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MEMORIAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

As we set aside a time for a Memorial Service to honor those who departed from our midst during the past year, we herewith respectfully submit the following resolution.

WHEREAS: We desire to remember before God, our fellow firefighters who departed this life, and

WHEREAS: We desire to express our sorrow to their bereaved families,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commend the souls of the faithfully departed.
- We feel the loss of those who have given themselves unselfishly in the service of others.
- Each white flower placed upon the memorial wreath be our hallowed tribute to each departed member and each blue flower placed upon the memorial wreath be our hallowed tribute to each SFFMA Past President and each maroon flower placed upon the memorial wreath be our hallowed tribute to each SFFMA Executive Board member and each red flower placed upon the memorial wreath be our hallowed tribute to each departed member who died in the line of duty.
- Each pink flower placed upon the memorial wreath be our hallowed tribute to each departed Auxiliary Member and each yellow flower be placed upon the wreath be our hallowed tribute to each TFA Past President, and each lavender flower placed upon the memorial wreath be our hallowed tribute to each TFA Executive Board Member.
- Each Chief or representative of each department that has lost one of its members, accept a flower from the memorial wreath to be presented in turn to the bereaved family and inform the members of that family of this service held in memory of our beloved departed firefighters and TFA members.
- The memorial wreath will be placed in front of Central Station, Corpus Christi Fire Department.
- And a copy of this resolution be printed in the proceedings of the 134th Annual Training Conference and Convention of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

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William Anthony Cargile, Member

Louise Watts, Member

Chief Richard Hooks, Corpus Christi Fire Department, Liaison

Carsten Meyer, South Central District, Liaison

BELL CEREMONY



The men and women of today's fire service are confronted with a more dangerous work environment than ever before. We are forced to continually change our strategies and tactics to accomplish our tasks.

Our methods may change, but our goals remain the same as they were in the past, to save lives and to protect property, sometimes at a terrible cost. This is what we do, this is our chosen profession; this is the tradition of the fire fighter.

The fire service of today is ever changing, but is steeped in traditions 200 years old. One such tradition is the sound of a bell.

In the past, as fire fighters began their tour of duty, it was the bell that signaled the beginning of that day's shift. Throughout the day and night, each alarm was sounded by a bell, which summoned these brave souls to fight fires and to place their lives in jeopardy for the good of their fellow citizens. And when the fire was out and the alarm had come to an end, it was the bell that signaled to all the completion of that call. When a fire fighter had died in the line of duty, paying the supreme sacrifice, it was the mournful toll of the bell that solemnly announced a comrade's passing.

We utilize these traditions as symbols, which reflect honor and respect on those who have given so much and who have served so well. To symbolize the devotion that these brave souls had to their duty, a single toll represents the end of our comrades duties and that they will be returning to quarters. And so, to those who have selflessly given their lives for the good of their fellow man, their tasks completed, their duties well done, to our comrades, their last alarm, they are going home.

