



# Vought Retiree Club News

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## President's Message

Larry Skinner



While I was writing this from my recliner (homebound following a successful but invasive medical procedure), I got a message about the assassination attempt on President Trump, and I've been glued to the TV ever since! Can't believe it happened in America, but so thankful it was unsuccessful (like him or not, Trump's one tough guy!). Thoughts and prayers are with the family of Mr. Comperatore, who lived and died a hero. Remember when we could all discuss politics, and still remain friends following the discussion? I never even knew the party affiliations of my co-workers, and didn't really care, because neither party was radical.

It was great seeing so many of you at the recent BBQ, and I hope you enjoyed yourselves. Many thanks once again to Jim Minge and all the wonderful folks at Texas Trust Credit Union for both sponsoring the event and helping us out in every way imaginable. You're the best! BTW, several people at the BBQ made comments about LTV FCU being in the basement at JSF, especially about the long lines on Friday afternoons! Texas Trust has certainly come a long way. BTW, if you have extra cash laying around, and want to donate to a good cause, the Texas Trust Gives Foundation is a great choice.

Oh my, Boeing is in the news again after pleading guilty to misleading investigators about the 737 MAX crashes and agreeing to a \$240 Million fine. On top of that, they've lost \$32 Billion in the last 5 years, and are now re-acquiring Spirit Aerosystems (was Boeing Wichita before they spun it off back in 2005) after a failed attempt to outsource most of the 737 airframe (remember the door plug blow-out? Spirit Aerosystems did that). OK, so now I'm officially concerned about the future of the oldest aerospace company in America (Chance Vought was a close second!). Please, Boeing, get your act together before it's too late!

Many thanks to one of our VRC members, Terry Brooks (long-time UAW Committeeman at the

Marshall Street Facility (MSF), for his invaluable assistance in helping the Vought Heritage Foundation to continue their restoration program, at least for the foreseeable future, at their present facility in Grand Prairie. Absolutely would not have been possible without his help!

I know, I promised not to mention JSF again, but I did drive through it recently and noted that it's now flat as a pancake with only the concrete foundations remaining. Guess they won't remove those until they start the dirt work for the probable new distribution centers. Sorry ☺, won't happen again.

Our VRC Executive Committee is on summer break, and will start back in September -- but several of them, like Bob Bardo, Vynita Hutson, Gaye Kortegast, and Ann Christmas, are still working on the newsletter, membership, and communications. Thank you guys and gals! Really appreciate y'all donating your time!

That's all for now. Stay safe and God bless you all.

Larry

## In Memoriam

by Ann Christmas

The Retiree Club has been notified since our last newsletter of the following deceased **members**. Our sincere sympathy goes out to the families of those listed. Each will be missed.

Anne Grimes Boswell – 1-11-2020

Frances Evangeline "Evan" Cotten – 12-22-2020

Kenneth Stafford – 3-23-2023

Jasbir "Jas" Malhotra – 4-29-2023

David Morton "Mort" Bland – 7-16-2023

Frank John Horak – 10-3-2023

Arthur Lee "Art" Rucker – 1-6-2024

Norma Jean Hale – 2-16-2024

Allen "Al" Leonard Adams – 4-13-2024

Charlotte Cue – 4-17-2024

Leon Edwin Boswell – 6-15-2024

Jack Robert Bos – 6-20-2024

James "Jimmy" Cash – 6-27-2024

Billy Mack "Bill" Parker – 7-7-2024

## 2024 Dues !

by Gaye Kortegast

It's time to send in your 2024 membership dues!  
(If you're not sure whether or not you've renewed,  
you may check the mailing label on this newsletter  
for status of your membership.)

If you would like to **renew for 2024, please send  
your dues as soon as you can !**

The cost is still only \$5.00 per person per year.  
You may renew for as many years as you desire.  
Or, Lifetime memberships are only \$50 per person.

We hope to hear from you soon !  
Thank you !

