



# Exchange Hotline

Exchange Club of  
Sugar Land Newsletter  
Nov 15th, 2021

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### Weekly Meetings

Wednesdays, 7:00 a.m.

Meeting at:  
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Sugar Land, Texas 77478

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## Happy Veterans Day!

### "ONE NATION UNDER GOD" BREAKFAST TRIBUTE TO OUR VETERANS!



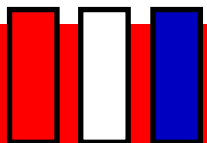
Dear Exchange Members,

What an incredible **Veteran's Day breakfast!** I was so moved by many of your stories. Thank you to everyone that shared and honored our veterans with their personal story. It is important for us to be reminded of the sacrifices our military service members, and their families, make in order to protect our rights and freedoms here at home. The following day, many of us had the pleasure of attending the One Nation Under God Breakfast to further honor our veterans. Thank you to all our members that served! We all appreciate your service!

**Serve with Honor!**

Rick Bell  
President





Thank you **Scott Arthur** for reading the “Ragged Old Flag” as part of our Veterans Day Celebration !

## Ragged Old Flag

Johnny Cash

I walked through a county courthouse square  
On a park bench, an old man was sitting there  
I said, your old courthouse is kinda run down  
He said, naw, it'll do for our little town  
I said, your old flagpole has leaned a little bit  
And that's a ragged old flag you got hanging on it  
He said, have a seat, and I sat down  
Is this the first time you've been to our little town?  
I said I think it is  
He said I don't like to brag  
But we're kinda proud of that ragged old flag  
You see, we got a little hole in that flag there when  
Washington took it across the Delaware  
And it got powder-burned the night Francis Scott Key  
Sat watching it writing say can you see  
And it got a bad rip in New Orleans  
With Packingham and Jackson tuggin' at its seams  
And it almost fell at the Alamo  
Beside the Texas flag, but she waved on though  
She got cut with a sword at Chancellorsville  
And she got cut again at Shiloh Hill  
There was Robert E. Lee, Beauregard, and Bragg  
And the south wind blew hard on that ragged old flag

On Flanders Field in World War one  
She got a big hole from a Bertha gun  
She turned blood red in World War Two  
She hung limp and low a time or two  
She was in Korea and Vietnam  
She went where she was sent by Uncle Sam  
She waved from our ships upon the Briny foam  
And now they've about quit waving her back here at home  
In her own good land here she's been abused  
She's been burned, dishonored, denied, and refused  
And the government for which she stands  
Is scandalized throughout the land  
And she's getting threadbare and wearing thin  
But she's in good shape for the shape she's in  
'Cause she's been through the fire before  
And I believe she can take a whole lot more  
So we raise her up every morning  
We take her down every night  
We don't let her touch the ground and we fold her upright  
On second thought, I do like to brag  
'Cause I'm mighty proud of that ragged old flag





