

Rotary



Club of Houma

Veterans and Their Stories

Wednesday, November 11, 2020



For our Veteran's Day celebration, we have three veterans who are sharing their stories with us: Dale Thomson Sr., Dalton LeBlanc, and Hunt Downer.

Dale Thompson

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Dale Thompson joined our club in 1968 at the invitation of Merle Schexnayder. Dale is the owner of Volute, CMC and Gary's Sheet Metal. He has been married 60 wonderful years and has 5 children and 13 grandchildren he loves dearly. Dale's hobbies include bridge and golf.



Dalton LeBlanc



Born in Houma, La. in 1944, graduated from Terrebonne High School in 1962 and became the first All-American athlete of Terrebonne Parish. Was an All-American track athlete at ULM, student body president, and drafted by the San Francisco 49ers in 1966 after he played one year of college football, and earned a master's degree. He represented the USA in Latin America, Greece, and France after running with the Houston Striders. While in the US Army, he placed 2nd in the finals of the Military Olympics in 1968 and won Gold in the 100 meters for the USA in the 1969 Military Olympic Games. He served in the 3/17 Air Cavalry in Vietnam in 1969, and was awarded the Army Commendation and Bronze Star medals. His unit saw action all year, but especially during the Parrots Peak Offensive into Cambodia.

He is married to Marie Clement, has 5 children and 14 grandchildren. His hobbies are chess, exercise and watching sports.

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Gen. Hunt Downer

Hunt Downer is the former assistant adjutant general of the state National Guard and the first ever director of the Louisiana Veterans Affairs Department.

Downer graduated in 1964 from Terrebonne High School in Houma and first attended Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Nicholls State University (then College) in Thibodaux in Lafourche Parish. He was named to Who's Who Among Colleges and Universities in 1967. He received his law degree from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law in 1972. He did graduate work at LSU and studied at the U.S. Army War College in 1999.

Downer is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association, the



Association of Trial Lawyers of America, and the United States Court of Military Appeals. He is married to the former Linda Faye Lee. In 2007, Downer was inducted into the Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame in Winnfield.

Downer joined the United States Army Reserve as an enlisted man in 1968. He obtained a commission in 1971 as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He then joined the National Guard as a First Lieutenant of the Judge Advocate General Corps. In time, Downer became a Lieutenant Colonel, Brigadier General, and Major General. He served in Operation Desert Storm from October 1990 to May 1991. Downer has won more than a dozen military awards, including the Legion of Merit and the Kuwait Liberation Medal.

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Weekly Words of Wisdom

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Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
-- David Icke

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83521205429?pwd=YlphejJWeVlyN2pCOTIEZFdtLOZnZz09>

Events

November

11th - [Houma Weekly Club Meeting](#)

18th - [Two Truths and a Lie](#)

18th - [Houma Weekly Club Meeting](#)

25th - [Houma Weekly Club Meeting](#)

December

2nd - [Houma Weekly Club Meeting](#)

9th - [Houma Weekly Club Meeting](#)

2nd - [Happy Bucks](#)

9th - [Annual Christmas Party](#)

Birthdays

William B. Bisland
Sr.
November 11th

Michael D. Bergeron
November 25th

Years of Service

[Michael
D'Angelo](#)
9 Years

[Derek Chaisson](#)
9 Years

District Officers



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DG-Nominee



[Harold L. Domingue Jr.](#)
iPDG

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iPast President



[Brenda M. Faucheux](#)
Club Executive Secretary

Club Meeting

Houma
Meets at Ramada Inn - Houma
1400 W. Tunnel Blvd.
Houma, LA 70360
Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM