



THE AMERICAN LEGION



**Ninth Annual
Memorial Day Ceremony
Noon May 30, 2011
Arlington Elks Lodge #2114
in cooperation with
V.F.W. Post 8561
and
American Legion Post 60**

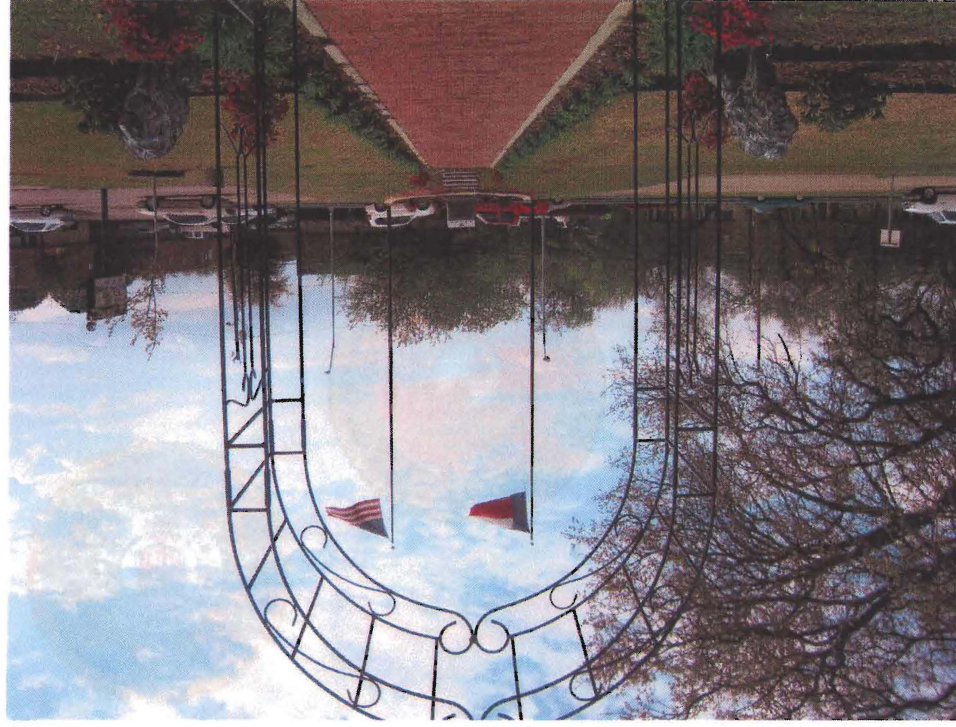


MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

- Flag Raising.....Jim Speer and Donn Morris
- Pledge of Allegiance..... Ron Townsend
- Presentation of Wreaths:
- George Paradise, Exalted Ruler.....Elks Lodge 2114
- Glenn Talley, Commander VFW Post 8561
- Rick Norman, Commander American Legion Post 60
- National Anthem..... Saint Mathews
- Post Colors Boy Scout Troop 396
- Introduction of Exalted Ruler Ron Townsend
- Welcoming of Guests..... George Paradise, ER
- Invocation..... Viola Lindsay
- Introduction of Veterans..... Ron Townsend
- Intro of Guest Speaker.....Sgt. Major Frank Riojas
- Guest Speaker.....Major General James L. Williams
- U. S. M. C.
- My Country 'Tis' of Thee Saint Mathews
- Benediction..... Viola Lindsay
- Retire the Colors
- Taps..... Roberto Torres & Ashley Lewis
- A.H.S. Band
- Bag Pipes Clarence Crain

Just a Common Soldier

He was getting old and paunchy, and his hair was falling fast. And he sat around the Legion telling stories of the past. Of a war that he had fought in and the deeds that he had done, In his exploits with his buddies they were heroes, everyone. And though sometimes to his neighbors, his tales became a joke, All his legion buddies listened, for they knew whereof he spoke. But we'll hear his tales no longer, for old Bill has passed away, And the world's a little poorer for a soldier died today. He was just a common soldier, and his ranks are growing thin, But his presence should remind us we may need his like again. For when countries are in conflict, then we find the soldier's part Is to clean up all the troubles that others often start. If we cannot give him honor while he's here to hear the praise, Then at least let's give him homage at the ending of his days. Perhaps a simple notice in a paper that would say, "Our Country is in mourning, 'cause a Soldier passed away"





To an
AMERICAN HERO
on Memorial Day 2011

On this Memorial Day,
we honor those who gave their lives
defending our way of life.

As we remember their sacrifices,
we appreciate more than ever your willingness
to risk your own life for our country.

God bless you, and God bless America!

Sincerely,

Norman and Anna Thoms

Dr Norman Thoms



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