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Six Fallen Warriors Portraits to be Presented at Collin County Commissioners Court

McKinney, Texas, May 30, 2017 – The Collin County Fallen Warrior Portrait Project will present the portraits of six Collin County young men who died while in the service of our country at the next meeting of County Commissioners Court, June 5, 2017, at Collin County Administration Building, 2300 Bloomdale Rd., Suite 4192, McKinney, Texas.

The six portraits will be added to the 42 already on permanent display in the “Hall of Heroes” of the Collin County Courthouse, 2100 Bloomdale Road, McKinney. There are 385 names engraved on the “Wall of Honor” at the Collin County Veterans Memorial Park in McKinney, and the goal of the project is to put as many faces as possible with those names. The six heroes to be honored are:

RICHARD P. RUSH, McKinney, Seaman 1st Class US Navy, Killed in Action December 7, 1941, in the sinking of the battleship, *USS Arizona* during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. His name is listed on the memorial in Hawaii.

LOYD MCGRAW, McKinney, Tech/Sgt. US Army, 99th Infantry Division. Killed in Action at the Battle of the Bulge in WWII in the winter of 1944, in the Ardennes Forest in Belgium.

LLOYD R. McCRARY, Farmersville, Pvt. 20th Combat Engineers, 49th Infantry Division, 7th Army. Killed in Action in Europe, April, 1945, during WWII.

CHARLES L. KING 28, Prosper, Spc. 5th Class, US Army, 3rd Brigade, 47th Infantry Division, Mobil Riverine Force. Killed in Action June 4, 1969, in South Vietnam.

ERIC DUCKWORTH, 26, Plano, Staff/Sgt. US Army, 759th Military Police Battalion, 89th Military Police Brigade. Died of wounds sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle October 10, 2007, in Baghdad, Iraq.

TIMOTHY BARBER, 18, McKinney, 4th Class Cadet at the United States Air Force Academy. Killed in a plane crash December 31, 2016, in McKinney. While home on leave, in a small private plane piloted by his father, a retired Air Force Lt. Colonel, it was struck by another aircraft and crashed in the middle of Custer Road. He and his father are buried at the Air Force Academy in Colorado.

The “Collin County Fallen Warrior Portrait Project” is privately funded and sponsored by American Legion “Bill Bryan” Post 110, VFW “Lone Star” Post 2150 and Collin County Freedom Fighters.com. The portraits are created by McKinney artist and US Air Force veteran, Colin Kimball, who donates his time and talents to this historic project.

For more information go to www.ccfreedomfighters.com.



Richard P. Rush



Loyd McGraw



Lloyd McCrary



Charles L. King



Eric Duckworth



Timothy Barber

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