Granbury CM

MAY 2013

Sharing Military History

Cordell Hall volunteers his time to keep battle stories alive

Picture Perfect

At Home With Windle and Linn Harper

Plus:
Aha Moments
Quality Matters
In the Kitchen With Judy Trivett

Publisher, Connie Poirier

General Manager, Rick Hensley

EDITORIAL

Managing Editor, Becky Walker Granbury Editor, Melissa Rawlins Editorial Coordinator, Sandra Strong Editorial Assistant, Beverly Shay Writers, Lisa Bell . Amber Browne Jace Foreman . Betty Tryon Editors/Proofreaders, Pat Anthony Pamela Parisi

GRAPHICS AND DESIGN

Creative Director, Chris McCalla Artists, Julie Carpenter . Casey Henson Martha Macias . Felipe Ruiz Arlene Honza . Brande Morgan Shannon Pfaff

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography Director, Jill Rose Photographers, Michelle Winters Vanessa Polozola

ADVERTISING

Advertising Representatives, Linda Dean . Judy Trivett . Rick Ausmus Teresa Banks . Laura Fira . Bryan Frye Melissa McCoy . Vicki Meeks Lisa Miller . Carolyn Mixon . Jami Navarro Lori O'Connell . John Powell Steve Randle . Linda Roberson

Billing Manager, Angela Mixon

ON THE COVER



Cordell Hall, no stranger to war, serves up history at the U.S. Veterans Museum.

Photo by Vanessa Polozola.

CONTENTS May 2013 • Volume 2, Issue 5



6 **Sharing Military History**

At the U.S. Veterans Museum, Cordell Hall shares his knowledge of weapons and war.



12 Picture Perfect At Home With Windle and Linn Harper.

18 Aha Moments

Dawn Bradley's digital and interactive media class has a strong track record.



22 BusinessNOW

26 Around TownNOW

28 CookingNOW

GranburyNOW is a NOW Magazines, L.L.C. publication. Copyright © 2013. All rights reserved. GranburyNOW is published monthly and individually mailed free of charge to homes and businesses in the Granbury ZIP codes.

Subscriptions are available at the rate of \$35 per year or \$3.50 per issue. Subscriptions should be sent to: NOW Magazines, P.O. Box 1071, Waxahachie, TX 75168. For advertising rates or editorial correspondence, call (817) 279-0013 or visit www.nowmagazines.com.

Sharing MILITARY LISTORY

— By Amber D. Browne

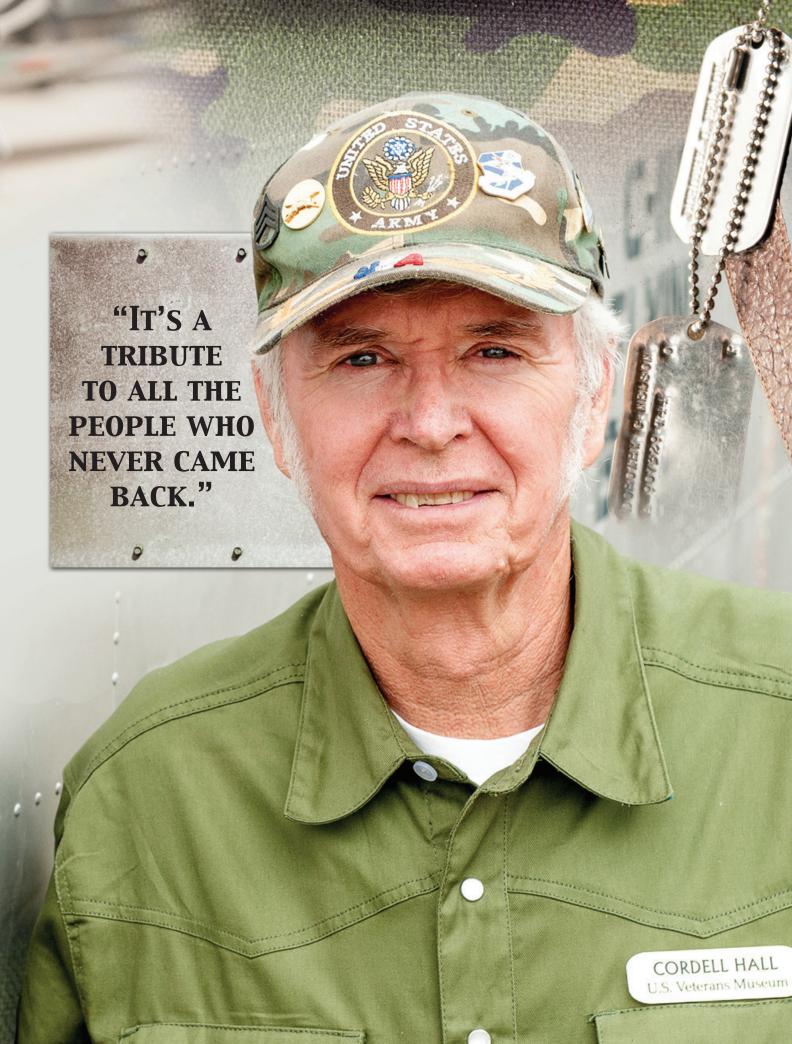
Military life has been a part of Cordell Hall's family for decades. He has dated his family tree back to the Revolutionary War, and that fact is part of what drives his interest in military memorabilia. Cordell collected enough military items over the years to fill a 30×40-foot, two-story space. He started his collections with a few World War II items from his father, Private First Class Jesse Hall, who served in the Fourth Infantry Division. Cordell, who served in the Air Force, began to buy flight wings at flea markets, and it went on from there. 'It just kinda grew on me and got out of hand. That's what my wife says," he joked.

