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## The fall season has arrived in Hot Springs Village

Spectacular colors abound in Arkansas in November, like here in the NW corner of the state, the Boston Mountains. (Jeff Meek photo)

When I think of November, I mostly think of 3 things – our nation's veterans, fall color and Thanksgiving Day. Veterans Day this November is on Saturday, the 11th. Take a moment to remember those who've served. They deserve our attention especially on this day.

By now, typically, fall color has started to descend on Arkansas and I can remember driving through the Village looking for spectacular color. Some of those colorful areas were in people's front yards, some on the lake fronts and some out in the HSV boonies.

It's also November when I would do one of those "Day Trippin" features. With a few buddies we'd drive up Hwy 7 North to the Ponca area and if you have never been to the Maplewood Cemetery in Harrison, Arkansas I suggest you make an effort to do so. The color in that cemetery is spectacular. My wife Jeanne and I drove up there once and got there just a few days too soon to experience the peak of the color there. But even then, it was beautiful. The address is 1419 Maplewood Road.

Thanksgiving – a very special time for many. It's when family comes together, sharing a few laughs and remembrances of loved ones now gone. Family traditions are also a part of this special



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holiday. One tradition in the Meek family is our daughter Jennifer makes us a fantastic pumpkin pie. I swear I could eat the whole pie in just one day. Yum.

Another tradition some folks have is to go around the table and share something the person is thankful for. Health, a new grandbaby, recovery from illness, a special visit from someone, and others, they all are very special times that may someday down the road be fond remembrances. Or from the children, they may have something funny to say. Once we asked our then – 5-year-old grandson Jeffrey what he was thankful for. “Rice,” he exclaimed as we all looked at each other with puzzled faces.

Whatever it is that you find thankfulness for, we at the Voice join you with our thanks for your loyal readership. The Voice doesn’t exist without readers, and we are blessed to have so many of you support our work.

God bless.

**Jeff Meek**  
VOICE CORRESPONDENT

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**ON THE COVER:** The US Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Virginia. (Jeff Meek photo)

## Passion of the Ozarks

*The Christ of the Ozarks statue and Passion Play are a top attraction in Eureka Springs*



Christ of the Ozarks near Eureka Springs.

Darrell W. Brown

In the 1980s, before Branson boomed with hundreds of country music shows, outlet malls and buffets, my mother and her friends would visit Eureka Springs (Carroll County).

I went with them several times. As a lover of history even then, I enjoyed seeing the city's historic buildings, such as the Crescent Hotel and the Carry Nation House, and learning the stories behind them. It was fascinating.

And as good residents of the Bible Belt, no visit to Eureka Springs was complete without a visit to the Great Passion Play and the Christ of the Ozarks statue.

For those of you not familiar with the Christ of the Ozarks, it's a 67-foot-tall statue of Jesus made of steel

and mortar on top of Magnetic Mountain near the Great Passion Play amphitheater. Christ's arms are outstretched, suggesting Jesus on the cross. But the cross is not depicted as part of the statue.

Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith erected the statue in 1966. Originally from Wisconsin, Smith, an evangelist and political activist known for his populist and far-right political views, landed in Eureka Springs in the late 1950s. Smith was one of the main leaders of the populist Share Our Wealth Society during the Great Depression. He was a strong supporter and adviser to controversial Louisiana Gov. Huey P. Long.

Years later, Smith founded the Christian Nationalist Crusade in 1942. He was instrumental in the founding

of the America First Party in 1943 and was the party's 1944 presidential candidate, which at the time made him only the third Arkansan to run on a national presidential ticket. Unfortunately for Smith, he received less than 1,800 votes and his political career ended.

After Smith and his wife, Elna, moved to Arkansas, they bought and remodeled a mansion as their retirement home. In 1964, he began construction of a planned religious theme park called "Sacred Projects" near his home. Smith only had \$5,000 to his name at the end of 1963, but he had raised \$1 million by spring 1964 to begin the design and construction of the first sacred project on his list, the Christ of the Ozarks statue.

In 1966, the Christ of the Ozarks was completed at an elevation of 1,500 feet overlooking Eureka Springs. The construction project was designed and overseen by sculptor Emmet Sullivan, who had studied and worked under Gutzon Borglum, the lead designer and sculptor of Mount Rushmore in South Dakota.

The statue sits on 320 tons of concrete and was designed to withstand winds of 500 miles an hour. It was completely built by hand from mortar and steel and is reinforced to withstand the force of a passing tornado. Christ of the Ozarks is the fourth largest statue of Jesus in the world.

Gerald L.K. Smith's original plans also called for a life-size recreation of Jerusalem as it appeared in the days of Christ. But the idea was eventually abandoned.

Smith did build a 4,100-seat amphitheater and a stage for the Great Passion Play, a live performance that tells the story of the last days of Christ on Earth. The play is performed three nights a week from the first week of May through the end of October. It was



Dedication plaque of Christ of the Ozarks.

inspired by another passion play, which is performed every ten years in the town of Oberammergau, Germany. For more information on the Great Passion Play, the Christ of the Ozarks and the other Bible-based attractions located on the grounds, visit [www.greatpassionplay.org](http://www.greatpassionplay.org).

If you've never seen the Christ of the Ozarks in person, I'd encourage you to do so next time you are in the Eureka Springs area. Religious or not, I'm sure you'll be just as impressed with it today as I was back in my childhood.

*A proud sixth-generation Arkansan, Darrell Brown is a lover of all things Arkansas. He lives in Saline County with his wife, Amy, and their beloved Boston Terrier, Dixie. Find him on Facebook and Instagram at AllAroundArkansas.*

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# Searching for the Truth

*60 years on, many questions about the JFK assassination remain unanswered*



Meek with Ruth Paine, who housed Oswald's wife and children in November 1963. (Jeanne Meek photos)

**Mary Eliades**  
VOICE CORRESPONDENT

**H**ot Springs Village Voice assignment editor/correspondent Jeff Meek became interested in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy more than 40 years ago, after seeing the now-famous Abraham Zapruder film, shown for the first time to a national audience on Geraldo Rivera's "Good Night America" in March 1975.

