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VETERANS DAY INFO



The National Veterans Day Ceremony is held each year on November 11th at Arlington National Cemetery. The ceremony begins exactly at 11:00 a.m. with a wreath-laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns & then continues inside the Memorial Amphitheater with a parade of colors by veterans' organizations & remarks from dignitaries intended to honor & thank all who served in the United States Armed Forces.



It begins at 11:00 a.m. because at that hour, on the 11th day of the 11th month, the Armistice ending the carnage of World War I was signed by Germany & the Entente (Allies). Technically, though, WWI did not officially end until the signing of the Treaty of Versailles on June 28, 1919.



***Is it Veteran's Day, Veterans Day, or Veterans' Day?** "Veterans Day does NOT include an apostrophe but does include an "s" at the end of the word "Veterans" because it is not a day that 'belongs' to veterans; it is a day for honoring ALL veterans," Explains the Office of Public & Intergovernmental Affairs of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.*



***What is the difference between Memorial Day & Veterans Day?** These two holidays are frequently confused but they are not the same. Memorial Day, celebrated in May, honors those who lost their lives in service to our country, & Veterans Day, celebrated in November, honors all who have served & focuses on thanking living service members, past & present.*

And so, every month, & last month, in particular, we thanked all service members, & especially those in the family, like SSgt Jesse Reddam (USAF), 1st Lt Matthew Wright (USMC), Capt. Daniel Wright (USAF), & Capt. Jason Holm (USAF), who are all on Active duty. We remember & thank, of course, all our husbands, wives, brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts & cousins who have retired from military service, & those who are no longer with us!



ENGAGEMENTS!



The family keeps growing & growing! Two recent engagements were those of my granddaughter Rachel Ann Wright, daughter of Mike (& Linda Wright) & Susan Graesser Wright, to Stephen Sundet, formerly from Cleveland, Ohio, son of Danna & Erik Sundet, of Streetsboro, Ohio. Their wedding will be on May 24, 2015, here in Bulverde!

The other engagement is that of Alejandro Farias, son of Arturo & Eugie Farias, to Ms. Victoria de la Fuente, originally from Brownsville, daughter of Alfredo de la Fuente & the late Zaida de la Fuente. They will wed on August 15, 2015!

Rachel & Stephen live in Baytown & enjoy a bit of fishing, when they're not hard at work at their respective jobs. Rachel is in the Personnel Dept. at Higman Marine in Channelview, a company that provides customers w/safe, water-borne transportation of liquid petroleum & chemical products! Rachel & Stephen are graduates of Texas A&M, Galveston; her degree in Marine Science & his in Marine Administration. He presently works in Deer Park for Ac-cuShip, a service company that supplies operators for oil companies like Vopak & Valero.



Rachel's mom Susan is a Cardiothoracic Surgery Nurse at Audie Murphy VA Hospital; dad Mike is a retired AF Major/Navigator & presently an Instructor at Hallmark College of Aeronautics, San Antonio.



Stephen's folks, Danna & Erik, are Classical Musicians & are quite at home touring, conducting, & teaching music. They specialize in several instruments, such as Oboe, Trumpet, English Horn, etc. Danna is presently Asst. Prof. of Oboe at Kent State, while Erik is the Trumpet teacher at Kent State-at-the-Stark Campus. Welcome to the family, Danna & Erik!!

Hmmm.... There's something about that A&M Cap!





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Alejandro Farias, son of Arturo & Eugie Farias, has made it official! He & Victoria de la Fuente, both now living in Dallas, are engaged & planning their wedding for August 15, 2015! Victoria is the daughter of Alfredo de la Fuente & the late Zaida de la Fuente of Brownsville.



Alejandro & Victoria celebrated their engagement w/his dad, mom & sister, Christina. Dad Arturo is a retired bank executive & he & mom Eugie now have a successful Traveling Photo Booth business.

Victoria & Alejandro were classmates since the 6th grade & graduated from St. Joseph's Academy in Brownsville. They met again in Dallas, where she is an FTZ Manager with DHL, & where Alejandro works for ABF Freight Sys.

Victoria's dad, Alfredo de la Fuente, is President of De La Fuente Family Enterprises, LLC. The successful businessman was selected for inclusion in the 2012 edition of The Latino American Who's Who, a New York based biographical publication that selects distinguished leading Latino professionals throughout the world!