**Renew your membership for 2024,  
and continue to get your  
Vought Retiree Club News!**

**Call the Club at (817) 478-1885  
or Email: [retireeclub@vought.org](mailto:retireeclub@vought.org)  
[membershiprc@vought.org](mailto:membershiprc@vought.org)**

## Volunteer Events

by Johnnie Johnson

Volunteering gives us the opportunity to make a  
positive impact in our communities by helping  
those who are in need.

Retirees, families, and friends are always invited to  
participate. Please join us at our next volunteer  
event.

For more information, call Johnnie Johnson at 817-  
845-7576, or the Retiree Club at 817-478-1885.

Thanks for your help!

Johnnie Johnson

## Chance Vought Survivors



Dick Guthrie ([richardguth56@msn.com](mailto:richardguth56@msn.com)) is the  
contact for the Chance Vought Survivors.

## Annual Meeting and BBQ -- Wednesday, June 12, 2024

Vought Retiree Club members, spouses, and guests  
met for the Annual Meeting and BBQ on  
Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at the Ruthe Jackson  
Center in Grand Prairie, Texas.

Texas Trust Credit Union employees and their  
CEO, Jim Minge, were there to welcome everyone  
and help with bringing meals to the tables for those  
who needed a little help. We really appreciate  
Texas Trust Credit Union!

We had 138 people attend the BBQ (not including  
the TTCU people). There were 22 walk-ins who had  
not RSVP'd. Sadly, there were 30 people who had  
RSVP'd who didn't attend. We missed seeing them!  
Five new members signed up; two of them paid for  
Lifetime memberships!



Ruthe Jackson and Vernon Jackson



Wat Watkins, TTCU's David Garza, and Bob  
Snegon greeting at the door; and Randy Benoot



*F4U Corsair half-scale model  
with Jerry Fischer, Rusty Branum, Jay Johnson,  
and Wat Watkins*



*Madie Vernon, Johnnie Johnson, and Karen Sauls  
at the Registration Tables*



*Al Schahn's Model A Ford*



*Camilla Gardner, Vynita Hutson, Madie Vernon,  
and Johnnie Johnson at the Registration Tables*



*Al Schahn wood designs – pistol made from wood*



*Camilla Gardner and Vynita Hutson at work,  
registering attendees*



*Alois Buckholt checking in*



*Eugene Steward and Evie Richie shopping at the memorabilia table; Paula Hastings holding shirt*



*Paula Hastings and Mickey Branum manning the memorabilia sales table; Russell Dienell shopping*



*Oscar Murphy, Paula Hastings, & Mickey Branum at the memorabilia sales table, with Richard Garcia, Carl Crew, and Betty Perley; Carolyn Chilton in background*



*Mickey Branum and Oscar Murphy selling T-shirts to Richard Garcia and Carl Crew*



*Memorabilia Sales Table – shirts and caps*



*Betty Perley, Carl Crew, and Evie Richie shopping at the memorabilia sales table*



*Mingling before the meeting*

Larry Skinner opened the meeting by welcoming all the attendees and going over the past year.



*Larry Skinner welcoming attendees*



*Terry Brooks, 26-year GPISD Board member and former Vought employee*



*Attendees listening to Larry Skinner's speech*



*Jim Minge addressing attendees*



*Larry Skinner introducing Terry Brooks, 26-year GPISD Board member, former Vought employee, and Vought Retiree Club member!*



*Larry Skinner introducing Ron Jensen, Mayor of Grand Prairie*



*Ron Jensen, Mayor of Grand Prairie, addressing attendees; Ron is also CEO of Control Products Corporation, supplier to Vought*



*Attendees rising for Pledge of Allegiance (shown: Jim Minge, Terry Brooks, Bob McPartland, Sue Nutt, Pedro Gonzales, Cathie Barrington, and Lloyd Farris)*



*Bob Bardo recognizing the Veterans*



*Cathie Barrington discussing VHF activities*



*Veterans recognized – shown: Earl Hastings and Dick Guthrie*



*Bob Bardo about to lead the Pledge of Allegiance*



*Veterans recognized – shown: Monty Willis and HJ Neal*



*Veterans recognized – shown: Norm Bartee*



*VHF Volunteers recognized by Larry Skinner – shown: Oscar Murphy, Jerry Fischer, Stu Reichert, Richard Sheaner, and Dick Guthrie*



