PFC John Eugene Fore	1930	Dec. 31, 1953
SGT Leonard Freeman, JR.	1928	Dec. 31, 1953	PFC Huey P. French	1932	Dec. 02, 1950
PFC Ramon Mendoza Frescas	1930	Dec. 31, 1953	PFC Hobart Fugate, JR.	1925	Dec. 01, 1950
SGT Willie Valdez Galvan	1926	Dec. 01, 1950	PFC Guadalupe Garcia	1932	Dec. 31, 1953
PFC Ishmael Garcia	1929	Dec. 31, 1953	CPL Roberto Garcia	June 06, 1953	Dec. 31, 1953
PFC Victor I. Garcia	1930	Dec. 31, 1953	PFC Gilberto Garza	1929	Dec. 31, 1953
PVT Nicolas C. Garza	1931	Dec. 20, 1950	CPL James D. Gausnell	1923	Dec. 31, 1953
CPL Edwin Gentry	1930	Dec. 31, 1953	CPL Carl Berton George	1927	Dec. 31, 1953
CPT Charles G. Gibson	1922	Dec. 31, 1953	PFC Durston Dwain Gillean	Jan. 17, 1931	Dec. 07, 1950
CPL Samuel Howard Goats	1918	Dec. 31, 1953	PFC Ruben James Gomez	Sept. 22, 1921	Dec. 31, 1953

December Casualties continued . . .