"I had no idea that the assassination was a part of the program. I stayed up to see the program because Raquel Welch was appearing. She had just won a Golden Globe award. After seeing the film and the related commentary, I was really surprised at what I saw and what the guests were saying about the assassination. I didn't believe a lot of what I was hearing. Three weeks later Rivera had another, longer program about the killing and I recorded it. Then I went to the library to check out the books mentioned on the program. Those books had several footnotes in them. Still skeptical, I wrote to the National Archives for copies of the documents and, by gosh, what those guys were saying was true," said Meek.

Nine months later he drove to Dallas, Texas, to meet

with Mary Ferrell, the nation's top JFK researcher at that time. Together, into the wee hours of the morning, they spent many hours looking over recently released FBI and CIA documents. During the day, while Ferrell was at work, Meek called Dallas Police officers involved in the investigation. "I was surprised. I just cold-called these officers and 90% of them said, yes, they would interview."

Inspired by Ferrell, he wrote his first JFK book, "Lee Harvey Oswald: A Lone Gunman?" and published it many years later, when self-publishing became much easier.

As the years rolled on, Meek gave presentations at colleges and universities to sometimes large crowds. "I remember one talk I gave at Northwestern University. After my 50-minute presentation, the Q & A went on for two hours. It was amazing," Meek recalls.

His interviews continued for years as he contacted witnesses, suspects and even a few Mafia-related lawyers. "I remember talking to Frank Ragano, a lawyer for Carlos Marcello, Santos Trafficante and Jimmy Hoffa. It was an amazing experience. I should



## Jeff Meek with his three books on the JFK assassination.

write about that someday.”

Life got in the way for many years and his active searching for interviewees and information cooled, but when documents began to be released in the fall of 2017, his intense interest was renewed, and he’s been actively pursuing the case ever since.

Meek said, “In 2018 I did a magazine full of interviews for the Voice. The response was amazing. I had written for the Voice for, at that time, 12 years, and I had never received so many compliments and questions. That just fueled my fire for more. Then moving to North Texas in the fall of 2019 put me in a position to find and interview many very interesting people, like Ruth Paine for example. She was the lady that housed Lee Harvey Oswald’s wife and daughters in October and November of 1963.

“I wrote about a few of these experiences in the Voice and was told by the office that people loved reading about the case, so let’s do a monthly column. We decided on ‘The JFK Files’ as a title.

“Then during the pandemic, sitting here in our new home in a new Del Webb subdivision where almost no one yet lived and [with] the country shut down, I was bored stiff, so I decided to write another JFK book. It’s called ‘The Manipulation of Lee Harvey Oswald and the Cover-Up That Followed.’ Among other things, it shows how the CIA used Oswald. When you read it, it becomes clear that our intelligence agencies know all about Oswald long before Nov. 22, 1963.”

Earlier this year a fellow researcher suggested Meek put his latest writings into a book format. “At first, I wasn’t wild about the idea, but my publisher said let’s do it, so I did my latest book, ‘The JFK Files: Pieces of the Assassination Puzzle,’ which came out on Amazon.com in August.”

Meek’s research is also finding its way into other researchers’ books. “That’s pretty special when other writers include your work in their books and others contact you to ask what I think about a certain assassination aspect,” he said.

Meek has three upcoming JFK presentations in November. The first is with the Ouachita Speaker



Series on Nov. 14, where he will be part of a three-person panel discussing medical and other evidence in the case. He is also speaking at major JFK conferences in Dallas and Ft. Worth later that same week.

Meek will be doing book signings at the Ouachita Speaker Series event on Nov. 14 and also at the Voice newspaper office on Nov. 13 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

So will we ever know who killed JFK? “I don’t think my generation will, but there is a little more and more that leaks out each year, so it’s possible. I was talking about all this with my 9-year-old grandson Jeffrey, and he asked me that same question. I told him probably not while I’m alive, but maybe people your age, years from now, will know. He said, ‘Don’t worry grandpa. I’ll figure it out for you.’ So, I guess this JFK obsession has become a family commitment,” Meek said with a smile.

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Hollis Country Store.  
(Robin Raborn Burns photos)

# Country Nostalgia

Robin Raborn Burns  
VOICE CORRESPONDENT

*Hollis Country Store has been in the Crain family for 4 generations*

The Hollis Country Store is a historic general store on Arkansas Highway 7 in rural Perry County, Arkansas. It is located on the west side of AR 7 in the Ouachita National Forest, a short way north of the South Fourche LaFave River Bridge.

In addition to the store, the property includes a pavilion and two tourist cabins. The store is a stone structure built in 1931–32, with most of the other parts added in the 1950s. It is regarded as an excellent example of vernacular roadside architecture from the period.

The Hollis Country Store is on the historic register, but it should also be on the radar of everyone who

enjoys traveling the scenic routes in and around Western Arkansas's rugged Ouachita Mountains. It is in Perry County, halfway between Russellville and Hot Springs. It is a place where history meets hospitality.

Originally built by Mike Gross and William (Bill) Furr, Hollis Country Store has been serving Perry County and Scenic Highway 7 travelers since 1930. The store was purchased in 1940 by Dennis and Lillie Crain, and members of the Crain family have operated the store since 1940. Current owners Donnie and Melissa Crain are the 4th generation of owners from the Crain family, and they carry on the family tradition

in the friendliest of ways. They create personal relationships with their customers.

The store is a popular destination with Arkansas Scenic Highway 7 travelers for its nostalgia, old-time candy and sodas, and bologna sandwiches. When you walk into Hollis Country Store, you immediately feel transported back in time. Much has changed in our world over the years - but a visit here is like rewinding a movie projector and catching every detail on screen. There are Moon Pies, candies that you would find in an old drug store, candy necklaces, and those candy cigarettes we all used to enjoy because they made us feel grown-up and cool, in an era before we realized that it was not cool to emulate smoking.

