



24th Annual Veterans Day Celebration

Presented by Sugar Land Rotary Club
November 11, 2020
12 noon to 1:00 p.m.
Sugar Creek Country Club



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Registration and Reception

Opening Remarks – President Todd Breton

Invocation

4-Way Test

Posting of Colors – Bush High School NJROTC

National Anthem – Shane Blume, Ft Bend Music Center

Pledge of Allegiance

Meal

Elected Officials and Proclamations

Missouri City

Sugar Land

The Court Award

Recognition of the Branches of the Military

Guest Speakers

Donald Smithers

Texas Air National Guard State Command Chief #5

Patrick A. Houck

Master Sergeant, U.S.M.C. (Retired)

Closing

Remarks – President Todd Breton

Taps

Don Smithers

Resident of Sugar Land Since 1976

Retired as engineering manager at Southwestern Bell Telephone in 1991

Served on Sugar Land City Council 1997-2003 and 2009-2013

Former member of Rosenberg Rotary Club -17 years, Past President and Paul Harris Fellow

Served in U.S. Air force on active duty for 4 years (1954-1958)

Member of the Air International Guard for 27 years – retired as State Command Chief for Texas Air National Guard in 1992.

“During my years affiliated with the military I was considered a Cold War Veteran because I was too young for Korea. I went on active duty at the end of the Korean Conflict and I was in the Air Guard during Vietnam and the guard was not mobilized and I retired from the guard at the start of the Gulf War. In some ways I felt fortunate about not being involved in war but on the other hand, I felt like I had missed out.”

Patrick A. Houck

Served in the U.S. Marine Corps on Active Duty for 21 years – Retired 1 November 2020 as a Master Sergeant (E8)*

Deployed to Al Anbar province, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.
Deployed to Kunar province, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Previously stationed in California, Hawaii, New Orleans, and Japan.

“During my years of service I specialize in Food Service and Logistics. In Food Service, feeding a large amount of war fighters a nutritious hot meal anywhere in the world in a short amount of time was our primary responsibility. Being in Food Service and the Marine Corps has given experience in project and program management, process improvement, and leadership.

I was also afforded the opportunity to be a human resource representative, formal school instructor, and volunteer.”