Name	Birth Date	Casualty Date	Name	Birth Date	Casualty Date
PFC Riley W. Graves	1929	Dec. 01, 1950	PVT William E. Greene	1930	Dec. 31, 1953
PFC George Thomas Grimes	March 14, 1931	Dec. 31, 1953	CPL Roberto Guerra	1929	Dec. 31, 1953
PFC Jose R. Gutierrez	1932	Dec. 02, 1950	PFC Buster Haas	1925	Dec. 31, 1953
MAJ George Allen Hadley	Nov. 21, 1918	Dec. 31, 1953	MSGT Weldon Edgar Hardin	Nov. 23, 1922	Dec. 06, 1952
PFC Manuel Harris	1923	Dec. 18, 1950	PFC Donald Ray Harryman	July 17, 1929	Dec. 02, 1950
SFC James Hart, JR.	1925	Dec. 31, 1953	SGT Richard M. Hartman	1927	Dec. 11, 1951
PFC Amon Frank Harvey, JR.	April 05, 1931	Dec. 04, 1953	PFC Donald Glynn Hasty	Sept 17, 1933	Dec. 03, 1952
SGT Eddie V. Hawkins	1920	Dec. 02, 1950	SGT Otis Shelton Haynes, JR.	Sept 13, 1924	Dec. 07, 1950
CAPT James Darrell Heath	Sept 11, 1920	Dec. 31, 1953	CPL Bennie Jackson Hedgcoth	1929	Dec. 31, 1953
PVT Julian Herrera	1931	Dec. 31, 1953	CPL Pablo Herrera	1923	Dec. 01, 1950
PVT Elijah James Higgins	1931	Dec. 31, 1953	CPL Kenneth Jack Hill	1932	Dec. 23, 1950
PFC Samuel E. Hoffman	1925	Dec. 31, 1953	PFC Charles L. Hogan	1933	Dec. 31, 1953
CPL Billy E. Holliday	1931	Dec. 12, 1950	MSG Jack H. Holt	1921	Dec. 31, 1953
PFC Charles E. Holtzclaw	1931	Dec. 31, 1953	CPL Roy Joe Honeycutt	1926	Dec. 31, 1953
PVT Carl H. Hudson	1930	Dec. 31, 1953	CPL Robert J. Hughes	1924	Dec. 01, 1950
CPL Benjamin William Hulsey	Sept. 01, 1930	Dec. 04, 1950	PFC Francisco A. Izquierdo	Oct. 04, 1930	Dec. 02, 1950
SGT Henry A. Jackson	1927	Dec. 31, 1953	CPL Herbert H. Jackson	1928	Dec. 01, 1950
PO2 John Alvin James	Jan. 10, 1927	Dec. 26, 1952	PFC Billy Jerkins	1930	Dec. 31, 1953
PFC Donald E. Jeter	1930	Dec. 31, 1953	PFC Billy Edward Johnson	Aug. 29, 1929	Dec. 07, 1953
PFC Herbert Johnson	1931	Dec. 31, 1953	1StLt Olin W. Johnson	Dec. 02, 1923	Dec. 01, 1950
SGT Robert Floyd Johnson	May 19, 1919	Dec. 31, 1953	PFC Walter L. Jones	1929	Dec. 31, 1953
PFC John Duncan Jordan, JR.	Oct. 04, 1928	Dec. 02, 1950	PFC William Charles Ketricks	Oct. 01, 1931	Dec. 04, 1953
PFC Bobby Ray King	1931	Dec. 31, 1953	PFC Gene Donald Kingston	1930	Dec. 31, 1953
CAPT Robert Charles Klein	Aug. 16, 1922	Dec. 31, 1953	PFC Edwin James Kruciak	May 04, 1928	Dec. 06, 1950
CAPT Guy Floyd Laney	May 12, 1924	Dec. 31, 1953	1stLT Bernard Sheridan Leavitt	Nov. 22, 1920	Dec. 31, 1953
PVT Alberto Ledesma	1932	Dec. 31, 1951	CPL Melton Lester	1926	Dec. 31, 1953
SFC Meritt Truman Lilley	1915	Dec. 07, 1950	PVT Kenneth J. Long	1929	Dec. 31, 1953
PFC Martie Denson Long	Aug. 08, 1926	Dec. 18, 1953	PVT Fernando L. Lopez	1906	Dec. 31, 1953
PFC Inez Garza Lugo	1931	Dec. 31, 1953	PFC Librado Luna	1932	Dec. 31, 1953
CPL James Mabry	1929	Dec. 01, 1950	2LT Archibald S. MacFarlane	1927	Dec. 31, 1953
PFC Charles Earnest Marburger	June 14, 1931	Dec. 04, 1953	MSG Charlie J. Mares	Dec. 25, 1919	Dec. 31, 1953
MSG Carl Duron Martin	1922	Dec. 31, 1953	CPL Billie Truman Maupin	July 15, 1929	Dec. 31, 1953
CAPT William S. McCanson	Sept. 07, 1921	Dec. 06, 1951	SGT Steve McCloud	1924	Dec. 01, 1950
A1C Leslie Edward McHaney	June 12, 1932	Dec. 10, 1953	PFC Kenneth Edwin McIntush	Oct. 28, 1930	Dec. 03, 1950
SGT Willis F. McNiel	1930	Dec. 31, 1953	PFC Frank Meek, JR.	1928	Dec. 31, 1953
PFC William E. Meeker	Dec. 31, 1931	Dec. 31, 1953	SGT Phillip C. Mendoza	1923	Dec. 31, 1953
SGT Edgar E. Michalek	1918	Dec. 02, 1950	1LT Howard A. Miller	1925	Dec. 31, 1951
CAPT John Richard Miller	July 02, 1920	Dec. 31, 1953	CPL Rothell Miller	April 22, 1931	Dec. 31, 1953
PFC Albert E. Mills	July 17, 1930	Dec. 31, 1953	PFC Thurmon Wayne Money	Dec. 10, 1931	Dec. 02, 1950
PVT C.W. Montgomery	1931	Dec. 31, 1953	CPL Custer E. Mooney	1925	Dec. 31, 1953
CPL Edward Nadir	June 21, 1930	Dec. 31, 1953	PFC John Edwin Neal	1928	Dec. 31, 1953
CPL James Nelms	1927	Dec. 31, 1953	PFC Lonnie Nickles	1929	Dec. 03, 1951
CPL Esequiel A. Olachia	Dec. 31, 1930	Dec. 31, 1953	SGT Arthur John Omara, JR.	June 10, 1928	Dec. 04, 1950
PFC Wendell H. Otwell	1931	Dec. 31, 1953	PVT Albert W. Paepke, JR.	April 05, 1931	Dec. 31, 1953
PFC Martin Palomo	1929	Dec. 31, 1953	SGT Clifford A. Parker	1924	Dec. 31, 1953
CPL Patrick OBrien Parrish	March 17, 1931	Dec. 04, 1950	PVT Jimmy F. Pearson	1932	Dec. 31, 1953
PFC Edward M. Pedregon	1930	Dec. 31, 1953	SGT Fernandos Pena	1926	Dec. 01, 1950
PFC Simon Mendoza Perez	Oct. 28, 1926	Dec. 02, 1950	SGT Vernon L. Pettigrew	1930	Dec. 31, 1953
SSGT Malcolm Bruce Peveto	March 17, 1922	Dec. 11, 1950	PFC Clifton F. Pines	1931	Dec. 31, 1953
PFC Jonathan Reed Posey, JR.	Jan. 04, 1930	Dec. 02, 1950	TSGT Chester Darwin Quider	Jan. 16, 1926	Dec. 31, 1953
TSGT Charley L. Radford	Nov. 19, 1920	Dec. 03, 1950	CPL Alvaro Ramirez, JR.	July 27, 1932	Dec. 07, 1950
PVT Reynaldo S. Ramirez	1930	Dec. 31, 1953	SGT Duaard Lee Ray	1912	Dec. 28, 1950
PFC Billy J. Redd	Oct. 25, 1932	Dec. 31, 1953	CPL Francis Reed, JR.	1929	Dec. 31, 1953
PFC David Reese	1914	Dec. 31, 1953	CPL Joe A. Regmund	1923	Dec. 31, 1953
PVT Herschel M. Riggs	1931	Dec. 31, 1953	SGT William Robinson	Sept. 22, 1924	Dec. 31, 1953