2010 MEMORIAL SERVICE

Prelude	Dixie Whitmore, <i>TFA Chaplain</i>
Procession	Corpus Christi Pipe and Drum Corps
Honor Guard	Corpus Christi Fire Department, Honor Guard
Call to Order	Kent Watts Jr., <i>SFFMA President</i>
Presentation of Colors	Corpus Christi Color Guard
Invocation	Carsten Meyer, <i>Chaplain South Central District</i>
Musical Selection ...	"The Rose", Adriana Garcia, <i>Edinburg Fire Dept.</i>
Memorial Resolution Reading....	Ernest O. Reesing Jr., <i>Past President 1988</i>
Bell Ceremony Reading	Ben Kennedy, <i>SFFMA Chaplain</i>
Line of Duty Death Roll Call	Patrick Hlavaty, <i>Past President 1997</i>
Firefighter Roll Call	Patrick Hlavaty, <i>Past President 1997</i>
Auxiliary Reading	Dixie Whitmore, <i>TFA Chaplain</i>
Auxiliary Roll Call	Dixie Whitmore, <i>TFA Chaplain</i>
Musical Selection	"I'll Follow You into the Dark",Adriana Garcia, <i>Edinburg Fire Department</i>
Bell Ringer.....	Corpus Christi Fire Department
Light Operator	Corpus Christi Fire Department
Placing Flowers	Crystal Sowell, <i>TFA President</i>Helen Hlavaty for Janet Barrett, <i>4th Vice President 's Widow</i>
Assisting	Louise Watts, <i>TFA Past President</i>Pam VanWinkle, <i>SFFMA Secretary's Wife</i>
Memorial Sermon	Ben Kennedy, <i>SFFMA Chaplain</i>
Musical Selection	"There You'll Be", Hilda Lomas
Benediction	Gary D. Smith, <i>Rockport Fire Department Chaplain</i>
Signal 5-5-5	Ben Kennedy, <i>SFFMA Chaplain</i>
Taps	Butch Tolbert, <i>Cuero Fire Department Fire Chief</i>
Recessional	Corpus Christi Pipe and Drum Corps
Postlude.....	Dixie Whitmore, <i>TFA Chaplain</i>



Marvin Setzer

Past President
1983

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

The State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association, the Texas Firemen's Auxiliary and all of the Firefighters of Texas suffered a tragic loss with the unexpected death of Past President Marvin Setzer.

WHEREAS: Marvin Setzer served as President of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association in 1983.

WHEREAS: Marvin Setzer dedicated his life to serving the citizens of Texas and the Firefighters of Texas.

WHEREAS: Past President Marvin Setzer will always be remembered for his dedication to training and service to his fellow man.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that this association expresses its sincere appreciation and heartfelt condolences to the Setzer family and do hereby respectfully and reverently dedicate this 134th Annual Memorial Service to the memory of Past President Marvin Setzer this 13th day of June 2010.

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Pat Barrett
4th Vice President
2009

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

The State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas, the Texas Firemen's Auxiliary and all of the Firefighters of Texas suffered a tragic loss with the unexpected death of the 4th Vice President of this Association.

WHEREAS: Pat Barrett would have served as President of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association in 2014.

WHEREAS: Pat Barrett faithfully dedicated his life and love to his family and serving Firefighters, members of his community and the State of Texas.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that this Association expresses its sincere appreciation and heartfelt condolences to the Barrett family and do hereby respectfully and reverently dedicate this 134th Annual Memorial Service to the memory of 4th Vice President Pat Barrett this 13th day of June 2010.

