

AGENDA ITEM 15

Consider approving proclamation in recognition of Iwo Jima Day.

Moved: **Commissioner Boatright**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To approve proclamation in recognition of Iwo Jima Day.

Vote: 4 - 0 with Commissioner Limmer absent from the dais.

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Incorporated by act of Congress
August 4, 1937



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

National Headquarters
Williamson County Detachment
125 Grist Mill Loop
Georgetown, Tx. 78626-9437
(512)819-9688

From: Clifton F. Williams, Commandant
To: Judge John Doerfler
710 N. Main Street
Georgetown, Tx. 78626

Re: Commemorating The Battle for Iwo Jima

On 19 February, 1945, three divisions of the United States Marine Corps with supporting U.S. Naval Ships in the surrounding waters and the U.S. Army Air Corps in the air, assaulted the Japanese held island of Iwo Jima, in the Bonin Islands just 660 miles south of Tokyo, Japan. In the ensuing 37 days of battle, when the three Marine Divisions departed the island, 5,931 Marines had been killed in action or died of their wounds, 633 Navy personnel and soldiers were killed in action or died of their wounds. This is in addition to 17,272 Marines, 1,158 sailors and 28 soldiers who were wounded and an additional 449 sailors and soldiers who were missing in action and presumed dead.

At the time of the assault, there were 20,530 to 21,060 Japanese on the island. Only 1,083 were taken prisoner. The remainder were killed in action or committed hara kari, suicide.

During this 37 days of battle, 21 Marines and 1 Navy Corpsman were awarded the Nation's highest decoration, the Medal of Honor. This is the highest number of awards of the Medal of Honor either before or since Iwo Jima during just a brief period of 37 days.

By the end of the War in August, 1945, a total of 2,251 B-29 Super Fortress' landed on Iwo Jima Island either enroute to Japan to drop their bombs or returning from Japan with damage. There were 24,761 aircrew personnel on these aircraft who might otherwise have been lost, if Iwo Jima had still been in the hands of the Japanese.

Now, 56 years later, the Williamson County Detachment, Marine Corps League, a Veterans organization made up of Marines, former and retired Marines, will honor those who made the sacrifice.

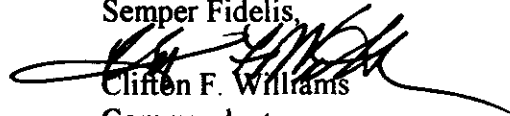
"Once a Marine, always a Marine"

On 17 February, 2001, the Williamson County Detachment, Marine Corps League will commemorate Iwo Jima Day in ceremony. The ceremony will be in Georgetown, Texas at the San Gabriel Park behind the stadium. It will begin at 10 A.M. for approximately 1 hour to 1 hour and 15 minutes.

I wish to extend to you an invitation to join us there for this special occasion. For additional information, please feel free to call either myself or Mr. Gilbert Newfield at 255-5192

The Williamson County Detachment's Adjutant Paymaster.

Semper Fidelis

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clifton F. Williams", is written over the printed name.

Clifton F. Williams

Commandant

Master Sergeant, USMC, Retired

State of Texas
County of Williamson
Know all men by these presents:

THAT ON THIS, the 13th day of February, 2001, the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas, met in duly called session at the Courthouse in Georgetown, Texas, with the following members present:

John C. Doerfler, County Judge
Mike Heillgenstein, Commissioner, Pct. #1
Greg Boatright, Commissioner, Pct. #2
David Hays, Commissioner, Pct. #3
Frankie Limmer, Commissioner, Pct. #4
Nancy E. Rister, County Clerk

and at said meeting, among other business, the Court considered the following

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the citizens of Williamson County are very proud of all of the veterans in our community; and

WHEREAS, countless men and women from Williamson County served our country during World War II; and

WHEREAS, the battle for Iwo Jima, an island in the Pacific occupied by the Japanese, began on February 19, 1945; and

WHEREAS, the battle lasted 37 days with thousands of servicemen being killed or wounded before the island was secured by the Americans; and

WHEREAS, the American occupation of the island greatly assisted in the ending of World War II in August of 1945;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, DOES HEREBY DECLARE SATURDAY, FEB. 17, 2001 AS

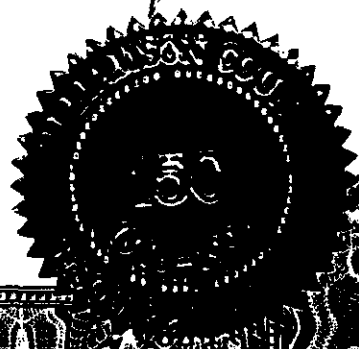
IWO JIMA DAY

in Williamson County and urges all citizens to commemorate this day.

ATTEST:

Nancy E. Rister
Nancy E. Rister, County Clerk

John C. Doerfler
John C. Doerfler, County Judge



AGENDA ITEM 16**Consider approving grant application for Emergency Shelter Grants program.****Moved: Commissioner Boatright****Seconded: Judge Doerfler****Motion: To approve grant application for Emergency Shelter Grants program.****Vote: 4 - 0 with Commissioner Limmer absent from the dais.**

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**WILLIAMSON COUNTY
CRISIS CENTER**

Serving Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
February 6, 2001

24-Hour Hotline: 1-800-460-SAFE

Judge John Doerfler
Williamson County
Georgetown, Texas

Dear Judge,

The Williamson County Crisis Center would like to request your endorsement of our grant to apply for funding in the amount of \$72,700 from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. The funds will be used as follows:

Renovation funds for our shelter located on Bowman Street to expand the number of beds which will allow us to house more clients and replace roof and central heat and air conditioning systems-\$43,700

Essential services to clients including gasoline vouchers, uniforms, and prescription drugs to assist them while in shelter and to find jobs and housing-\$4,000

Operation funds to include rent for outreach office and salary of a part-time cook-\$10,000

Homelessness assistance funds to provide rent and utility assistance to homeless families and those at-risk of becoming homeless-\$15,000

Matching funds have been dedicated by the Williamson County Crisis Center Guild, and partnering with F. T. Woods Construction and possibly Home Depot (approval pending with them).

If this endorsement requires a formal request before the commissioners court, I would like to ask to be placed on the agenda for next week's meeting.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Theresa Pirtle Bullard
Executive Director