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Name	Birth Date	Casualty Date	Name	Birth Date	Casualty Date
CPL Benny Don Rogers	1925	Dec. 31, 1953	CPL Hershel H. Rosell, JR.	1924	Dec. 31, 1953
CPL Charles A. Rublee	1930	Dec. 31, 1953	CPL Leopoldo L. Ruiz	1929	Dec. 31, 1953
SGT Emmitt Russell	1931	Dec. 31, 1953	SGT Pedro San Miguel	1926	Dec. 03, 1950
PFC Charles O. Sanders	1930	Dec. 31, 1953	SGT Ray D. Selby	August 28, 1931	Dec. 31, 1953
PFC Robert Neale Shepherd	April 02, 1931	Dec. 07, 1950	CPL Henry G. Shoop	Oct. 10, 1930	Dec. 31, 1953
MSG Howard M. Shupp, JR.	1922	Dec. 31, 1953	CAPT Werner Franklin Sieber	Sept. 13, 1920	Dec. 31, 1953
CPL Bobby Joe Smedley	Nov. 22, 1929	Dec. 23, 1951	CPL Billy G. Smith	1932	Dec. 31, 1953
LTCOL George Ullman Smith	May 03, 1919	Dec. 14, 1954	CPT John K. Spencer	1917	Dec. 31, 1953
CPL James O. Stanton	1930	Dec. 31, 1953	PVT Daniel T. Stephens	1931	Dec. 09, 1950
PFC James M. Stephens	1930	Dec. 31, 1953	2LT L.V. Steward	1929	Dec. 30, 1952
SGT Alexander Stewart		Dec. 28, 1951	1stLT Raymond Arthur Stewart, JR.	Nov. 02, 1923	Dec. 31, 1953
PVT Billy J. Stice	1928	Dec. 22, 1951	MAJ Harvey H. Storms	1916	Dec. 31, 1951
PFC Richard L. Sweet	1930	Dec. 19, 1950	CPL Clarence W. Swiney	1923	Dec. 31, 1953
SFC Iva Brown Tadlock	1919	Dec. 01, 1950	PFC Refugio C. Tamayo	1931	Dec. 31, 1953
PFC Raymond L. Taylor	1932	Dec. 31, 1953	SGT Luis A. Tellez	1930	Dec. 01, 1950
CPL Billy E. Tennison	1933	Dec. 01, 1950	PVT Joseph Allen Terrel	Jan. 31, 1920	Dec. 31, 1953
CAPT Minter Charles Terry	March 04, 1921	Dec. 31, 1953	PVT Frank H. Thompson	1934	Dec. 31, 1952
SGT Gerald Keith Tibbit	Oct. 03, 1927	Dec. 02, 1950	PFC Andrew R. Tischler	1929	Dec. 31, 1953
SFC Ted Lee Tolleson	1920	Dec. 31, 1953	CPL Joe Torres	1929	Dec. 31, 1953
PFC James Leroy Towles	1931	Dec. 31, 1955	CPL James Trammell	1931	Dec. 31, 1953
PFC Alfredo T. Trevino	1933	Dec. 31, 1953	PVT Biviano Trujillo	1926	Dec. 01, 1950
A1C Travis Lloyd Tull	Jan. 13, 1933	Dec. 01, 1952	MAJ James Roy Turner	June 26, 1921	Dec. 06, 1952
CPL Maxine Tyler	1925	Dec. 20, 1950	PVT Manuel N. Vela	1924	Dec. 31, 1953
CPL Frank A. Velasco	1929	Dec. 31, 1953	CPL John Steven Vick	April 17, 1932	Dec. 08, 1951
PFC Julio Villarreal	1930	Dec. 31, 1953	PVT Cleo F. Wachel	1931	Dec. 31, 1953
GEN Walton H. Walker	Dec. 03, 1889	Dec. 23, 1950	2LT William Dubois Ware	1928	Dec. 31, 1953
PFC George Allen Warren	1932	Dec. 31, 1953	SGT Samuel E. Watson	1931	Dec. 31, 1953
LTCOL Sydney W. Weatherford	March 28, 1921	Dec. 31, 1953	PVT Henry Lee Webb	May 14, 1930	Dec. 31, 1953
1stLT George Thomas Wells, JR.	Sept. 27, 1923	Dec. 31, 1953	CPL John William West	1919	Dec. 31, 1953
CAPT Robert H. White	Nov. 29, 1924	Dec. 15, 1953	1stLT Bertram D. Wilkins	Dec. 22, 1924	Dec. 29, 1950
SFC James J. Williams, JR.	1910	Dec. 31, 1953	PFC Leo H. Williams	1929	Dec. 01, 1950
SFC Charles R. Wilson	1924	Dec. 13, 1950	SGT William Dean Wilson	Oct. 12, 1926	Dec. 07, 1953
SGT Willie Edward Windham	1918	Dec. 31, 1953	SGT Horace Wingfield	1920	Dec. 31, 1953
1stLT Warren Bacon Wisdom	July 30, 1927	Dec. 31, 1953	1stLT William C. Womack	July 12, 1928	Dec. 01, 1951
SGT Lige Yarbrough	1927	Dec. 31, 1950			