There are authentic glass bottles of soda. And they are famous for having the best fried bologna sandwich in Arkansas. They also make sandwiches using fine Petit Jean Meats. There is an old Pavilion located beside the store, Melissa Crain shares that on pleasant weather days, customers will eat their fried bologna sandwiches and drink their cold soft drinks in the pavilion. There are fully operational gas pumps in front of the store, but they are vintage and operated by a manual lever. Crain shares she has pumped gas before for customers who thought the gas pumps were merely decorative. The Hollis Country Store is such a delightful piece of Americana that if George Bailey had a wonderful life that included a general store, we think it would be just like Hollis Country Store!

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## HSV VETERANS

# Waldo fought Germans in Battle of the Bulge

Jeff Meek  
VOICE CORRESPONDENT



Bruce Waldo

Here we will meet a member of the 17th Airborne Division, Bruce Waldo, who was involved in fighting the German Army during the “Battle of the Bulge”. Although the 17th is not as well known as the 101st or the 82nd, they made many contributions to the war in Europe.

Waldo was born in 1925 in Muskegon, Michigan. Raised by his mother, they struggled through the Depression years like so many did in those days. He remembers the huge surge in patriotism after the attack on Pearl Harbor and immediately wanted to join the service. He had heard about the paratroopers and decided to try to join this elite group. He graduated in May 1943. In June, he was drafted into the Army.

His training took him to a camp in Michigan and later Fort Benning, Georgia. He was assigned to the 513th Parachute Infantry Regiment as part of a machine gun platoon. He made five practice jumps which earned him the prized paratrooper wings. Many of the men ended up with sprained ankles or broken legs, but Waldo completed his jumps without injury.

More advanced training followed and in August 1944, he was off to England aboard the USS Wakefield. The trip was scary due to the fact they were all alone and without escort.

Arriving safely in South Hampton, Waldo and the others undertook even more training to prepare them for the fight ahead. Then, in December, it was off to the front. The “Battle of the Bulge” was raging, and the 17th was needed.

Landing in Rheims, France, his unit prepared to move out. After a fine Christmas meal, they were put on some trucks, and they rolled off to face the enemy. Waldo still remembers how cold it was. This was mainly due to the fact that the men did not have their winter clothing.

On January 4, 1945, his unit advanced. They engaged the enemy and took ground despite several layers of German machine gun nests.

After advancing near the Meuse River, his unit dug in. Heavy German artillery fire reigned down around them. Waldo, all alone, was caught out in the open

and felt sure he was going to get hit. He prayed to God, "Please make it stop". Much to his surprise, it did stop, and he made it to the safety of his foxhole.

Late in the afternoon, he and his buddy in their foxhole, heard movement behind them. They turned and saw the rest of Company "B" with their hands up and under German control. Waldo was now a prisoner of war.

Each American was interrogated by Germans who spoke perfect English. Trucks took the men well back behind the German lines. After 24 long uncomfortable days they arrived at Stalag 4B, near Muhlberg, Germany. They received little food and water during this time and many of the men resorted to eating snow.

Many, including Waldo, came down with dysentery. In Stalag 4B, there were more interrogations. Life there was tough. Men had frozen feet. Men were dying of starvation and dehydration. Lice were everywhere. Waldo became very ill, but somehow managed to improve.

One day in April, a work detail was formed to go to the nearby town of Leipzig to clear the rubble from the streets. Waldo and two buddies were among those chosen for the job. As they arrived, they heard that

President Roosevelt had died.

The next morning the detail started marching back to the trucks to return to Stalag 4B. Waldo and his friends decided they were not going back to that camp and would make a break for freedom once the group reached a nearby forest. "We had an elaborate plan", said Waldo. "We decided to run for it". Once there, the three men took off running. The German guards fired on them, but fortunately missed, and the men made it into the woods.

On April 14th, the third day of their trek, they came upon an American unit and were free. "There is nothing in the world that is greater than freedom", Waldo said.

His road to recovery went through Frankfort, Paris, and Camp Lucky Strike. From there he was in a convoy back to the USA. On the way, the men heard of the news that Germany had surrendered. He was later discharged from the Army on November 29, 1945.

Waldo spent his civilian career with Pittsburgh Corning selling construction materials until his retirement. He is another example of the brave men who did their duty in the defense of freedom in World War II.

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# Temple served as combat medic in Gulf War



Jeff Meek  
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Jason Temple served as an Army combat medic in the Gulf War. (Jeff Meek photo)

Hot Springs Village public utilities director Jason Temple came to Arkansas from Illinois as a youngster. He had a goal to become an Air Force jet pilot, got an appointment to the USAF Academy and thought he was good to go. But the summer before he was to leave the standards were raised and he was one point short, so cut loose. So, Temple went to Southern Arkansas University, then to Texas A & M for an aeronautical program, hoping for a NASA job someday. “Then the space shuttle blew up,” said Temple. He thought the disaster would bring changes, plus he was getting more and more involved in Christian ministries, so he changed his focus to civil engineering.

Out-of-state tuition at A & M was proving to be

really expensive so he joined the Texas Army Reserves to help qualify for in-state tuition costs. In June 1986 he entered the Reserves as a PFC and reported to Ft. Dix, New Jersey, for boot camp. In his platoon he was the only one to score expert rifleman, “but I could not hit a barn with a grenade,” he added.

In September he reported to the 273rd Medical Detachment in Tomball, Texas for reserve duty, one weekend per month. Temple said the 273rd was a Huey helicopter Air Ambulance unit, earlier known as “Dust-off” during the Vietnam War.