Welcome to the family, Alfredo!



A proud father dances w/his daughter, while guests at the Engagement Party smile for the camera: Christina & Suzy Farias, Susie Druker, Gonzalo Farias & Carlos Laurel.

Celebrating a big 1-8 years was Drake DeWall, w/mom Diana Alicia, & sibs Luke & Alexa. Drake is a Senior at Brandeis High School in San Antonio!!



Special Events



Over in Tampa, Owen Reed holds a BIG trophy earned by his team after winning their Conference championship! Attaboy!

Standing proud was Aubrey Wood, after receiving a Citizenship Award at her Omaha school. Brother Britton, mom & dad Laura & Brad, & grandmom Betty DeWall are very proud. This is the 2nd year in a row that Aubrey receives this award! Congrats, Aub!!



Granddaughter Cassie Reddam rec'd 2nd Place in the recent Special Olympics State Bowling Tournament in Austin. Nice going, Cassie!



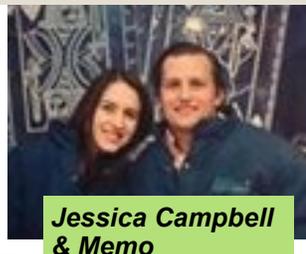
Cassie's nephew (& my great-grandson) Jesse Reddam appears to be somewhere in Las Vegas!?!



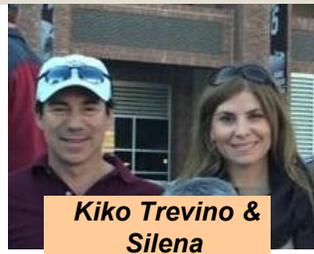
Significant People w/Significant Others !!



Honda Navarro & Kevin



Jessica Campbell & Memo



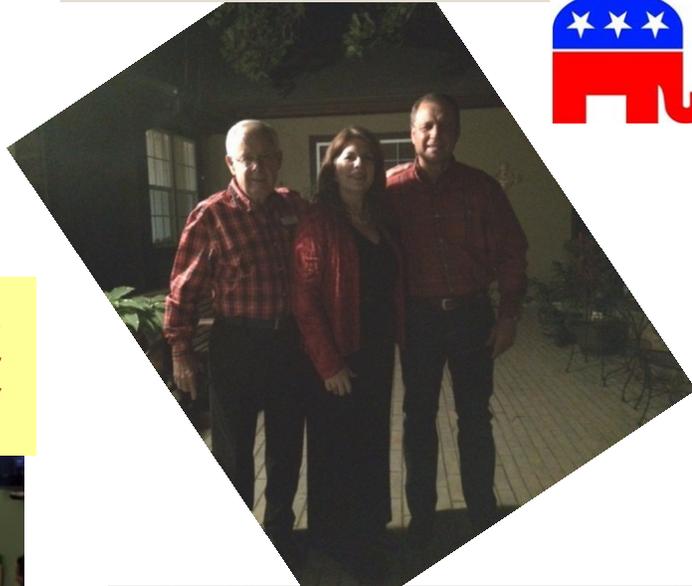
Kiko Trevino & Silena



Aric Hagy & Charlotte



Shawn & Ed Langford & good friend Johnny Lairsey — all dressed up to attend a Republican function in San Antonio!



Joshua Druker & Arthur Nolen also helped judge the Pumpkin Carving at son Uri & wife Susie's recent party, as did Hector Farias, Kathy Navarro & Ali Landis, below!



And speaking of Kathy Navarro, here she is w/hubby Orlando, who was celebrating a birthday! Feliz Cumpleaños, Orli!

The Navarros are in the photo below, also, celebrating w/friend Celestino Marino, his parents, & Farias & Hagy's, when Celestino received an award at recent Austin Film Festival for his animated film work.



Celes is w/Nickelodeon in California!

See his video AMIGO at <https://vimeo.com/89213354>

Do TWINS run in families? These pretty ladies are Eunice & Lois Cochran of Alabama, circa ???. Eunice married Paul Wright, Sr., & was the mother of Frances Varnon & Paul "Buddy" Wright, Jr., father of Mike, Steve, Shawn, Lisa & Debbie. And the only other twins in this immediate family, so far, are Matthew & Rachel Wright, children of Susan (Graesser) Wright & Mike Wright.