In the News: News Releases

Department of Veterans Affairs

<http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/PressArtInternet.cfm?id=546>

WASHINGTON – Owning a franchise operation is now more affordable for veterans, thanks to a program recently announced by Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi.

The Veterans Transition Franchise Initiative, commonly known as “VetFran,” allows veterans to acquire a franchise with a downpayment of 10 percent or less of the initial franchise cost, which generally ranges from \$45,000 to \$150,000 for a small business. Franchising companies absorb the difference. “Veterans are self-starters who possess an excellent work ethic. They are leaders who know how to manage others,” Principi said. “The VetFran program provides veterans who want to be in business for themselves a wonderful opportunity to get their feet in the door.”

Dr. Leo S. Mackay Jr., VA's Deputy Secretary, was the featured speaker at a Sept. 24 meeting of the International Franchise Association (IFA), VetFran's sponsor, to launch the new initiative.

Mackay also attended the annual convention in Orlando, Fla., earlier this year where the two organizations signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that they will work to promote franchise opportunities for veterans. IFA's Chairman Jim Amos, President/CEO of Mail Boxes Etc, Inc., joined him in signing the MOU.

“I am convinced that the partnership we are embarking on is a win-win collaboration. It represents confidence in our nation's veterans, benefits to our economy, and an investment in the future of America” said Mackay.

IFA first introduced VetFran in the early 1990s as a way for franchisers to express gratitude to military members for their service during the Gulf War. In the last several years, the program had all but been forgotten. The current war against terrorism has rekindled interest in extending franchise opportunities to military veterans.

A Hawaii veteran recently became the first to acquire a franchise under the revitalized VetFran program, obtaining a franchise for Expectec Technology Services, a technology supplier headquartered in Garden Grove, Calif. He paid \$40,000 instead of the \$60,000 he would have paid without VetFran.

Currently, VetFran is limited to franchises with initial investments up to \$150,000, the maximum loan amount on which the SBA offers 85 percent loan guarantees. So far, nearly 75 franchisers are participating. VetFran may expand later to include franchises costing over \$150,000, for which the SBA offers 75 percent loan guarantees. Additional information is available on VA's Web page at <http://www.vetbiz.gov/>.

“When they one day put aside their uniforms, today's servicemen and women must know that they will have real means and opportunities to pursue a career, and make a living for themselves and their families,” said Mackay. “This initiative helps provide that.”

The logo for eVetRecs, featuring the text "eVetRecs" in a white, serif font on a dark brown, textured rectangular background.

http://www.archives.gov/research_room/vetrecs/index.html

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