

Impressive Memorial Services Held At St. Mary's, Nada

Impressive Memorial Services were held by St. Mary's parish, Nada, paying tribute to deceased veterans of all wars, last Wednesday evening. The services were scheduled to be held in St. Mary's Cemetery where a new granite altar given in memory of William R. Frnka was to be used; however, the inclement weather which prevailed in the area last Wednesday evening caused the services to be moved into St. Mary's Church.

Monsignor Aloysius A. Leopold, retired and now residing in St. Mary's parish, was the celebrant for the Requiem Mass which was sung by the Nada Choir. Assisting in the services was Monsignor Victor Schmidtzinsky, pastor of St. Mary's Church.

Three veterans organizations from El Campo, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans, and also their auxiliaries, presented colors. Also members of the National Guard unit in El Campo served in the color guard and also provided the rifle team which fired

salutes to the deceased veterans. Taps were sounded on the trumpet by Robert Abel of Garwood.

Jeffery Dugie placed a wreath adorned with a United States flag at the center of the altar area. The choir and the congregation, accompanied by Mrs. Clarence Martin at the organ, sang "America" and the "Star Spangled Banner" during the service.

Memorial Address

Colorado County Judge Lester J. Cranek delivered the memorial address and called the roll of deceased veterans from the St. Mary's Parish who are buried in St. Mary's Cemetery or elsewhere.

Judge Cranek noted that, "we are a peace-seeking nation and we are at peace, but we must not forget the lessons war has taught us, nor the brave men and women who have sacrificed so much for us in all our wars."

"The honor of those who died is not tarnished by the uncertainty at the moment of their sacrifice. To them we offer our respect and gratitude. To the loved ones they left behind, we offer our concern and understanding and our help to build new lives. To those who still bear wounds, both physical and psychic, from all our wars, we acknowledge our continuing responsibility. To all who served or suffered in the wars, we give our solemn pledge to pursue all honorable means to establish a just and lasting peace in the world, that no future generation need to suffer this way again," he continued.

He noted that "unfortunately too many Americans are not taking time out today to take a minute or two to give recognition to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice and to those who were willing to give their lives for this great country...time dim's memories and heals sorrows but it is hard to forget those we left in unsung graves in foreign lands so that this country and people would not be ravished with the hells of war."

"The ideals of our great republic - ideals of freedom and justice, and equality of opportunity, to which the founders dedicated our nation - these are the thoughts which should come to our

Miss Janice Kallina To Wed Dennis Wayne Marek June 30



Mr. and Mrs. Anthony V. Kallina of Garwood announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Janice, to Dennis Wayne Marek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Marek of El Campo.

The bride-elect graduated from Rice Consolidated High School, completed her studies at Texas A&M University, and is now a student in Physical Therapy at Texas Woman's University.

The future bridegroom graduated from El Campo High School. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Education and Technology from Sam Houston State University where he is a member of Kappa Alpha Order. He is currently employed with Fish Engineering & Construction, Inc. in Houston.

The couple plan a June 30th wedding at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Nada.

Jerry Jordons Are Parents Of Baby Girl

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jordons of Sealy are proud parents of a baby girl, born May 25th in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. The new baby girl weighed six pounds and three ounces and measured nineteen inches long. The parents named her Samantha Saye.

The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Batla of Bernardo and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Jordan of Ivanhoe. Grandmothers are Mrs. Ora Mae Batla of Bernardo and Mrs. Jordon and Mrs. McDonald of Dallas.

Pvt. 1st Class Buren J. Kallina, 2nd Lt. Leon Phillip Kallina, Bugler Peter Paul Kocurek, Cpl. Allen John Korenek, William Kosler, Sgt. Richard John Krennek, Sr., Staff Sgt. Silvy J. Krennek, Pvt. Leo J. Leopold, Pvt. John Maccek, Pvt. Fred Anton Malek;

Pvt. August Frank Popp, Pvt. John Edward Popp, Pvt. Joseph Popp, AS. Lawrence John Popp, Pvt. William Martin Rek, Pvt. James R. Safar, Cpl. Melvin Schilling, Cpl. Eugene L. Schipula, Pvt. Charles L. Schneider, Sr., Pvt. Johnnie J. Schneider, Cpl. Leon J. Schneider, Tec. 5 Thomas K. Schoellmann, Pfc. Frank J. Staff, Pfc. Morris Villarreal, Tec. 4 William Arnold Zbrank;

Buried elsewhere: Staff Sgt. William Foster, buried in Bay City, Texas; Pfc. Norman Lanier, buried in France; Pvt. Louis Schilling, buried in Columbus, Texas; Sgt. Robert Shimel, buried in Arlington Cemetery, Washington D.C.

Thanks Extended
Monsignor Schmidtzinsky extended thanks in behalf of the parish to all who assisted in any way in preparations for the Memorial Service and for participating in the service, or by their attendance.

He commented that this is the first such service held by the parish and plans are to continue the impressive observance on Memorial Day in future years.

Perpetual Help Vacation Bible School June 11-15

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church will hold a Vacation Bible School starting Monday, June 11th through Friday, June 15th.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church will be held June 18th through June 22nd, announces the pastor, Father Tom Hanus.

A meeting of religion teachers at the two churches was held Wednesday of this week to complete plans for the schools.

Assigned to Ft. Hood
Pvt. Gerald W. Johnson, son of Mrs. Bettie R. Harmon of Columbus,

recently was assigned with the 4th Support Center at Fort Hood, Texas.

Johnson entered the Army in November of last year.

He is a 1976 graduate of Columbus High School.

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County Gets \$420.40 For Voter Regis.

State Comptroller Bob Bullock Thursday said Texas counties will share more than \$365,407 in state funds under a law designed to encourage voter registration and accurate registration lists.

Bullock said the Texas Election Code directs the Comptroller's Ad Valorem Division to make payments to counties for reimbursement of voter registration activities.

The law provides local reimbursement of 40 cents for each new registered voter and 40 cents for each cancellation made to update lists.

Voter payments in the area counties included: Colorado County, \$420.40; Austin County, \$309.20; Fayette County, \$343.60; Lavaca County, \$243.20; Wharton County, \$632.00.

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George Wellers, Jr. Welcome Son Born May 10

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