He began his training as a combat medic at Fort Sam Houston, Texas in June 1987, got married in 1990 and attempted to finish college, but instead went to work for Carter and Burgess Engineers as an “engineer-in-training.” Then in November he was called up and got orders for active duty, additional training, and deployment. At Ft. Sam Houston he got squared away and left in a C-5 Galaxy in route to Saudi Arabia.

As the men settled in there were occasional “Red Dragon” scares – missile attacks by Saddam Hussain. He was promoted to Sergeant by now as the 273rd deployed to their initial base next to Al Qaisumah Airport near Hafera Batin. There for two months they awaited supplies and the First Cavalry. While waiting Temple was sent on a 300-mile trip in an old two-and-a-half ton truck, back to a Dhahran staging area to

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pick up medical supplies. Upon arrival he found the place in utter chaos and no supplies designated for the 273rd. Supplies were randomly placed everywhere, so Temple went looking for what was needed, mostly air ambulance medical supplies. On the way back to his base the heavily loaded truck got stuck in the sand. Temple realized the truck had four-wheel drive so he flipped a few switches and crawled the truck out, but in so doing lost third and fourth gear. So at 25 miles an hour they crept across the desert for 300 long miles.

Soon Temple's unit began to go out on missions, usually to pick up wounded soldiers for transport to a hospital. Temple said the dust was incredible. "We had special dust control devices on the helicopters. We had plastic on the leading edge of our tail rotors that protected the end from the sand. Sometimes that stuff would fly off and it would shake the aircraft terribly, so we'd have to go down and cut it off and rebalance and take off again," said Temple.

Maintenance was important, especially when it came to what Temple called the "Jesus Nut" – the one

large nut that held down the main rotor. Temple said there was a safety pin through it that would always, always be checked. "If that main rotor comes off, you're yelling 'Oh Jesus'," he said with a smile.

Jan. 26, 1991, is a date Temple will not forget. The crew had a night mission; called out for a search and rescue assignment. A two-man crew on a surveillance chopper went down, so off they went looking for the crew and chopper. They searched with a LORAN system and as they neared the area, they listened for a radio transmission from the downed crew.

Flying in a circle as they got closer, Temple heard a faint transmission. Soon other crewmen heard it too and eventually they spotted the downed crewmen. They landed and were told to get in and out as soon as possible because their location was near the front lines.

Temple grabbed a crewman while his crew chief grabbed sensitive equipment and documents. As the sun rose, they took off. One crew member had an injured knee and the other was badly bruised. They took them to a nearby hospital for treatment and

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returned to base. More on this later, stay tuned.

Eventually his unit was attached to the 217th Medical Battalion that moved forward into Iraq with the First Cavalry Division to provide medical support to combat elements. The outfit carried/helped not only U.S. personnel but Iraqi soldiers, children, and enemy POWs to field hospitals. Some of these Iraqis had been college educated in America Temple said.

One time Temple was putting a dressing on an injured child and the child grabbed his hand and bit him. "I guess he thought I was going to hurt him or was scared to death of me. It was really sad to see kids getting injured," he said.

In March 1991 they relocated to King Fahd Airport and slept in a parking lot, shopped in nearby Al Khobar and Dammam and got to see a A.D. 300. Christian church down the road from Jubail. His unit also spent time cleaning aircraft before they were shrink-wrapped and sent home.

In April Temple flew home. On the way he could barely see the famous Pyramids and saw something else that struck him as beautiful. As they were coming in for a stop in Ireland, Temple noted the tall lush grasses and thought to himself he'd love to return there someday.

The plane landed in San Antonio and Temple reunited with family at a ceremony in a hanger. He stayed in the Reserves until 1994 and it was that year that something special happened.

He was again working for Carter and Burgess when one day his boss told him they needed to be downtown in Houston at 10:30 a.m. At 10:15 a.m., surprisingly, everyone was called into the break room. Temple looked around and saw a guy with a camera, "and then



**Temple in the Middle East. (Photo courtesy of Jason Temple)**

my family walked in and then I see one of the pilots I flew with in dress uniform, and he calls me to attention and awarded me an Air Medal with V device on it; in front of everybody," he exclaimed. The citation reads in part "for heroism while being observed by Iraqi Forces" and "denying the enemy the opportunity to capture" those downed airmen back in Jan. 1991.

Temple and his wife live in Benton and have four children: Jessica, Mariah, Victoria, and Micaiah.

Reflecting back on his Army service, Temple said he is very proud to have served, learned a lot and had a small taste of combat. He also said he remembers the look on the Iraqi people's faces, the fear of their government and all that was going on at that time. It gave him an appreciation for all the freedoms here at home.

"I think everybody should serve their country in some way, at some point in their life, someplace, because our country is so special in comparison to where you could be living in this world, afraid of things every day," he concluded.

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Joyce Wood did clerical work for the WAC's.  
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## Wood served in Women's Army Corps

Jeff Meek  
VOICE CORRESPONDENT

In May 1942 representative Edith Nourse Rogers got legislation passed through Congress to establish the Women's Army Auxiliary Corp, known as WAAC, to support the needs of the U.S. Army. The title was changed to Women's Army Corps (WAC) in July 1943 and was granted full military status. That year

41,177 enlisted women and 4,600 officers joined WAC units. Their early duties included clerical work, administrative jobs and driving positions. Later the women served as cryptographers, radio operators, control tower operators, parachute riggers and more. In the 1960's among the WAC ranks was Hot Springs Village resident Joyce Wood.

She grew up in the Midwest and attended Catholic school in Sinsinawa, Wisc., then St. Clara Academy, a girl's boarding school and nunnery. She graduated in



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1966 and signed up for Army service as a way to earn a way through college. "I just felt I needed to join the Army. It didn't make my parents very happy," said Wood. Her brother was in Vietnam and "I wanted to help, wanted to give," Wood said of her call to duty.

She took a plane to Des Moines, Iowa for her physical and paperwork completion. "I fainted when I was in the doctor's office because I had never been there and it was strange. I found myself on the floor when I woke up," said Wood.

