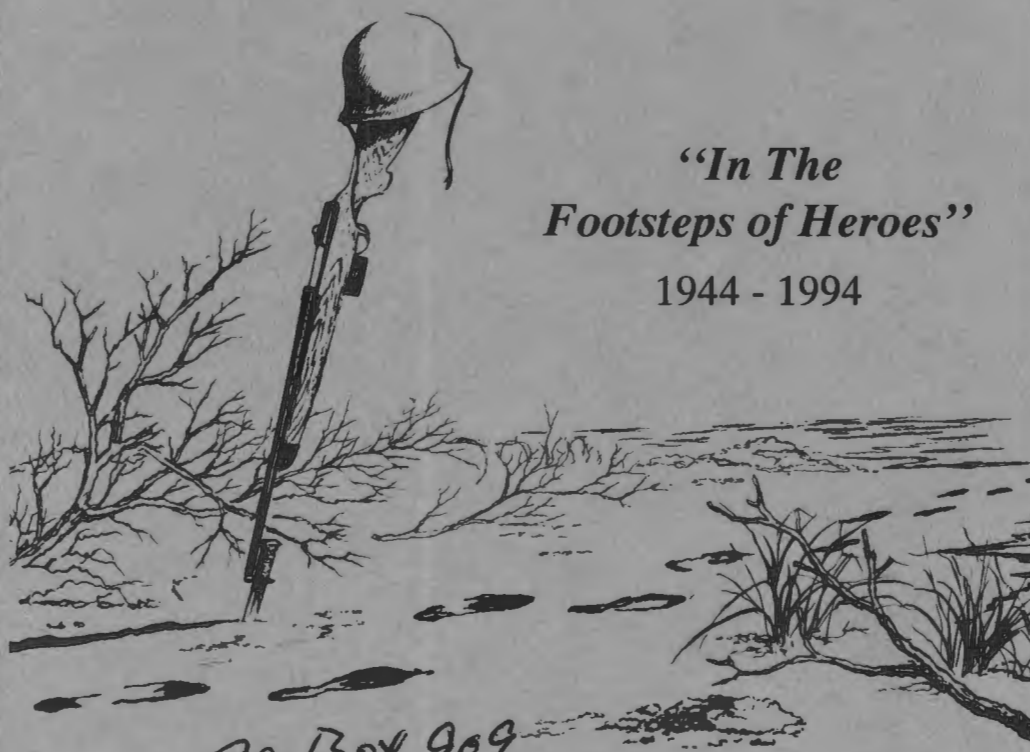


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Introduction of Head Table LTC John G. Warren
Welcome CSM Allen E. Brooks
Invocation Chaplain (MAJ.) Whitmore
Roll Call MAJ. Johnson

DINNER MENU

John Q. Salad
Roast Prime Rib of Beef
Baked Potato
Fresh Steamed Vegetables
Rolls and Butter
Coffee and Tea
Boston Cream Pie

Distinguished Service Award CSM Allen E. Brooks
Guest Speaker MSG (Ret.) Roy P. Benavidez
Medal of Honor Recipient
Past President Award COL. Jim Baker
1994-1995 President COL. Jim Baker
Closing CSM Allen E. Brooks
Music for dancing SFC Lee Skiles and The Windjammers

Roy P. Benavidez

GUEST SPEAKER MASTER SERGEANT ROY P. BENAVIDEZ

The MEDAL OF HONOR is the highest award America gives to a member of the military, during time of war, who has risked his or her life against incredible odds to save their fellow man. Such a person is MSG Roy P. Benavidez, a Hispanic American from Texas, the recipient of the last Medal of Honor.

Master Sergeant Benavidez began his military career with the Texas National Guard. He later joined the Army and was assigned to a tour of duty in Viet Nam. While serving in this assignment, he sustained severe injuries and doctors told him he would never walk again. MSG

Benavidez rehabilitated himself to prevent a medical discharge from the Army and returned to Viet Nam for a second tour of duty.

On May 2, 1968, then Staff Sergeant, Roy Benavidez heard that one of the 12 Green Berets surrounded by 350 of the enemy was the man who had saved his life only a few days earlier. He boarded the helicopter leaving to rescue them with only a Bowie knife and a bag of medical supplies. His gallant actions that day saved the lives of 17 soldiers. He suffered extensive injuries that almost cost him his life.

His book, *The Last Medal of Honor*, is an unbelievably true story told in vivid detail by best-selling author Pete Billac. Master Sergeant Benavidez travels extensively talking to school children, veteran's hospitals and special military functions. He wants the young people of this country to realize the price paid for their freedom. Not in the history of the Medal of Honor has there been a recipient who has done more for his country during and after his war than Master Sergeant Roy P. Benavidez.

