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VETERANS

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grenades. The Navy later awarded Walker with an Accommodation Medal. On one of his three tours through Vietnam, a boat directly behind him was hit by a rocket. The boat started to sink. While the squad still received small arm fire, Walker reversed course, hooked up a tow line to the sinking boat and beached it.

Walker has experienced what thousands of veterans in the United States have experienced. When it comes to the Department of Veteran Affairs, everything is a slow process.

It's gotten so slow that the Vietnam Veterans of America and the Veterans of Modern Warfare announced that they have filed a lawsuit against the Department of Veterans Affairs. The lawsuit seeks to end the delays experienced by veterans when applying for disability benefits. VVA and VMW seek immediate action to prevent further irreparable harm to veterans.

Walker went back to civilian life in 1970, and by 1978 his hip started bothering him. So he went to Veteran Affairs where took almost five years to schedule a surgery.

He would wake up in the

morning and crawl to the bathroom because of pain. He would crawl into the shower and fight his way out of the bathtub. In 1983 he got his right hip replaced for the first time.

"His case is a little bit different than what we are suing the VA form" John Rowan, National President of the Vietnam Veterans of America, told the *Bullard Banner News*.

For the next 30 years he would battle the Veteran Affairs to pay for hip replacements. He can walk, but it hurts while he is leaned over putting all his weight on a walker. He wore his last walker out.

But this last time he could not wait any longer. In July, the rod in his hip just gave out.

He was on the ground and his brothers took him to ETMC. But now he is stuck with a \$17,000 bill. And Veterans Affairs are saying the need more information to determine if his injuries were sustained from active duty in Vietnam.

"You have no idea what the bureaucracy is like until you go through the process," Walker's brother Larry said.

Brook Hill Veterans Day



On November 12 The Brook Hill School student body honored 10 veterans for the service they rendered to their country and for the freedom we enjoy today in America. At the end of World War II, brass used to make campaign medals was in short supply. As a result,

very few World War II Veterans ever received their service medals. Guest speaker for the service was Joe Fritcher a retired Gunner's Mate First Class (Navy) and a Pearl Harbor survivor.

Eight of the ten veterans attending the service at Brook Hill received their

long overdue medals. Those receiving medals were: Elzie Clark (Army), Eldred Dyess (Army), Jack Tarrant (Army), R. E. Blount (Army Air Corps), Lindsay Cary (Navy), Thomas Holland (Navy), Robert "Dutch" Kromer (Navy), Truman Parmer (Navy).

Brook Hill Students tour Vicksburg National Military Park



The 12th grade U.S. History class from The Brook Hill School traveled to Natchez and Vicksburg, Mississippi this past Sunday and Monday. While in Natchez, the group toured Vicksburg National Military Park was taken with an emphasis on the actions of the Texas troops who were helping to defend the city during the 1863 siege. The journey concluded with a brief tour of the Old Courthouse where the surrender of the city took place.

BULLARD PRIMARY SCHOOL 2008-09 Honor Roll

ALL A's

- Tyler Allen, Taija Anderson, Jaycee Baird, Bailey Bower, Kennedy Bowman, Alex Breedlove, Haley Brems, Logan Bridges, Kendall Brown, Jayden Brummett, Kali Burrow, Kirstin Burrow, Cova Clemons, Brock Davis, Kennedi Davis, Jolee Dixon, Molly Duncan, Mary Ehrman, Addison Florey, Tanner Fowler, Siara Fox, Sydney Garland, Alejandro Gonzalez, Abby Grissom, Payton Hancock, Riley Hill, Joseph Holt, Ethan Hooks, Harrison House, Alex Jackson, Aaron Landgraf, Leighann Langston, Evan Lipsey, Brian Lopez, Aaliyah Love, Alyssa Luker, Kaylee Marcil, Trevor Mayer, Hailey McCutcheon, Harrison Meador, Brandon Nevarez, Jesse Newman, Jazelle Park, Jillian Payne, Abby Petty, Lane Proctor, Abby Reeves, Daylan Robinson, Kyle Ryan, Tristen Shewmake, Jensen Shrode, Kaylee Simpson, Austin Sleeman, Calob Smith, Jackson Smith, Call Spiller, Walker Stegall, Aliana Tarrant, Olivia Thompson, Macie Turrentine, Shelbee Walker, Alayna Welmaker, Courtney White, Mason York, Bradley Zoshak, Meghann Zoshak

A's and B's

- Noah Baiza, Alyviah Barreto, Jett Bentley, Corey Blackwell, David Brantley, Christian Butler, Alex Campuzano, Katie Capps, Kaleb Davis, McKenna Davis, Jenna Deese, Devin Goode, Kaycee Griffith, Brooke Helms, Christian Johnson, Bryson Luscombe, Lilli Neumeier, Nayeli Ramirez, Nevaeh Rinehart, Jacob Smith, Zachary Warden, Landon Warren, Ashley Wigart, Luna Wilson, Sarah Wilson, Zakary Zahirniak

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At the Elementary School



The Bullard Fire Department visited Bullard Elementary to teach students about fire safety last week.



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