Next she was flown to Fort McClellan, Ala. for basic training. After a bus ride with several other girls the women were met by a barking sergeant. "I thought what did I get myself into," Wood said.

She immediately began making friends, adjusted to living conditions in the barracks and wanted to fit in. To help with that she started smoking.

Basic training included lots of marching, having KP duty and a trip through the "gas chamber." Being a lover of the outdoors Wood enjoyed much of the training period and was put with Company A with approximately 15 other women.

I asked Wood if the women were harassed for being in what was considered a man's world. "Yes there some when we were marching. We got some boos (from the men on base). When we went into town we would get looks and stares like what do you think you're doing in the Army. What do you expect to accomplish. Stuff like that. We shrugged it off," said Wood of the heckling.

After a furlough she was sent to Fort Jackson, S.C. to learn secretarial skills, like shorthand and how to take notes effectively. Wood said Columbia, S.C. was a wonderful town and she loved the area.

From there she went by train to Fort Harrison, Ind. to learn typing skills. Next she got orders to report to Fort Sheridan, Ill. just outside of Chicago and was now a Private First Class or PFC. "Fort Sheridan was not prepared for the WAC's at that time. Our barracks weren't ready so they housed us at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago," said Wood of the Lake Michigan beach front hotel.

Because she was close to home she called her father and told him that if she had a car she could come for visits. She found a 1964 Chevrolet Corvair convertible for \$800 which her father paid for after talking with the salesman.



Recruitment poster for the WAC.

At Fort Sheridan she was the secretary for a Colonel in Military Police, which involved taking dictation and typing. She loved the job. "It was like working for a police department, just a wonderful experience," Wood said.



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As for fraternization with men in the Army, Wood said it was inevitable. “Of course we couldn’t date officers,” she said and added that the barracks had strict rules. “There were certain ear rings you couldn’t wear and certain things you couldn’t do and had to be in your bunk at a certain time every night,” Wood explained.

It was at Fort Sheridan where she met her first husband, Rick. She met him at the Non-Commissioned Officers Club while quartered at the hotel. They dated, traveled, went to the beach, visited her parents and got married in August 1967.

Wood got pregnant and because of that had to leave the WAC’s. “I didn’t like that,” she said of that Army regulation. “I really did not think that was the right thing to do because I would have possibly made a career working in the Army and serving my nation. If I had known that maybe I would have put off having children in order to stay. The Army gave me independence, more security that I was, who I was,” said Wood, who added the WAC experience taught her to stand up for herself.

So 22 months after joining, Wood moved on. She spent time as a housewife, took part time jobs and eventually bought her own restaurant in 1984 and worked in that field until retiring in 2005. She moved to Hot Springs in 1995 from Rockford, Ill., then to the Village in 2001.



**Eighteen-year-old Joyce Wood at basic training in Alabama. (Photo courtesy of Joyce Wood)**

Looking back on her days as a WAC Wood said, “It was one of the most important things I’ve ever done and I wouldn’t take it back for the world. If I had to do it over I’d do exactly the same thing,” she said as she expressed her love for her two daughters Sheila and Lisa.

“The Army and the service gave me something I have in my heart that I’ll have forever. When you put your hand over your heart and you say the Pledge of Allegiance and sing the National Anthem if tears don’t come to your eyes,” she paused, then added, “even talking about it gets me because it’s something I did and am very proud of,” said an emotional Wood.

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# Bauer served on U.S. Navy carriers



Larry Bauer served in the U.S. Navy. (Jeff Meek photo)

Jeff Meek  
VOICE CORRESPONDENT

**H**ot Springs Village resident Larry Bauer served our country in the Navy from 1968 to 1972. He spent his time on two carriers, the USS Constellation and USS Enterprise.

After finishing high school he got a draft notice to get a physical, a precursor to being drafted, Bauer said. His brother suggested he join the Navy, so he did. Bauer enlisted and went in on a delayed entry program, eventually beginning his service on March 10, 1968.

At boot camp in San Diego he also took tests which resulted in him attending Aviation Electronics School in Millington, Tenn. Bauer spent six months there attending three different schools – aviation familiarization, basic electronics and aviation fire control technician school. For eight hours a day the men learned their craft.



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Next, in Jan. 1969, Bauer reported to Naval Air Station Miramar in California, attached to training squadron VF121. He worked on F-4B aircraft radar, then all the squadrons started work on the new "J" model F-4's and their new All Weather Guidance (AWG-10) radar systems.

Bauer worked in a hanger where the radar units would be brought in for repair. At night, 4 p.m. to midnight, Bauer did his job.

One particularly difficult problem to solve on one aircraft was when an antenna was not sweeping as it should. It took a few attempts, created a bit of frustration, but finally they located the problem and got the antenna working properly. Bauer and his mates discovered the hydraulics to the unit had been disconnected from the antenna at some point during a prior repair attempt.

Soon Bauer was assigned to the Constellation, affectionately known as the "Connie," when it returned to port in July. Now Bauer was a "Pukin Dog" in VF143 on the ship which was headed for the Western Pacific.

Most of the time on the tour was spent off the coast of Vietnam. Because the USS Enterprise, in Jan. 1969, during operational readiness inspections, had a major fire, killing several sailors, the Connie had an extended turnaround. Then Bauer deployed a year later on the Enterprise with VF143.

During that turnaround he worked in an Intermediate Maintenance Depot (IMD) there at Miramar as a midnight supervisor. On the Enterprise he worked in the electronics shop located forward of the airplane hanger bay. Shifts were 12 hours long.

The ship finally sailed to Hawaii for operational readiness inspections, then Subic Bay in the Philippines, then to Tonkin Gulf for operations. They'd typically spend 45 days on the line along with a second carrier. One carrier flew ops from midnight to noon and the other from noon to midnight. "This also gave you some time to work on an aircraft," said Bauer, who added that work also took place between launches and recoveries.