**Exchange Members who had family as Veterans gave tributes to them in Exchange Breakfast Nov. 10th, 2021.**



Betty Baitland



Camille Edwards



Brooke Thompson



Cary Snyder



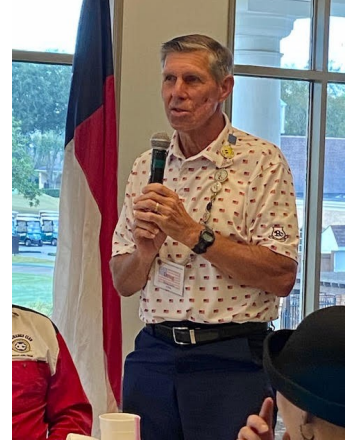
Cindy McCauley



Cookie Joe



Doc Lee Ivey



Doug Earle



Jack Williams



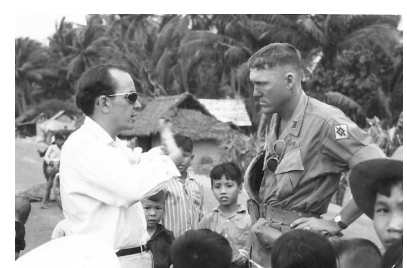
Jeff Dodson



John Heinemann



Lori Bisewski





# Members talked about family who were Veterans!



May Williams



Morris Lasris



Nick Landowski



Nora Sim



Paul Barnett



Pete Olson



Scott Author



Red O'Laughlin



Rick Bell



Ruthanne Mefford



Sharon Rollins



Suzanne Whatley

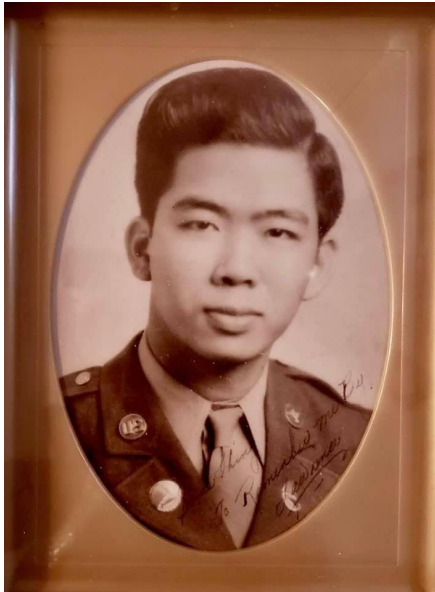


A picture taken from Facebook. I do not know his name. But the salute and the cap and uniform captured my attention.





# A few Veterans that were honored at our Breakfast!



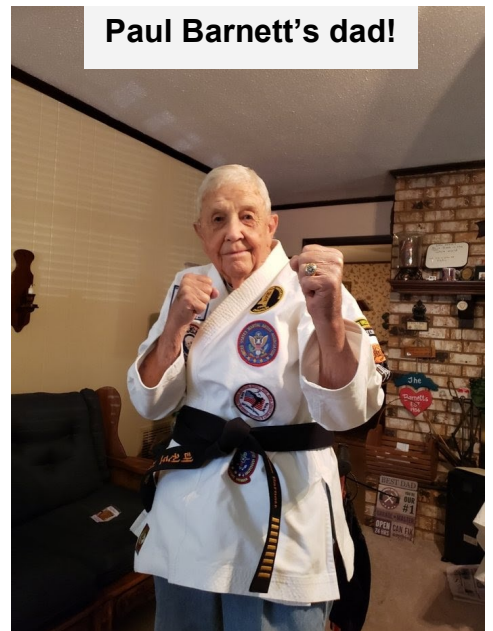
Cookie Joe's Father.



Lori Bisewski mother and father.



Pete Olson's friend Sam Jones who was a fellow Congressman from Texas.



Rick Bell's father -n- law on the Right!



Russ Braun's father and mother!

Exchange members, next year Veterans day if you would like your family member in the newsletter we will do this again.

Thank you Brooke Thompson for having this great idea for our breakfast meeting!



