

**An order of the Commissioners Court approving the filing of the June 6, 2022 minutes.**

On Monday, June 6, 2022, the Commissioners Court of Collin County, Texas, met in Special Session in the West Hallway, First Level, of the Russell A. Steindam Courts Building, 2100 Bloomdale Road, City of McKinney, Texas, with the following members present, and participating, to wit:

Judge Chris Hill  
Commissioner Susan Fletcher, Precinct 1  
Commissioner Darrell Hale, Precinct 3  
Commissioner Duncan Webb, Precinct 4

Absent: Commissioner Cheryl Williams, Precinct 2

Former Judge Keith Self led the Invocation  
Paul Reid led Pledge of Allegiance  
Bill Mills led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag

1. Judge Hill called to order the meeting of the **Collin County Commissioners Court Special Session** at 11:00 a.m. and adjourned the meeting at 11:16 p.m.

**2. Public Comments.**

Judge Hill said the Hall of Heroes began ten years ago. Together, the Commissioners and the men who put the project in place, R.D. Foster, Vietnam Veteran, and Colin Kimball, McKinney artist and U.S. Air Force veteran, have now gifted 88 portraits to the County. The Judge said he is not familiar with another county that does this, and he is proud of what was started and has continued to grow. Remembering the men and women of this County who have made the ultimate sacrifice is an important legacy. The Judge thanked everyone for being there to honor the heroes.

Mr. Foster said Mr. Kimball was unable to be present due to his father's passing over the weekend. Mr. Foster presented the six portraits of Collin County fallen warriors to be put on permanent display at the Russell A. Steindam Courts Building.

Jerral W. Derryberry, 23, Frisco, McKinney High School class of 1937, U.S. Army Air Corps, Captain, Pilot of B-17 Flying Fortress, 391<sup>st</sup> Bomber Squadron, 34<sup>th</sup> Air Group was killed in a B-24 crash on June 12,

1943, two miles west of Soledad, CA. Mr. Derryberry had a wife and was the brother of Lee Derryberry. He is buried at Pecan Grove Cemetery in McKinney, TX.

Lee Harold Derryberry, 22, Frisco, McKinney High School class of 1938, U.S. Army, Corporal, Troop A, 5<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division was killed-in-action on November 29, 1944, on Leyte Island in the Philippines and was buried there. In September 1948, his body was returned and reburied at the Pecan Grove Cemetery in McKinney. Lee and Jerral Derryberry were brothers.

Howell Lloyd Lacy, 23, Altoga, U.S. Army, Tech/Sgt., 23<sup>rd</sup> Infantry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division landed in Normandy on D-Day. Howell was killed-in-action on July 13, 1944, in France. He is buried at Restland Memorial Park in Dallas, TX.

Jasper T. Smith, 25, Blue Ridge, U.S. Army Air Corps, Tech/Sgt, Radio Technician with 702<sup>nd</sup> Bomb Squadron was killed-in-action on April 1, 1944, when his heavily damaged plane went down near the village of Long Stratton near his home base of Tibenham in Norfolk, England. He was one of six crewmembers who died. Mr. Smith was reburied at Pecan Grove Cemetery in McKinney in 1948.

Gwynn L. Anderson, 19, McKinney High School class of 1942, U.S. Navy, Coxswain, was killed-in-action while serving on the U.S.S. Franklin CV-13 on March 19, 1945. The Franklin was the closest ship to the Japanese mainland securing a position 50 miles from Japan to launch strike missions. While on station, the ship was struck by a single Japanese bomber plane in a Kamikaze attack killing 807 of her crew and wounding an additional 487. The U.S.S. Franklin had the highest number of casualties of any warship that survived in WWII. It was second only to the U.S.S. Arizona which was sunk at Pearl Harbor. Gwynn's name is listed on the Tablets of the Missing at Honolulu Memorial.

Martin Leroy Rodgers, 18, Prosper, U.S. Army, Specialist 4, helicopter crewman, D Troop, 3rd Squadron, 5th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 1st Aviation Brigade, known as "Lighthorse" was killed July 26, 1970, when his helicopter went down in the Mekong River. He drowned while waiting for rescue. Martin was the youngest Army helicopter crewman to die in Vietnam. He is buried at Ridgeview Memorial Park in Allen, TX.

Mr. Foster thanked everyone for attending and said they will present more portraits for Veterans Day. (Time: 11:15 a.m.)

3. Consent Agenda to approve:

a. AI-52120 Accept the donation of portraits of Collin County heroes, Commissioners Court.

Judge Hill thanked Mr. Foster and Mr. Kimball and said they do these portraits as volunteers. Both men have given the County their time and effort to research and bring these portraits to life. All of the work that goes into these portraits is volunteered and donated to the County. The actual printing and framing of the portraits are done through donations. The Judge said anyone who would like to make a donation towards this effort to eventually have all 431 names on the walls of the County Courthouse can do so by seeing a Court member or Mr. Foster. A motion was made to accept the donation of portraits of Collin County heroes. (Time: 11:16 a.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

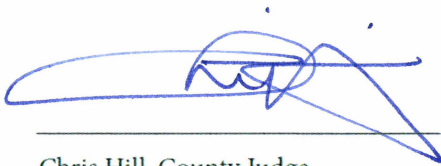
Second by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Vote: 4 – 0 Passed

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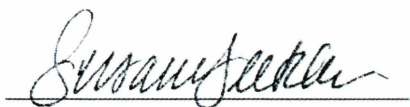
The Court did not recess into Executive Session. There being no further business of the Court, Judge Hill adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m.



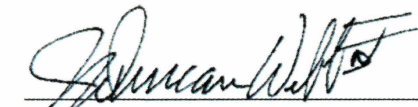
Chris Hill, County Judge



Darrell Hale, Commissioner, Pct 3



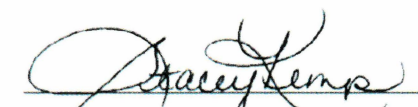
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ATTEST: Stacey Kemp, County Clerk