Once relieved, the ship headed for Japan and would also "show the flag" off the coast of Korea, just to let the North Koreans know the U.S. had ships in the area. Once in Japan, Bauer got a photo of the Emperor arriving at his palace in a Rolls Royce.

During flight operations out on the flight deck in

Tonkin Gulf, he and others would debrief pilots to see if their aircraft had any problems. "We did typical maintenance," said Bauer of the job fixing gripes the pilots had. At times they would need to rob parts from another aircraft. The planes with missing parts were called "hanger queens."

And there were times when he could have flown, from ship to Cubi Point for parts, aboard a C-2 cargo airplane. On one occasion, while back on the Connie, he didn't go on a C-2 flight. It was a decision that saved his life, because on the Oct. 2, 1969 return flight to the ship, the C-2 crashed in the Gulf of Tonkin, killing all 27 on board. That wasn't the only C-2 crash. Because another occurred a few months later, the C-2 was grounded.

In Nov. 1971 Bauer's father died and for him to get to the states he needed to begin that journey on a C-2 which was now considered ready for flight. So aboard he went, hoping he'd make it okay, which he did.

After the funeral he re-joined the Enterprise in Singapore. In December, back in the Tonkin Gulf, they were about to go to the Philippines to see a Christmas Bob Hope USO show, but along the way the ship was diverted to the Indian Ocean because India had attacked Pakistan. No Bob Hope for these disappointed sailors.

The ship cruised near India, which Bauer said India did not like. In fact, Bauer said he saw a copy of a New Delhi newspaper that had a front page story about sinking the Enterprise if they interfered.

Christmas mail finally caught up to the crew of the Enterprise as they floated around the Indian Ocean. "My mother sent me a rum cake. It was the best thing I ever tasted, so it wasn't a bad Christmas after all," Bauer chuckled.

In Feb. 1972 he returned to the U.S. where his enlistment ended upon arrival.

As a civilian he worked for a defense contractor while going to school. In 1974 he moved to Arkansas, then worked as a field engineer for a tele-communications company until retiring in 2009. In 2010 he moved from Royal, Ark. to the Village. Bauer has three children: Shaun, Chris and Brian.

Reflecting back on his Navy career he spoke about an incident that occurred at Miramar in Dec. 1969 when an F-8 Crusader jet crashed into a hanger where he had been working. Eleven died and 14 were injured.





“We were working out of that hanger. When we got back (from a tour) a few months later it was just a burned out shell. You could look up through the roof where election seats (of aircraft) had cooked off.”

Bauer aboard the USS Constellation off the coast of Korea.  
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# Turek in U. S. Air Force, survives Vietnam

Jeff Meek  
VOICE CORRESPONDENT

Hot Springs Village resident Bruce Turek was born in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, grew up in Buffalo where he graduated high school in 1959. From there he traveled to the University of Washington in Seattle but returned home 2 years later and got a job with a civil engineering firm. Turek also spent his time studying the piano. In 1962 he moved to Providence, Rhode Island to further his piano studies and was accepted at the Rhode Island School of Design. Where he chose fine arts as his major, focusing on painting. Well, things didn't work out and on Aug. 26, 1963, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force.

Boot camp for Turek was at Lackland AFB – San Antonio. Following that experience, in November he went to technical school to become a weather observer. There he learned about clouds, fronts, severe weather, and basic forecasting.

In Feb. 1964, he was attached to the Fourth Infantry Division at Ft. Hood, Texas. His responsibility was as an observer in support of the camp's airfield. "This tour and the rest of my service resulted in being attached to the Army, so I never served at an Air Force base," Turek told me during an interview at his home.

In June 1966, Turek was sent TDY to Ft. Gordon and Ft. Stewart for jungle training, preparing him for deployment to Vietnam. "They would send us out at night on a patrol and we would have to work our way back. I got lost in a swamp full of water moccasins. I saw several snakes swimming around, but I got no snake bites. I was terrified. They had to come looking for me," Turek remembered. During this training he



Air Force veteran Bruce Turek. (Jeff Meek photo)

and others were put into a mock POW camp in an effort to begin to learn how to deal with interrogation. Part of that also included being locked in a small bamboo cage.

In August Turek landed at Tan Son Nhut Air base and said his first impressions were the stifling heat, humidity, and the smell. At the base he was issued combat gear which consisted of an M-16, a Colt police 38 special, combat boots, a one-man tent, a folding shovel, ammo, web belt, camo uniform with no rank insignia and cigarettes. Three days later he was moved by a Huey helicopter to his first assignment in the field at An Khe in the Central Highlands. There he was attached to the First Air Cavalry. "The mission was to provide weather information for aircraft bases, fire bases and various unidentified field locations, including Cambodia. We sent that information to Division Headquarters. I was also to learn that the job included reconnaissance and patrols."

The monsoon season rolled in by October and his unit moved around a lot collecting weather data. "There were non-stop downpours and wind for days at a time. There was no sense whatsoever in trying to stay dry."

Turek told in detail of a time when they visited Montagnard village. The natives and their chief welcomed them and they eventually all sat down

together at what looked like a meeting place. He sat down by a huge earthen pot, filled with a dark liquid covered with leaves and herbs floating on top.

The leader, smiling, passed around a gourd and said the wine in the pot was unsurpassed. All the attendees were expected to drink from the pot in celebration of the Americans visit. Turek took his turn. "I closed my eyes, prayed to the wine gods about sanitation, then drew a long, cool sip of their concoction. I suddenly realized this stuff was potent and couldn't wait until it was my turn again. As the afternoon went on, the sillier we got."

"Then our Army leader took out a tape recorder from his pouch and turned it on, recording a few words. Then he played back the sound of his voice. You'd have thought lightning had struck. The recorder was new to them and from the chief on down to the smallest child they were silent and awestruck."

