Post 5621 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 65 years of public service

Roland D. Pickert Post 5621 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 1920 North Main, Liberty, Texas

Feature Writer

On November 15, 1945, Bobby Montalvo was in the 3rd Marine Division, Fort Carson, Colorado. He was a squad leader and served in infantry. It was originally from Louisiana, but has lived in Daytona for 20 years. LeVergne worked in transportation for 40 years, and now drives the Dayton city bus. Filmore “Gunny” Williams served in 2nd Marine Corps, 20 years, retired. Williams went in the Marines in 1956 when he got out of Liberty Training School in Liberty. He retired from the Marines in 1976 in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.


“all service and ex-service men in this section who have ever fought in a foreign war in which the United States was engaged, or who have had duty outside the continental limits of this country are eligible for membership and are cordially invited to this meeting.” announced W. C. Raymond, acting commander.

The charter closed on November 27, 1945 with 127 members who paid the annual dues of $.50 that was prorated among the local state and national organization of veterans.

Dr. A. D. Delaney, Tom Calhoun and R. V. Hendrix agreed to serve on the committee to secure a permanent meeting place.

During the organization meeting at the Liberty City Courthouse, County Sheriff John F. Bauter were present.

Roland D. Pickert was elected Commander.

First Lieutenant Nolan D. Pickert was elected Post Adjutant.

On January 10, 1946, Commander Pickert was able to provide immediate assistance to disabled veterans and their families members to help pay for their medical bills.

The Liberty Ladies Auxiliary later organized to supplement the fund raising activities and often dedicated their efforts to the Texas Scottish Rite Children’s Hospital.

On January 24, 1996, the members celebrated their 50th Anniversary. In attendance were Commander B. R. Pickert, Post Commander Richard Herpin, Chaplain Wes Most, Liberty Mayor Paul Henry, District Commander Jerry Robicheaux and Liberty County District Attorney Mike Little who served as the keynote speaker.

The members of Nolan D. Pickert Post 5621 of Veterans of Foreign Wars have provided over sixty-five years of service to Liberty County veterans.

They honoredly served their country overseas and honorably helped any member of the local post in times of need. Bill Offutt served the Post with care from 1999-2000 and LeWylly Offutt served the Post with care from 2000-2001.

When they have a fundraiser, be sure to participate to pass a make a donation.

Thank you.

Editor note: the VFW Post Honor Guard has a long history and it has been organized for several decades. A history of the guard will be written for James Vietie Ogesize.

These photos will be taken as the events are preparing to travel to Crosby to be in the parade for the Vietnam War Traveling Wall Memorial.

Vietnam War Traveling Wall Memorial Crosby, Texas

SSG George Wolters, Texas State Guard, Honor Guard for the Vietnam Traveling Wall Memorial, sat up behind the American Legion Hall in Crosby, Sat., Nov. 5, 2011.

The wall is a 1/5 scale of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC, stands six feet tall and is close to 300 feet long, including the names of those who died in the Vietnam War.

Wolters started in the State Guard in 1964 before Hurricane Katrina and did Federal Service from 1975-1976 in Germany.

Wolters now lives in Webster, Texas.

Vietnam Wall Memorial Crosby, Texas

Thank you.

We appreciate what they do for us, our community and they do it with quiet dignity.

South Liberty Methodist Church Gumbo Luncheon

In Memory of the Men and Women who Served in the Vietnam War and Later Died as a Result of their Service.

We Honor and Remember their Sacrifice.

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