When he heard about the plan to open the U.S. Veterans Museum in Granbury five years ago, his wife, Linda, knew they had found the perfect place to house some of his collection. When Cordell first saw the space on Thorpe Springs Road, he knew he had his work cut out for him. "It was dark, dingy and rough." So, Cordell decided to step in as a volunteer and clean up the old feed store. Carpenters built walls inside the metal building to make show rooms. The local Brookshire's grocery store donated some of its old ceiling tiles for use inside the museum. Cabinets, also donated, line the museum's walls filled with war keepsakes.

with war keepsakes.

Many veterans have spent hours at the museum, helping to organize the hundreds of pieces of memorabilia that come in on a regular basis. "You get to know these people, and they're just like friends," Cordell said. Family members of veterans who have passed on drop off medals and uniforms to keep the memory of their loved ones alive. "They're ordinary people who have done extraordinary things.

A lot of people say that, but it's true," Cordell said. Having heard his share of war stories over the years, he

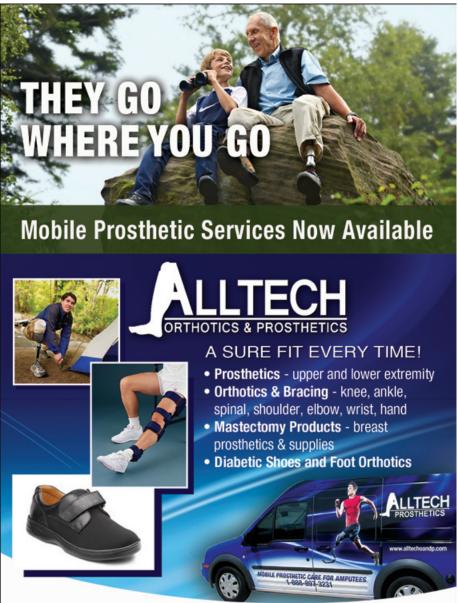




We Can Sell LOWER Because Our Over Head is LOWER! **817.341.7240**



14324 BAKER RD. WEATHERFORD



306 S. Morgan | Granbury 817-573-9333

2781 Wilshire Blvd. | Burleson 817-484-9699

Most Insurances Accepted, Including Medicare and Medicaid

www.alltechop.com

enjoys sharing them with people who visit. Cordell is always happy to give a tour to anyone who drops by.

Cordell's father-in-law, Staff Sergeant Eugene Richardson, fought at the Battle of the Bulge in 1945. "He came faceto-face to one German, who had him in



his crosshairs," he said, adding that his father-in-law froze. "He said, 'I can still see that German smiling at me, but he didn't pull the trigger. I got out of there as fast as I could."

Cordell is no stranger to war himself. He grew up in rural Kentucky and moved to Texas after graduating from

high school. His cousin was in the Air Force and encouraged Cordell to join in 1966 before he got drafted. "When I went to enlist in the Air Force, I found out I had been drafted. I don't know how they did it, but I got released from the Army to the Air Force." Asked where he wanted to go, Cordell chose then-Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth and asked to be stationed in Europe. He didn't get his wish. He trained in North Dakota and was stationed in Guam, where he worked on B-52 and KC-135

jet engines. Cordell thought often about getting back home on U.S. soil. "It was a lot of hard work, but I had some fun and met some nice people over there."

He was released from service in December 1970 and entered the work force. The military crept back into his life in 1981, when he joined the 49th Armored Division. "I had a ball. It was hot, hard and tiring, but I met a lot of guys and a lot of friends." Cordell went on two weekend drills with the division each month until 1986.

Although educating others about veterans' personal war stories comes easily for Cordell, sometimes, it can be



difficult to share his own experiences. He lost four lifelong friends in Vietnam. "I tell everybody, they're still young," he said. "There are a lot of other guys who did a lot more than I did." And, that's why Cordell spends so many hours volunteering at the museum. "It's a tribute to all the people who never came back. And the ones who came back, who still have a lot of problems. And

the ones that don't," he explained. "It's just in me to help people, especially those who can't help themselves."