In Jan. 1967 his unit was attacked. A convey was on their way from Pleiku back to base at Jackson Hole. After setting up camp, at about 2100, the camp was hit. Turek was in his tent with his buddy Rich. Turek grabbed his gear and dashed off to the perimeter about 20 yards away "The NVA were so close you could hear them screaming. We just knew we were going to be overwhelmed and I was so scared I didn't care about anything except killing anything I saw moving. Then all of a sudden, the NVA stopped. They disappeared, retreated for some unknown reason. Only a couple of hours had gone by, but it seemed like days."

Turek said from March through July, time stopped for him. Now, only snippets of memories bubble up. "I was kept alive emotionally by writing almost daily letters to my Texas girlfriend. I carried photos of her in my breast pocket. I carried a dozen books with me. Taking a chopper became like taking a taxi in New York."

The horror of battle was not all that this man witnessed. "I watched a chopper lift 4 captured Viet Cong prisoners aloft with a crew chief, interpreter, and questioner. They got to about 2,000 feet and hovered there for the longest time. Then, one by one, four bodies would come tumbling out of the Huey, twisting in the air, screaming, downward until each found the earth with a distinct thump, sending up a minor dust puff of their death. Apparently, they had not answered questions appropriately."

"And on a patrol one of our own was shot and killed right next to me. I held his head in my lap as he passed."

On July 25, 1967, Turk left for Travis ABB – California for discharge. "I was a total wreck when I came back.

I worked hard to avoid thinking about Vietnam." He still struggles with the past but strives to get better and help others. In doing so, in Hot Springs Village, he has started a veteran's group that meets on Tuesdays at noon at Coronado Center. "It's a safe place to talk," Turek said.

Reflecting on his time in Vietnam, Turek concluded by saying, "When I got home to Buffalo on July 29, I couldn't hold a conversation. I drank a lot. I would cry at the drop of a hat. There was huge guilt and shame because many did not make it back. I never agreed with why we fought that war. It was a huge mistake. Returning home was a real challenge. I was called names and spit at when back in Buffalo and in Beaver Falls. That was totally unexpected although I was aware of the U.S. reaction to the war. In 1967 Nixon came over to get briefings on the war. He was treated like royalty and that made me angry. He represented, to me, everything I saw as wrong with the war."

As I sat with Turek at his kitchen table I could see the anguish on his face as he described his experiences. Fifty-plus years later the war remains very real to him. To me he showed a lot of courage agreeing to talk with me about the carnage he experienced.



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Mary Eliades  
VOICE CORRESPONDENT

“Nothing happens in Hot Springs Village...until a POA employee comes to work.” This is the new slogan of the Village Employees Benefit Fund (VEBF), and it applies to almost every activity that takes place within the gates of the Village.

The mission statement of the nonprofit VEBF is “Through fundraising, the Village Employees Benefit Fund gives Hot Springs Village property owners and local businesses the opportunity to recognize the dedication of POA hourly workers, with an annual ‘Let’s Say Thanks’ cash appreciation gift and other programs.”

Board president John Chapman gave a brief history of the VEBF to the POA board on July 19, 2023. “The fund was established in 1999 by three Village residents after a harsh winter ice storm brought the Village to a virtual standstill,” said Chapman. “Both on-duty and off-duty employees from various departments showed up to help remove downed trees, plow roads, take stranded motorists home, and see to the welfare of residents in other ways too numerous to mention.”

The founders wanted to thank these POA employees for their above-and-beyond service and raised enough money to give each worker a gift card just before the next holidays. The employees were



**Hot Springs Village POA employees make everything happen in the Village and the Village Employees Benefit Fund rewards them for a job well done. (Submitted photos)**

appreciative, and the founders decided to make a tradition of it.

Every year, at the annual POA Christmas party, hourly employees are given a “bonus” in the form of a gift card from the VEBF; the amount of the cards depends on the generosity of Villagers. Chapman said, “We need to recognize employees, and Christmas is a good time to do it” – higher winter bills, buying gifts for families, etc.

In 2022, only 14 percent of Villagers donated to the fund. Why? Chapman speculated that many residents come from suburban areas with public employees that perform municipal services – garbage collection, water and sewage treatment, police and fire protection, street maintenance, etc. Some of these employees are union members and can negotiate for higher wages; many receive year-end bonuses. Village hourly employees do the same work,

but at lower pay. Chapman offered an analogy: Most letter carriers give people on their routes a Christmas card, and many people respond with an annual tip. Why not golf course workers, street crews, and other employees that keep the Village running?

Fitness coordinator Felicity (Fe) White has worked at the Fitness Center for a little over five years and said, "I feel valued when I receive the gift cards. I'm grateful for it, and it truly makes a difference," adding that she uses the extra money to buy Christmas gifts – "something special for my significant other."

The VEBF also has a reserve fund for "catastrophic emergencies" – a house fire, car accident, steep medical bills, a death in the family – "an unexpected serious personal or family tragedy," according to Chapman, when some extra cash can see them through the crisis. Requests are considered on a case-by-case basis, and the maximum gift is \$1,000.

The board is offering a new program, beginning this year: scholarships for employees who want to further their education to get a better position within the POA.

The fund is managed by a ten-person board of

directors, which meets monthly. In addition to board chairman Chapman, members include DC Reed, Bill Luerssen, Carol Freeland, Donna Jared, Barbara Zavrel, Charley Derryberry, Bill Butterworth, Sue Luerssen, and – the newest member – former Village Police Chief Ricky Middleton.

Chapman stressed that 90 percent of the money raised goes to employees, with only 10 percent used for expenses, and everything stays in the community.

The board is trying to get the word out about the VEBF and the impact it makes on the lives of employees. They send a newsletter 10 times a year to anyone interested, and the organization's website (vebf.org) is full of information and includes an easy way to donate.

The annual fundraising drive is in full swing right now. Chapman said the fund has two sources of revenue. Local businesses contribute to the fund, "as they recognize the value of our mission in support of POA hourly workers," but by far the most donations come from individual property owners.

