

Leo Harris

Vietnam Veteran

Leo Z. Harris Jr., of Midwest City, served in the Vietnam Veteran as an Army Ranger and with the long-range reconnaissance patrol.

He completed three tours and received multiple medals including 3 purple hearts and 2 bronze stars.

He survived a direct hit with RPG and being shot 26 times.



Everett 'Lloyd' Smithson

Command Chief Master Sergeant Everett "Lloyd" Smithson. He served in the U.S Airforce and Air National Guard for 37 years. Chief Smithson, as most people call him, is a proud American and Mustang Resident. He continues to serve his country as the Survivor Outreach Coordinator, for the metro area, making sure that soldiers families are taken care of in the event that they are killed. His current position is served with pride, as he continues to make a difference in our country and within our military. He has been married for 47 years to Judy Smithson (pictured) and has 4 children, 13 grandchildren, and one great Granddaughter. The tradition of serving our country is being passed down from generation to generation. Chief



Smithson's mother and father both served in the marine corps and now has two grandchildren who serve in our military one in the Airforce and one in the Navy.

Corporal Christopher Dukes

Corporal Christopher Dukes is a 2015 graduate of Carl Albert Hight School and is now serving in the U.S. Marines in the Marine Security Group.



Joe Butler

At the age of 17 Joe Butler started his military career enlisting in the South Carolina Army National Guard in 1978. His career is still going on as he is the Public Affairs Officer for American Legion, Post 170 in Midwest City.

His goal right now is to get the Down Range Grill: Memorial Kitchen complete dedicated to the memory of all those who served our country.

However, in the past at age 17 he had other goals. He served in various units and in multiple states providing medical support and training missions until his deployment to Iraq. At the end of his tours of duty, SFC Butler became a Medical Instructor teaching those critical skills to other soldiers before heading into theater of operations. He retired from AGR service in 2011.

His tour of duty as a Combat Medic in Iraq is one of compassion and survival. On June 9, 2007, a rocket attack on FOB Bucca, led to mass casualties with 66 wounded and 6 dead. SFC Butler's combat medical skills were tested on this day. He was credited with saving many lives during his tours.

He knows what it is like to lose friends and fellow soldiers



Joe Butler
Retired US Army 1978-2011

and he wants to be sure they are remembered.

He feels the American Legion, Down Range Grill in the Memorial Kitchen is one way they can pay tribute to all Veterans. The kitchen is almost complete and will soon have a dedication. Midwest City Mayor Matt Dukes will be doing the dedication.

The entire American Legion Hall is being renovated and the dining room with a new beautiful mural will be smoke free for all the guests.

For more information how you can become a part of this and maybe volunteer sometime, contact Joe Butler 405-541-8157.



Cecil Hale, 1941-46
Army, Korea, WWII



Tom Crow, 1942-45
Navy, Pacific