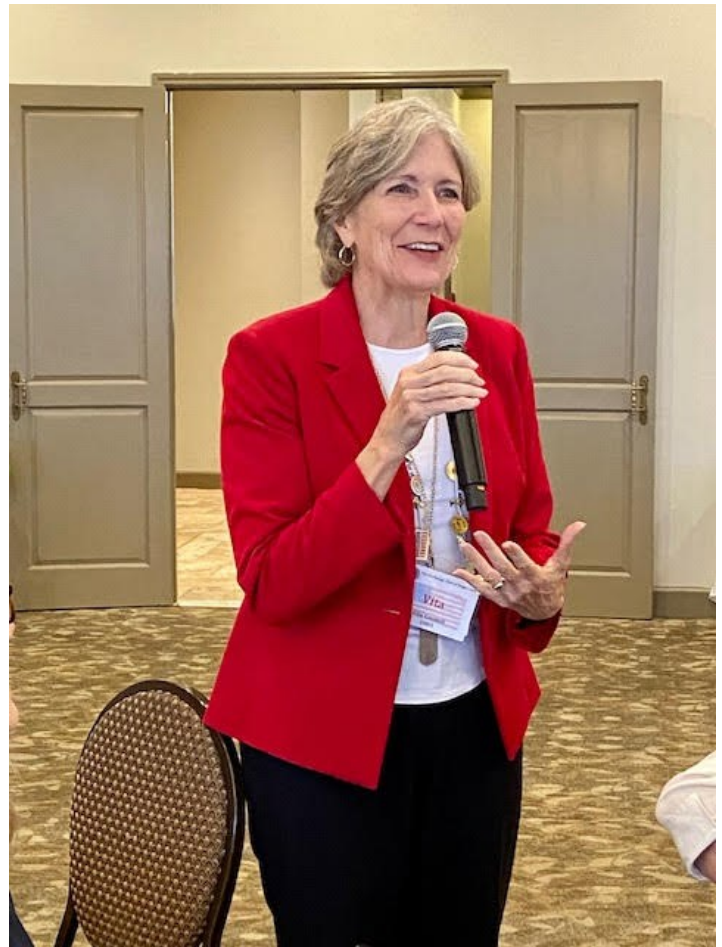
SUGAR LAND, TEXAS 1987



## Members talked of family who were Veterans!



**Vernon Hunt**



**Vita Goodell**

### STORY FROM A VETERAN...

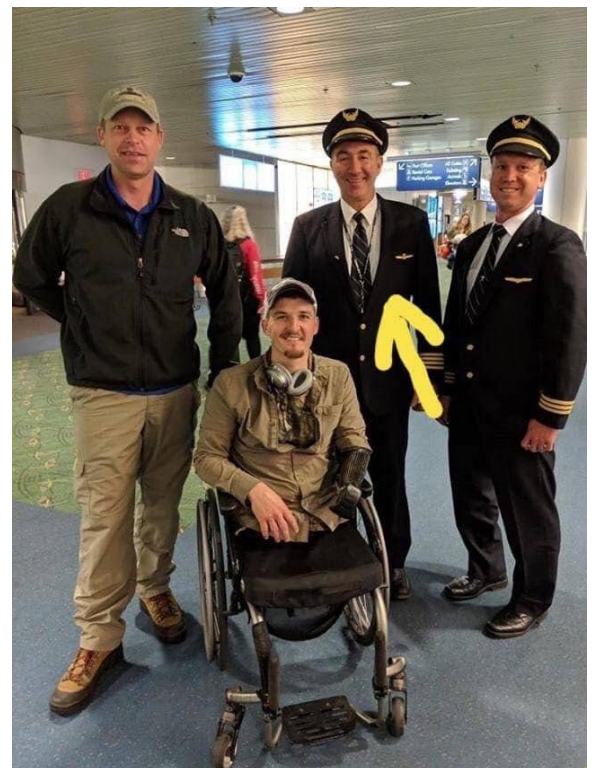
"The pilot was standing around as I got out of my wheel-chair to board my flight to Portland. He followed me and the flight attendant who volunteered to carry my bag. I fling myself into my seat. He quickly asked, "were you in the military." I replied "yes."

He said, "Afghanistan 2010?" Again, although surprised this time, I said slowly "yessss."

He then told me that he recognized me, my injuries, and my face. He told me he never knew if I survived or not.

Marc Vincequere is his name. He flys with United now. Crazy small world. He was the pilot that flew me out of Afghanistan."

Credit: Todd Love





# SANTA'S EXCHANGE "KICK-OFF" BREAKFAST! Bubba the elf showed up!





**WE RAISED \$4265.00 IN 30 MINUTES TO KICK-OFF THIS EVENT! WOW!**





## Amaris Shi! Youth of the Month! Clements High School!

**Ms. Amaris Shi** presented by Exchange member **Jim Kij!** She is rated #2 in her senior year. And planning to go to Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). She is wanting to major in Computer Science and learn to diagnose disease. Her dad David, is a Data Scientist and her mom Alice is a Software Engineer! A highly educated family with many high achievements from their daughter; as dad says her most loving talent is her "creativity" as an artist and her mom says her greatest gift is her "heart" and her willingness to help others! She will be graduating from Clements with a 4.67 GPA and 1580 on her SAT! And amazing and extraordinary young lady.

