



# The Bugler

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## Why "Roll Call" ?

Many of us remember that the most important assembly of the day always began with a roll call. Whether it was in school, the military or in certain vocations, each day started with a roll call. This was the time to account for all of the team members, share information and receive assignments so everyone knew their respective duties in order to achieve total success of the group's efforts.

Well, we need such a gathering today. We need people to answer our Roll Call to support the development of Camp Hearne as a destination for travelers. As Friends of Camp Hearne, Roll Call will solicit financial support for various projects through grants, donations and corporate contributions. To answer our call and add your name or company to Roll Call's list of friends and supporters, please send your tax-deductible donation to:

**Roll Call-Friends of Camp Hearne  
PO Box 346  
Hearne, Texas 77859**

It is only through a collective effort throughout the Brazos Valley that we can tell Camp Hearne's story. And, what a story it is to tell. Books have been written, movies produced, and documentaries aired on the History Channel and other television networks about the prisoner of war

campers in America. It is not only the story of how the prisoners of war were treated, but how a small rural town and the surrounding farming communities contributed to the war effort at home.

## What Comes First?

We are very aware of the need to record the wartime activities of our friends and neighbors during this remarkable WWII era. We would like to digitally film as many oral histories as possible before any more from this noble generation are lost. This requires equipment, skill and time. It also requires volunteers and money to pay for training, supplies and editing. Time marches on and we have a lot of work to do. We first need your financial support. Then, as we move forward in the oral history phase, we will need you to either tell your story or help others tell theirs. These oral histories will become part of the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project.

<http://www.loc.gov/folklife/vets/>

## Camp Hearne Marker Dedication this Spring

The Texas Historical Commission has approved Camp Hearne as a Registered Texas Historical Site. A marker will be dedicated this Spring to highlight its history. To properly display the prisoner camp experience,

plans are underway to build a roadside park / rest area along State Highway 485. Although plans are not yet complete, one known asset of the park will be a large tastefully presented information board that will display the camp's layout and pictures of how the camp looked. We are currently seeking a grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to build this public park and walking trails during the 2003 funding year. These grants require some matching funds as well, so you can see that community and corporate support is a must for these projects to become a reality.

Your generous contributions NOW will help develop the new Hearne image. We already know the value of our good fortune in Hearne, we just want others to visit our community, add to our economy and enjoy and learn from their visit.

## Board of Directors

Roll Call is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt, non-profit organization managed by a Board of Directors. Currently, there are five members of the Board representing a variety of experience, ability and dedication to Camp Hearne. These initial directors are Dr. Michael Waters, Charlie Bowman, Cathy Lazarus, Joseph Garcia, and Kent Brunette. The City of Hearne liaison is Jennifer Davis, Director of Economic Development **979.279.0042**.