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Returning to the new slogan of the VEBF, Chapman said, in his presentation to the board in July, “It may be a little over the top to say that nothing happens in Hot Springs Village until a POA employee comes to work, but think about it. No round of golf gets played, no Fitness Center is opened early in the morning, no concert is performed at the Woodlands auditorium, until a POA employee shows up and opens the doors.” When a water main breaks in the middle of the night, when a house fire threatens a neighborhood or a police officer is required, it is POA employees who answer the call.

After Chapman’s presentation, general manager Kelly Hale said, “Our employees make our life great here,” adding that the end-of-year bonus “is for retention of employees and a thank you.”

“All we ask from Villagers is to consider the value these folks bring to your daily lives here in what everyone considers to be one of the best places to live anywhere in the country,” Chapman concluded.



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## HSV PLAYERS

# White Christmas

Mary Eliades  
VOICE CORRESPONDENT

The holidays are always a fun-filled and activity-packed time in Hot Springs Village, and the HSV Players will kick off the season with their version of the much-loved “White Christmas.”

The movie “White Christmas” was originally released in 1954, starring Bing Crosby, Rosemary Clooney, Danny Kaye and Vera-Ellen. It tells the story

of a song-and-dance team who team up with a sister act to help save the failing Vermont inn of the men’s former commanding general. The music was written by Irving Berlin and features the title song, which was originally written for the 1942 movie “Holiday Inn.” In addition to the other unforgettable songs (“Sisters,” “Count Your Blessings” and Clooney’s sultry rendition of “Love, You Didn’t Do Right By Me”), the dancing is thrilling and the romance and comedy make the movie a holiday favorite.

Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye may not be featured in this newest version, but the troupe has reached out to the community to augment their own stellar cast of performers. The Hot Springs Village Chorale, the Spa City Tappers, and a member of Voices Rising will join the Players, with military veterans from the area making the production a truly special event.

The president of the Players, Sam Sacco, will direct the show, with Damon Schleuse producing. Lynne Borders Koon is the musical director, assisted by Craig Welle.

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Schleuse had this to say about the upcoming production: “The Players are excited to participate in this production with the Village Chorale, the Spa City Tappers, and local veterans! We are happy to be able to include more and more members of the community in our shows, especially this favorite Christmas classic.”

The show will run Nov. 16-19 at the Woodlands Theater; show times are 7 p.m. for the Thursday through Saturday shows and 2 p.m. for the Sunday matinee. Tickets are already selling like hotcakes and can be purchased at <https://hotspringsvillage.thundertix.com>.

For more information on the Players or the production, visit <https://hsvplayers.com>.



Rehearsals are in full swing for the upcoming HSV Players production of “White Christmas.” Shown here, from left, are cast members Jason Farthing, Trak Thompson, Harmony Clayton, Madison Turner, and June Hart. (Submitted photos)

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- 2 pounds floury, baking-type potatoes, peeled and cut into chunks
- Salt
- 2 to 3 cups fresh basil leaves of any type (2 to 3 ounces of a nice big bunch)
- 2 cups heavy (whipping) cream or half-and-half
- 4 tablespoons butter
- Black pepper

1. Place the potatoes in a saucepan and fill with water to cover. Add a big pinch of salt. Bring to a boil and cook, covered, for about 10 minutes, or until the potatoes are just tender. Drain, return to the heat and shake for a few minutes to dry them out; turn off the heat, cover the pan and keep warm.

2. Meanwhile, blanch the basil. Plunge it into a saucepan of boiling water, cook a moment or two until the leaves wilt and slightly change color and lift out of the pot using a slotted spoon, then plunge into a bowl of ice water. Leave for about five minutes or until it turns brightly colored, then lift from the ice water.

3. Heat the cream in a saucepan until bubbles form around the edge of the pan.

4. Squeeze the basil in your hands gently to rid it of excess water from cooking. Place in a food processor and whirl to puree. Slowly pour the hot cream into this pureed basil and whirl until it forms a fragrant, pale green cream.

5. Coarsely mash the potatoes with a masher, then add the basil cream and mash it in; work in the butter, and season to taste with salt and pepper. If you're serving duck or lamb, serve the potatoes with a drizzle of the port reduction around the edge.

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Oaklawn Casino Resort  
November 3 at 7 p.m.

Hot Springs Horror Film Festival

Vapors Live  
November 3-5

16th Annual Community Craft Fair

Mountainside Methodist Church  
November 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

FOCCL Trivia Night

Coronado Library  
November 7 at 5 p.m.

HSV Night of Wishes

Coronado Center  
November 10 at 5 p.m.

Jeff Allen: Are We There Yet?

Woodlands  
November 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Gudrun: Northwoods Mountain Bike Festival

November 10-12

Spa Running Festival

Hot Springs National Park  
November 11

Cream Machine: A Tribute to Cream

Vapors Live  
November 11

HSV Players present White Christmas

Woodlands  
November 16-19

Blues Traveler

Oaklawn Casino Resort  
November 17 at 7 p.m.

Tom Daniel Holiday Chili Cook Off

Exchange Street Parking Deck  
November 20 at 4:30 p.m.

Blues Brothers on a Mission from God

Vapors Live  
November 25

Martina McBride: The Joy of Christmas

Oaklawn Casino Resort  
November 30 at 7 p.m.



An advertisement for Village Hearing Clinic. On the left, a man and a woman are smiling and standing together. The man is wearing a blue and white striped shirt, and the woman is wearing a white top. To their right, the text "501-337-6222" is displayed in large, bold, blue letters. Below the phone number, the words "Hearing Aids" and "Hearing Exams" are written in white. In the bottom right corner, the name "Marilyn Phelan" is written in white, followed by "Certified Audiologist" and "CCC-A/SLP" in yellow. On the left side of the advertisement, the words "HEAR Better!" are written in blue and orange, with "Better!" in a script font. Below that, "VILLAGE HEARING CLINIC" is written in large, bold, blue letters.

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