With all her achievements to many to mention here, her art is what really stands out where she has won several awards. She brought a number of art pieces to our breakfast meeting. Her message in her art usually entails themes about poverty, hunger or pollution. Things where she has a passion to want to change and improve in this world. Another example of her good works is she is the founder and President of WeCare a non-profit which in 2018 she organized a toy drive for poor children; hosted a community New Year's celebration party; and performed dance for a Diwali event. In 2019 and 2020 there were other events she organized and continues to help in other ways where she has raised thousands of dollars!

**Amaris, We at Exchange are so thankful that you and your family and counselor came to visit us and wish you the best in the Future!**

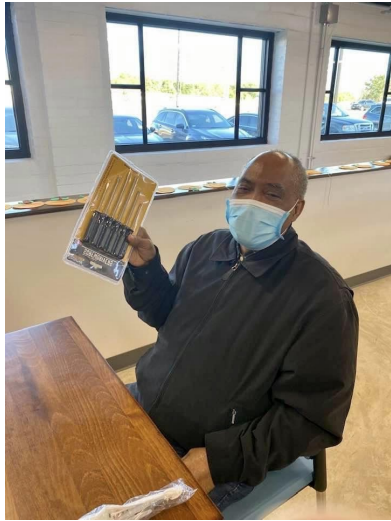




## Seniors are meeting the 1st. Friday of each Month!

Thank you to Cookie Joe and a two of her dancers, Morris Lasris, Doug Earle and Thad Olive for the last event! More volunteers would be fantastic! See you next time! Usually starts about 10a.m.

**New Location is the Landmark Community Center at 100 Louisiana Street, Missouri City, TX 77489**



**EXCHANGE**  
THE EXCHANGE CLUB SUGAR LAND, TX



**Rick Bell**-The Exchange Club of Sugar Land donated funds to the **Fort Bend Women's Center** to help prevent family violence and to protect victims from future abuse. We are happy to partner with organizations that provide services to help community members in need.

**\$10,000!!! NOT BAD FOR A DAYS WORK (of giving) EXCHANGE!**



Standing with President Rick Bell of Exchange,

Executive Director for the Women's Center **accepts a hefty check** to brighten up a child's morning!



## Birthdays, Anniversaries, Events

**Happy Exchange Birthdays!** **Kristin Tassin (11/2), Payal Patani (11/4), Doug Earle (11/9), Richard Early (11/12), Marsha Bower (11/13).**

**Exchange Anniversaries!** None.

**"ALERT!!!!"** ...The **Garland Mueller Turkey Drive** is next Wednesday, November 17, 2021. We will be collecting turkeys at the front door of the club. If you are like me and prefer to donate money for the purchase of a turkey, that is fine too. Please bring a turkey (Carlos doesn't count) or money to buy a turkey on Wednesday. (note: editor did not say that) lol.

Members signed up to take Santa's Exchange boxes to elementary schools in the area. If you are available and would like to help drop off and pick up a box for toy donations, please contact **Lydia Bourg** or **Kevin Barker** at 281-690-3575 so they can assign you a school.

**Juli Fournier** announced that we will be having a baby shower for **Colleen Migl** at our regularly scheduled meeting Wednesday, December 15, 2021.

**Doug Earle** requested you inform him or **Kevin Barker** if you know anyone in the Sienna Plantation area that might be interested in joining the club we are building there.

**Carey Snyder** announced that The girls' troop we support (**Scouts BSA Troop 1731**) is selling wreaths to go on the graves this Christmas at the Houston National Cemetery located at 10410 Veterans Memorial Dr., Houston, TX 77038. The wreaths will be laid on the graves before Christmas (Dec 18) by a number of organizations and picked up in January. The Troop itself will get \$5.00 for each wreath sold (**the wreaths are \$15.00 each**). This will go toward equipment and other expenses for the troop. If someone wishes to donate, they can either see **Carey** or go to <https://waahouston.salsalabs.org/2021a/p/troop1731bsa/index.html> and the troop will get credit. The name on the website (**Joanna Ouderkirk**) is the Assistant Scoutmaster who is coordinating the effort for the troop. The numbers you see on the website reflect only the ones sold through the website, and not the others that the girls have sold.