

## 2007 Salute to Veterans

### King enjoys retirement after 36 years



San Antonio, TX. - Jay Lee King, formerly of Rusk, is enjoying retirement after 36 years with the U. S. Government. After graduation, he and four other members of the Bradford graduating class of 1965 joined the U. S. Air Force. They were the late Ellis Ira Parks, the late Richard Session, Charles Bradley and Leon Hart. Three of them were stationed together the first four years.

During his military career he served in Viet Nam, Thailand, Germany, and the Phillipines two times. State Side he served in Kansas, Oklahoma, California, and Alabama. His last assignment was really a great experience. He was with the Presidential Wing in

Washington D. C. He got a chance to see first hand how our government works.

After retirement from the Air Force in 1985 he decided to return to his home state of Texas, settling in San Antonio. He became employed with the government as a civilian, doing the same job he had done in the military. In 2001 he retired again, with more than 36 years with the government.

He is married to Vivian Hatcher and they have two daughters and four grandchildren, two girls and two boys.

His daughters followed in his footsteps. One works for the state of Texas and the other works for the state of Tennessee.

Since retiring, he enjoys traveling and recording C D's from his old collection of reel to reel music and albums. Some of his accomplishments are: Airforce Presidential Unit Citation, Viet Nam Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, Air Force Good Conduct Medal with five oak leaf clusters, Air Force Outstanding unit award with one oak leaf cluster, National Defence Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Airforce Longevity Service Ribbon with three oak leaf clusters, Republic of Viet Nam Gallantry, Republic of Viet Nam Campaign Medal, and small arms expert marksman-ship. Jay Lee retired MSgt. (E 7)

### Oliver Bradley received Purple Heart

Lufkin, TX. - Oliver Bradley, Jr. - U. S. Navy, 1943-1946- S-2 Division Troop CV16- Served aboard a new ship commissioned the USS Lexington. The old one known as the Blue Ghost sank. Mr. Bradley served his country well.

The Meritorious achievement of and above that required by his rating, in connection with operations against the enemy, from 17 February 1943 to the cessation of hostilities and the surrender of the Japanese Government. He performed his duties in an exceptional manner. His outstanding industry and sense of responsibility were an inspiration to his shipmates. During this time, he served with distinction as a member of an anti-aircraft gun crew. On 4 December 1943, when the ship was hit by a torpedo, with complete disregard for his personal safety, he entered a smoke filled ready service room and carried a wounded Marine to a battle dressing station. His personal bearing, military conduct, and performance of duty were at all times in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Navy.

He is currently looking for any member of the troop who might have served with him between 1943 and 1946.

The USS Lexington is currently in moth balls in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Byron Bennett, Arlington, TX. - U. S. Army; 1967-1969; Viet Nam; Purple Heart, Bronze Star

Jessie B. Lindsey - San Antonio, TX. - U. S. Navy 1968 -1970 Served Viet Nam

Rosalyn Brown - Rusk, Texas - U. S. Marines May 1990 - June 2001.

Willie King, Houston, TX.- United States Army, 1965 - 1967- Served in Viet Nam.

Clarence Kelly - Rusk, Texas - United States Army 1971- 1975

Lonell Glenn, Virginia Beach Virginia, U. S. Navy - 1971 - 1998

William Fuller, Rusk, TX. ;U. S. Army - 2 years. served in South East Asia.

Jerry Wickware- Illinois, U. S. Army 1965 - 1967. Served Viet Nam.

Willie Glenn, Dallas, U. S. Army 1965 - 1969.

Earnest Glenn, Dallas, TX, U. S. Army 1968 - 1971.

Frenchie Henderson, Rusk, Tx.; U. S. Army 1953-1955.

Leon Hart, Houston, Texas U. S. Army 1965 - 1968, served in Alaska & Thailand.

Charles Bradley, Rusk, TX. - U. S. Army, 1965 - 1969; Served in Thailand & Las Vegas.

Melvin Session, Rusk, TX.- U. S. Army 1966 - 1968; served Ogsburg, Germany.

Darryl Vallier, Durham, North Carolina; United States Air Force, 1965 - 1969.

D. C. Waggoner, Rusk, TX. - U. S. Army; 1951 - 1958.

Walter Session, Rusk, Tx. -1962-1965 - Served in Germany. U. S. Army.

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