

City of Balcones Heights

Salute to Veterans

declared a first-class event

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An appreciative and enthusiastic crowd gathered at the Crossroads Mall Amphitheatre, Saturday, November 1st to honor the Veterans of Balcones Heights.

The late afternoon event was sponsored by the City of Balcones Heights, Crossroads Mall, Amerisuites, La Prensa de San Antonio and KTSA radio.

Veterans of World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam, Desert Storm I and Iraqi Freedom were recognized for their dedication to serving their country.

The program began when the Alamo Silver Wings Color Guard posted the colors, followed by the invocation by retired Army Major General Charles Honore.

The Jefferson High School ROTC lead the audience in the pledge of allegiance and Linda Hartman sang the National Anthem.

After Attorney Charlie Jones introduced numerous dignitaries in the audience, opening remarks were given by master of ceremonies and City Councilman Steve Walker.

State Representative Ruth Jones McClendon, representatives for State Senator Leticia van de Putte, Congressman Charlie Gonzalez, Senators John Cornyn and Kay Bailey Hutchison and State Representative Carlos Uresti filling in for Governor Rick Perry, also spoke.

The event featured keynote speaker, retired Army Colonel Bob

Howard, Congressional Medal of Honor recipient. (Vietnam)

Retired Army Major General Charles Honore and retired Air Force Brigadier General Karen Hankins addressed the crowd, as well as Marine Corporal Chris Castro, a soldier who participated in the rescue of the seven POWs in Iraq and Staff Sergeant Eric Alva who was wounded in Iraq.

A poem written in 1918 by Amelda Kline for her son, Herbert Griffin, a soldier in World War I, was read by Linda Hartman near the end of the program before she sang "God Bless America."

Herbert was the father of current resident Gloria Staewen.

The retiring of the colors included a 21-gun salute.

The Jefferson High School ROTC passed out programs to the Veterans as well as memento t-shirts with their names on the back and memento caps at the end of the program after the roll call.

McCollum High School Band performed patriotic music before the event started.

The Military Order of the Purple Heart and Buffalo Soldiers sponsored static displays and American Legion Post 2 participated.

A VIP/elected officials reception was held earlier at the Amerisuites Hotel, located adjacent to the amphitheatre.

Over 40 dignitaries attended.

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Lucille Wohlfarth

Councilwoman, Place 3

Melissa Castro

Councilman, Place 2

Steve Walker

Councilman, Place 1

Bennie Cass

Balcones Heights Veterans saluted Nov. 1st

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| • Rick Algoe | • Henry Hannasch | • Anthony Ramirez |
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| • John Dorsey | • Caleb McKinnon | • Enrique Trevino |
| • Dan Draper | • Willie Mena | • Jose Veliz |
| • Susie Duenas | • Ken Menn | • Ambrose Vince |
| • Don Falkiewiez | • Roy Minner | • Steve Walker |
| • Joe Flores | • George Moellering | • Curtis Warren |
| • Henry Flores | • Roland Mena | • Verle Williams |
| • James Ford | • George Monsive | • Cris Wisceup |
| • Martin Garcia | • Arnoldo Muniz | • Gary Yoquelet |
| • Oscar Garcia | • Joseph Navarro | |
| • Jim Gardan | • Dean Nelson | |
| • Ken Gerhart | • Tommy Nelson | |
| • Leo Gomez | • Jack Nicholson | |
| • Juan Gonzalez | • Bob North | |

In Remembrance

- Michael Guerrero
- Raymond Rosenbusch
- Gus Wohlfarth

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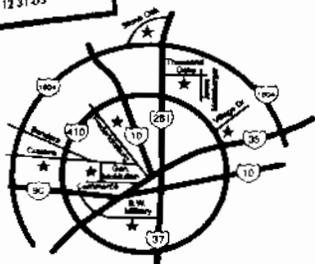
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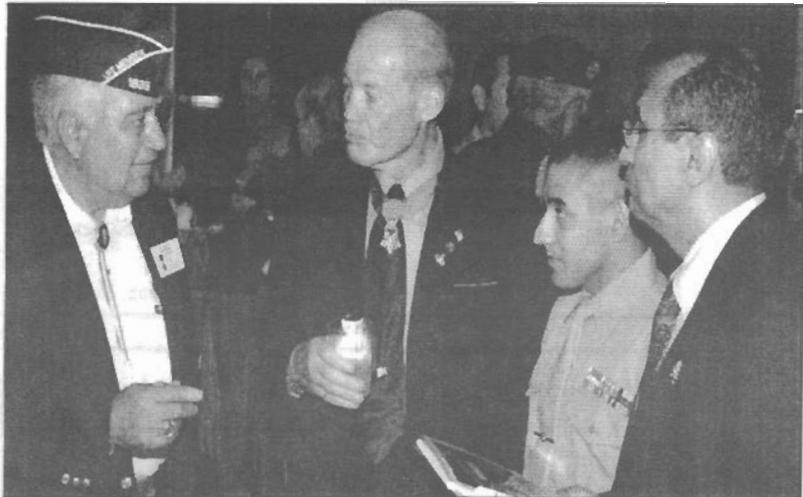
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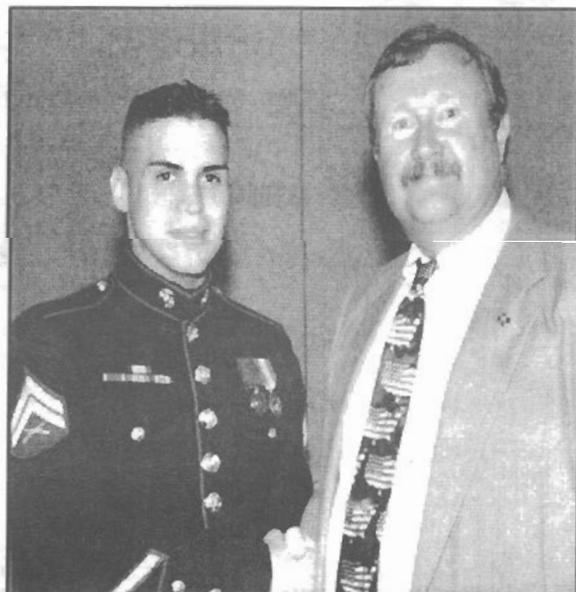
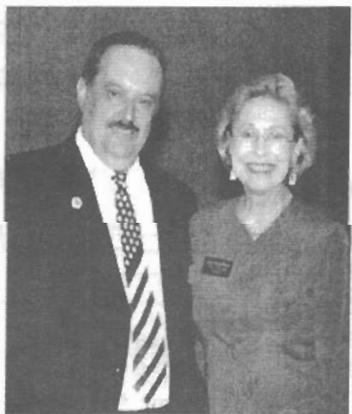


The Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Pete Ximenez, speaks with Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, retired Army Colonel Bob Howard, Marine Staff Sergeant Eric Alva and Eric's father, Fidelis. Councilwoman Lucille Wohlfarth assists State Representative Ruth Jones McClendon with her corsage before the event. Pix taken by Special Investigator Lee Powers.



*Retired Army Major General
Charles Honore
and
Congressional Medal of Honor
recipient,
retired Army Colonel
Bob Howard*

**A Salute to the
Veterans of
Balcones Heights
Saturday, Nov. 1st
Crossroads Mall**



Above: Councilman Steve Walker poses with Judge Marcia Weiner. Right: Marine Corporal Chris Castro shakes hands with Special Investigator Lee Powers.

Salute draws elected officials and military speakers for the first- time event at Crossroads



Attorney Charlie Jones introduces dignitaries as Linda Hartman looks on. L to R: Mario Olvedo spoke for State Senator Leticia van de Putte, State Rep. Carlos Uresti spoke for Governor Perry, Mary Roque spoke for Congressman Charlie Gonzalez, George Antuna spoke for Senator John Cornyn and James Baril for Kay Bailey Hutchison.



Left to Right:
Linda Hartman sings the National Anthem.
Marine Corporal Chris Castro addresses the crowd.
Buffalo Soldiers man their display, while the dignitaries walk to the stage.



Final brush pick-up, Nov. 17th

The last of three annual clean-ups is scheduled for the residential area in Balcones Heights for November 17th.

- November 10th through November 14th (actual pick-up, Monday, November 17th)
 - No household hazardous waste
 - No appliances with Freon
- All discarded items such as old furniture, hot

water heaters, appliances, brush, etc. must be placed at curbside in front of the residence to be serviced no later than 7 a.m. on Monday of the actual pick-up. No brush should be put to the curb earlier than ten days prior to the pickup.

Since the collection vehicles will pass down each street only once, pick-up cannot be assured if bulky waste items are placed on the curb after the above cut-off date and time.

Crossroads Mall Calendar for November

Flu & Pneumonia shots...M-Th. 9 a.m.-2 p.m.....	5-20
SA Shell Club.....	18
Gourmet Food Show.....	21, 22, 23
Santa Parade..... 10 a.m.....	22
Winter Wonderland.....	24
Saltarelli String Orchestra..... 7 p.m.....	24
After Thanksgiving Sale.....	28
After Thanksgiving Day Mall-Wide Sale.....	30

Family Parenting Classes

Family Parenting Services will be held every Thursday from 6:30 p.m. –8 p.m. starting November 13th for 8 weeks, upstairs in the Mall across from Pay Less.

Cost per person is \$15 for the 8-week course. No class on Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Year's Day will be held. For more info. call 735-9137.

Halloween Fun Fest attracts kids to the Mall

The Halloween Fun Fest, sponsored by the City of Balcones Heights and Crossroads Mall attracted kids of all ages, October 31st, at the Mall.

According to J.B. Balderrama, coordinator of the event, "about 250 to 350 family members turned out for the Fun Fest entertainment."

The kids from Angela Riggs' Creative Awareness dance production performed a dance routine similar to the "Thriller" music video by pop singer, Michael Jackson.

The Enchanted Forest was set up on the lower level of the Mall near the old Montgomery Ward

store. The cost per child was a two-dollar donation.

The Enchanted Forest was open to the public the night before Halloween and the previous weekend.

The various businesses in the Mall passed out candy to the children.

Special Investigator Lee Powers and Fire Chief Ben Hoeffner were on hand along with Crime Watch president Betty Bryant, passing out safety literature. Local Judge Marcia Weiner also participated in the event.

Planning & Zoning needs members

There are currently vacancies on the Planning & Zoning and Street Committees. According to Mayor Jim Craven, the vacancies need to be filled as soon as possible. Anyone wishing to volunteer to serve on either committee, please contact the Mayor at 735-9148, Ext. 235.