Cordell was diagnosed with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia three years ago. "I had a hard time with it for about a week," he confessed. He could have a bone marrow transplant, but there is no



known cure for the disease. "At least I know now when I'm going to go." His wife Linda has had a hard time dealing with the diagnosis, but Cordell tells her they have to live each day like it's the last.

And, Cordell spends his days doing what he enjoys. Each day he learns more about weapons from various wars and hears other's personal experiences.



Weatherford Access Center

220 Ft. Worth Hwy Ste. 125 Weatherford, Texas 76086 Phone: 817-599-6307 Fax: 817-599-6309 w millwoodhospital com

Serving our Community since 2008, the Weatherford Access Center provides the first step to a full continuum of care to support patients and treatment providers in our community. We offer no-cost clinical assessments 24/7, leading you or your loved ones to quality referrals for mental health and substance abuse treatment.

Our services include:

- · Crisis Stabilization by a Masters level Licensed Clinician
- · 24/7 assessments for appropriate level of care
- · Weekly Group Therapy for Adults at the Weatherford office
- · Access to community resources for aftercare treatment

Our mobile assessment team can be dispatched to professional locations throughout Parker, Hood, Somervell, Erath, Palo Pinto and surrounding counties. Assessments can also be scheduled with a clinician and performed at the Weatherford Access office by appointment.

A HOME you deserve, with the SERVICE you expect, at a price you can AFFORD. Welcome Home to Gardens of De Cordova Raising the Bar on 55 or Better Independent



Adult Living!

Spacious 2 Bedroom/2 Bath Apartment Homes 2 Car Garages with Remote Access

Please call 817-910-1230 today for your personal Tour!



Call 817.910.1230 to Move into Your New Home Today!

DIRECTIONS

From Hwy. 377 go south on Hwy. 167, turn right (west) on North Gate Rd. Gardens of DeCordova will be on the right approximately 1/2 mile from the Acton post office.





Gardens of de Cordov

5413 Garden Circle, Granbury, Texas 76049 Visit our website at www.gardensofdecordova.com



WHERE THE **COMFORTS OF HOME SURROUND YOU**

...and friends are always near

Join the many happy residents of Lakestone Terrace and enjoy our beautiful Lakefront community on the shores of Lake Granbury. Our monthly rates start at \$1,700 and include three meals a day, scheduled transportation, weekly housekeeping, daily social activities, a certified fitness instructor and so much more!

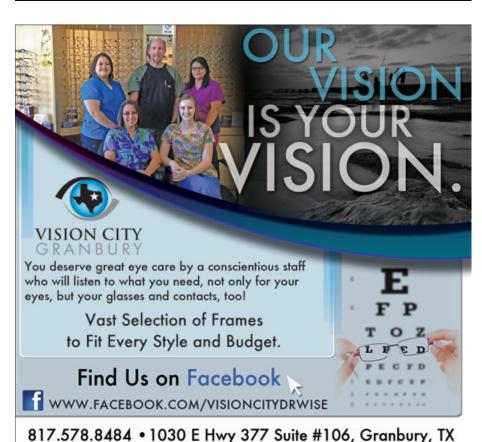


Cottages & Independent Living

916 East Hwy. 377, Granbury, TX 76048 (817) 573-1214 www.LakestoneTerrace.com

A Legend Retirement Corp. Community





WWW.VISIONCITYGRANBURY.COM

Cordell had the pleasure of getting to know World War II veteran and longtime museum supporter, Al Getchell. Al passed away recently, but Cordell remembers him fondly. "He kept us going all the time." Cordell's wife even called him sweetheart. Photos of Al can be seen in the museum with his uniforms and patches. His ashes were even placed into a torpedo and launched into the Pacific Ocean off of Hawaii. "So, he's back out there," Cordell said. "It's people like that – I've met so many people."

The museum has really come together and includes several rooms dedicated to all of the wars, with the exception of the Revolutionary War. Tom Green also volunteers at the museum and works each day to organize and display the military memorabilia. From machine guns and



a Civil War canon to uniforms and a C-119 aircraft outside, the U.S. Veterans Museum has plenty of history to offer. "It just goes on and on and on!" Cordell exclaimed. One of his favorite pieces is a metal helmet from World War II. One side has a small bullet hole, and the other side has about a two-inch wide hole where the bullet escaped. "It's what it stands for. That guy was killed at the Battle of the Bulge," Cordell explained. "He never knew another step."

The museum sponsors events throughout the year, including Memorial Day. Volunteers displayed 1,000 flags in a field in Granbury last Memorial Day. Although maintaining volunteer help and funding can be challenging, Cordell plans to do what he can to help keep the museum up and running. "It's just something you've got to do," he said. "There's something that just won't let me leave." NOW

Editor's Note: For more information, visit www.usveteransmuseum.com.