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In Memoriam 2010

SFFMA Past Presidents

Brazoria Fire Department

1983 Past President, Marvin Setzer.....October 26, 2009

SFFMA Executive Board

ESTI, SFFMA

2009 4th Vice President, Pat Barrett.....April 3rd, 2010

Line Of Duty

Non-Line Of Duty

Alpine Fire Department

Marlin WordMay 15, 2010

Alvin Fire Department

Joe "Gene" MillerJuly 27, 2009

Arp Fire Department

Charles MullicanJuly 8, 2009

Ballinger Fire Department

R.G. "Bobby" CudeMarch 24, 2010

Bangs Fire Department

John Putnam "Pete" Eads, Jr.May 1, 2009

Beeville Fire Department

Doyle ChildressMarch 7, 2010

Bellmead Fire Department

Kenneth Karl "Butch" Kellough, Sr.June 7, 2009

Boling Fire Department

Roberto “Berto” CeledonJanuary 30, 2010

Brownwood Fire Department

Onie Auldwin CarrollOctober 14, 2009

Brenham Fire Department

Kent Reed Van EmanSeptember 1, 2009

Bridge City Fire Department

Jerry PessonSeptember 4, 2009

Cameron Fire Department

Johnnie Thomas BarrettMarch 16, 2010

Carthage Fire Department

Cecil SistrunkMay 30, 2010

Chapel Hill Volunteer Fire Department

John W. Sparkman, Jr. (Bill)December 3, 2009

Chappell Hill Fire Department

John “Bo” SchaerAugust 24, 2007

Clute Volunteer Fire Department

Jerry GreenJune 11, 2009

Colleyville Fire Department

Robert BufeOctober 23, 2009

Conroe Fire Department

Glen Gindrup February 27, 2010

Denton Fire Department

Eldon HarralJune 11, 2009

DeSoto Fire Rescue

Murrell L. Porter.....October 26, 2009

D’Hanis Volunteer Fire Department

Sam ZerrDecember, 2009

Dixie Volunteer Fire Department

Karl Butts.....November 20, 2009

Eastland Volunteer Fire Department

Jack GrahamJune 9, 2009

Edinburg Volunteer Fire Department

Adan Cadena.....January 24, 2010
Donald Peter Gayken.....February 2, 2010

El Campo Fire Department

Les CollinsJune 8, 2010

Elgin Fire Department

Wayne Wilburn JonesJuly 29, 2009
Wilton Charles FraseOctober 3, 2009

Elm Mott Fire Department

Ann ReedApril 27, 2010

Falls City Volunteer Fire Department

Rudy DzuikJanuary 9, 2010

Gause Fire Department

Sharon JonesFebruary 19, 2010

Gilmer Fire Department

Christoper Allen CarpenterJune 21, 2008
Henry FinkAugust 1, 2009

Harlingen Fire Department

Lieutenant Rito Barrera.....January 12, 2010
Captain Edward MunizFebruary 27, 2010

Harper Volunteer Fire Department

Elbert FellerMarch 4, 2009
Elmer Lee LangeDecember 5, 2009

Hearne Fire Department

Claude TindelOctober 22,2009

Hereford Fire Department

Charles L.”Chuck” LaingApril 18, 2010

Hitchcock Volunteer Fire Department

Alan Bruce ObergNovember 14, 2009

Idalou Volunteer Fire Department

Jerry TidrowDecember 18, 2009

Jacksboro Volunteer Fire Department

Jimmy BriscoSeptember 17, 2009

Karnes City Volunteer Fire Department

Taylor BlakeneyMarch 4, 2010
Charles LopezApril 25, 2010

Kilgore Fire Department

Dale McBrideJuly 6, 2009

Latium Wesley Greenvine Fire Department

Jack ParkisonDecember 6, 1994

Linn San Manuel Fire Department

Antonio Alfaro, Jr.October 19, 2009

McAllen Fire Department

John Palmer King, Jr.December 9, 2009

McGregor Fire Department

Billy RussOctober 21, 2009
Jim SniderNovember 13, 2009
Otto HackfeldFebruary 18, 2010
Albertus “Bert” Lee, Jr.March 31, 2010

McQueeney Volunteer Fire Department

Clyde WeikertMay 15, 2010

Medina Lake Volunteer Fire Department

Gilbert WellsJanuary 13, 2010

Milano Fire Department

Elvin Alory CampbellDecember 30, 2009
L.B. Blake, Sr.January 8, 2010

Mineral Wells Volunteer Fire Department

Arthur Lasater SchulteJuly 14, 2009
Elfred Allen “Squeaky” FryerSeptembter 8, 2009