**Buddy in Viet Nam!
(Shot down 4 times,
but came back OK!)**

Eunice's twin Lois, who was married to D. Ezra-Hamric, did have twins: Royce Ray & Joyce Kay (dec'd). The Hamric's daughter Lois Jeanette wed a Thornhill & they had twins, Rodney & Rebecca!

Eunice's daughter, Frances & H.L. Varnon, were parents of Janet, Tommy & Jeff, but there were no twins!



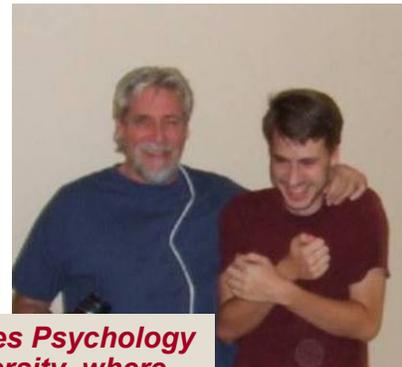
Jeff & Karen & their 5 children are all active in the Mormon faith.



Steve & Janet hiked Lookout Mountain in NE Alabama! Son Sam is not married, but daughters Jennie & Heather have 4 children between them & again, no twins!



Tom's son, Chris, teaches Psychology at Oklahoma State University, where he's also a Doctoral student.





Silly Hats, guys on Stilts, lots of shops, & lots of walking, but all-in-all, a good time!



Had never attended Wurstfest, even after living in this area for oh, so many years, & when I did, it was FUN! Lisa, Cassie & Shawn & I enjoyed the oom-pah-pah band, the German food, & especially running into folks we knew, like Cappy Felger (formerly from Laredo) & Sherri DeAngelo from Katy. If you've never been there & you like German potato pancakes, Schnitzel, or you Sprechen sie Sausage, be sure to visit next year! It lasts a whole week!





Jessica & Ramon Diez Barroso enjoyed a walk in Central Park, NYC, while Alice & Perry Reed toured Rome & other Italian sights & cities!



Which one is the mom & which is the daughter? Angelique & other family members helped celebrate Tessa Van Dyk's ??? Birthday!



Lookout, here come cousins Jake Ridgley & Robert Landis! Both are at a great age for getting into mischief!



Kids grow up so fast! This is cute Ben Kalmbach, looking so much older than when we last saw him!

Favorite brother, Meme (OK, ONLY brother), celebrated his last birthday w/ wife Norma in Laredo! At the end of this year, they'll be moving to San Antonio & he'll be really retired with nothing to do—like me!!



IN MEMORIAM



Condolences to the family & a sad goodbye to Jacqueline Frank-Geissler, who passed away on Nov. 11th. Jacque will be greatly missed by her husband Richard Geissler, her children & grandchildren, sisters Anna, Linda & Viviana, numerous nieces, nephews & other relatives & friends!

R.I.P., JACQUE!



So glad that daughter-in-law Linda Wright & brother-in-law Hector Farias are both home & recuperating from recent stays in San Antonio hospitals!!

Congrats to Alejandra (Honda) Navarro, Student Director of Shakespeare's comedy play at Georgetown University, Texas, as performed by Fine Arts students!



HAPPY THANKSGIVING, EVERYONE!!



Recent cold weather did not keep these ladies, all formerly from Laredo, from meeting for their monthly luncheon....this time at Milano's on Wurzbach in SA. It's always a pleasure to meet & greet each other & catch up on Laredo news!



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!



**02-John Post; 05-Drew McElvany;
06-Linda Wright, Mindy Galli
07-Alice Reed; 08-Reed Coffin
09-Beth Reed, Aubrey Wood, Olvido Flores,
Lily Wright;
12-Bebe Zuniga, Judith Flores
14-Jake Ridgley; 15-Victoria de la Fuente;
17-Alli Kalmbach; 18-Bobby Muller;
20-Sierra Wood; 24-Ana Farias, Todd Fox;
27-Chanel Langford, Shaefer Landis;
27-Olivia Farias; 28-Felipe Farias**