Moody Fire Department

J.P. RossNovember 9, 2009
David CulpepperDecember 12, 2009

Northwest Volunteer Fire Department

Wes ColeJune 19, 2009

Odessa Fire Department

James R. WiggsJanuary 15, 2010

Pleasanton Fire Department

Fred W. KrauseMay 15, 2010

Prairie Hill Fire Department

Cort CostelloSeptember 17, 2009

Ranger Fire Department

Adam Diaz LopezApril 21, 2010

Refugio Volunteer Fire Department

John GillDecember 25, 2008

Reisel Fire Department

Walter KuehlJanuary 1, 2010

Rockdale Fire Department

Clayton EvansJune 21, 2009

Henry Nelson MuellerMarch 20, 2010

Rockport Volunteer Fire Department

John “Johnny” Ray, Jr.June 10, 2010

Rosebud Fire Department

William James Rolan Bell, Jr.January 6, 2010

San Felipe - Frydek Volunteer Fire Department

George ListerApril 14, 2010

Sansom Park Fire Department

Mike WasserNovember 19, 2009

Seminole Volunteer Fire Department

Robert Anthony Alvarado, Jr.October 9, 2009

Seguin Fire Department

Marvin WillkeDecember 13, 2009

South Houston Fire Department

Eugene “Bubba” Savell.....February 9, 2010

Southside Place Fire Department

Stephen Thomas CassiasJanuary 3, 2010

Yoakum Fire Department

John HoughJune 2, 2010

SFFMA Staff

Leroy “Skip” Hahn.....October 25, 2009

TEEX, Industrial School Guest Instructor

Melvin Schmidt.....November 22, 2009

Texas Department of Emergency Management

Jack ColleyMay 17, 2010

Texas Firemen's Auxiliary

TFA Past Presidents

Childress Fire Department

1950 Past President, Frances BallewMay 22, 2009

Edcouch Fire Department

1964 TFA Past President, Nelle L. Leggett.....January 21, 2010

Del Rio Fire Department

1980 TFA Past President, Peggy Acosta.....March 8, 2010

Auxiliary Members

Anson Fire Department

Annetta SimmonsApril 29, 2009

Beeville Fire Department

Mary DenkelerApril 10, 2010

El Campo Fire Department

Lucy CollinsJanuary 4, 2010

Elgin Fire Department

Glenda SwensonMarch 2010

Milano Fire Department

Eva Standard StrongOctober 18, 2009

Overton Fire Department

Judy WhiteJune 11, 2009

Rockdale Fire Department

Louise RichardsNovember 24, 2009

Taps, The Beginning...

During the Civil War, in July 1862 when the Army of the Potomac was in camp, Brig. Gen. Daniel Butterfield summoned Pvt. Oliver Wilcox Norton, his brigade bugler, to his tent. Butterfield, who disliked the colorless "extinguish lights" call then in use, whistled a new tune and asked the bugler to sound it for him. After repeated trials and changing the time of some notes which were scribbled on the back of an envelope, the call was finally arranged to suit Gen. Butterfield and used for the first time that night. Pvt. Norton, who on several occasions, had sounded numerous new calls composed by his commander, recalled his experience of the origin of "Taps" years later:

"One day in July 1862 when the Army of the Potomac was in camp at Harrison's Landing on the James River, Virginia, resting and recruiting from its losses in the seven days of battle before Richmond, Gen. Butterfield summoned the writer to his tent, and whistling some new tune, asked the bugler to sound it for him. This was done, not quite to his satisfaction at first, but after repeated trials, changing the time of some of the notes, which were scribbled on the back of an envelope, the call was finally arranged to suit the general.

"He then ordered that it should be substituted in his brigade for the regulation "Taps" (extinguish lights) which was printed in the Tactics and used by the whole army. This was done for the first time that night. The next day buglers from nearby brigades came over to the camp of Butterfield's brigade to ask the meaning of this new call. They liked it, and copying the music, returned to their camps, but it was not until some time later, when generals of other commands had heard its melodious notes, that orders were issued, or permission given, to substitute it throughout the Army of the Potomac for the time-honored call which came down from West Point.

In the western armies the regulation call was in use until the autumn of 1863. At that time the XI and XII Corps were detached from the Army of the Potomac and sent under command of Gen. Hooker to reinforce the Union Army at Chattanooga, Tenn. Through its use in these corps it became known in the western armies and was adopted by them. From that time, it became and remains to this day the official call for "Taps."

Gen. Butterfield, in composing this call and directing that it be used for "Taps" in his brigade, could not have foreseen its popularity and the use for another purpose into which it would grow.

Taps

Day is done.
Gone the sun.
From the lakes
From the hills.
From the sky.
All is well.
Safely rest.
God is nigh.

Fading light.
Dims the sight.
And a star.
Gems the sky.
Gleaming bright.
From afar.
Drawing nigh.
Falls the night.

Thanks and praise.
For our days.
Neath the sun
Neath the stars.
Neath the sky

As we go.
This we know.
God is nigh.....