*Veterans recognized – shown: Fidel Conde*



*Jim Ross giving the Benediction*



*Veterans recognized – shown: Lloyd Farris*



*Bill Schahn, pianist, with friend Warren Wooley (who also is a classmate of VRC newsletter Editor Bob Bardo, L.D. Bell High School Class of 1967)*



*Veterans recognized – shown: Tom Gardner and Bert McDowell*



*Bill Schahn playing piano, as Warren Wooley looks on; Wat Watkins in background*



*Wood Art by Wat Watkins*



*Dean Philpott and Rae Philpott*



*Attendees*



*Sue Nutt and Charlie Nutt*



*Dick Dolejsi and Don Wooldridge*



*Carolyn Chilton*



*Bea Wilson, Cathie Barrington, Dick Dolejsi, and Sarah Bardo*



*Karen Sauls with Toni Nichols, Heidi Hardy, and Ron Smith*



*Jim Ross, Bert McDowell, Kay Snegon, Tom Gardner, Pat Gardner, Don Box, Erna Carlile, and Ann McDowell*



*Attendees who were original members of the LTV Federal Credit Union*



*Chuck Simcik*



*Debbie Sauls and Clay Sauls*



*Don Box*



*Oscar Murphy and TTCU employee Carolee Lopez at the Jelly Bean Guessing Contest*



*Irma Flores*



*Sarah Bardo and Kay Snegon*



*Jim Ross and HJ Neal*



*Leona Szabados and Bob Szabados*



*Richard Garcia, HJ Neal, Norm Bartee,  
and Don Wooldridge*



*Lloyd Farris*



*Carolyn Mills and Chris Mills*



*Jean Robbins, Jim Williams, and Linda Williams*



*Betty Perley*



*TTCU employee Carolee Lopez, at the Jelly Bean Guessing Contest*



*Troy Sorrell and Eusebio Herrera*



*Bert McDowell standing and talking with Jim Ross and Joyce Ross*



*Rosa Garza, Cris Garza, Michael Ozuna, Fidel Conde, and Kenneth Neumann*



*Troy Sorrell, Randy Hayworth, & Eusebio Herrera*



*Earl Hastings, Paula Hastings, Roger Stites, and Rosie Stites*



*TTCU employees Robert Underwood, Stephanie Sides, Michell Tamez, and Dana Holt*



*Jim Williams and Linda Williams; Charles Foreman in background*



*Bea Wilson*



*Linda Baggett and Mary Dalton*



*TTCU Volunteers Toni Nichols, Ron Smith, and Heidi Hardy*



*Jay Johnson and Madie Vernon*



*Charles Foreman*



*TTCU Volunteers Ty Shoop and Peter Ewan*



*Charlie Nutt, Randy Benoot, and Joe Jacobi*



*Cathie Barrington and Richard Sheaner*



*Randy Hayworth*



*Rusty Branum and Joe Jacobi*



*Kay Sievers, Linda Thomas, and Sharon Dougherty*



*Pedro Gonzales, Scott Williams, Juan Morales and Charles Ashkar*



*Carol Plant and TTCU's Alan Barbee*



*Harvey Allsup and Deborah Allsup*



*Tom Wojsik, Byron Looker, and Ken Langford and Iris Langford*



*LaVonda Hinz and Pat Looker*



*Sarah Bardo and Bob Bardo*



*Oscar Murphy (Kay Snegon in background)*



*Mickey Branum and Terry Brooks (GPISD)*



*Dennis Rollans*



*Richard Sheaner*



*Selma McPartland and Bob McPartland*



*Monty Willis*



*Chris Rauch and Lloyd Farris*



*Michael Ozuna and Randy Benoot*



*Russell Dienell*



*Walter Copeland, Bea Wilson, and Bob Johnson*



*Joyce Ross and Jim Ross*



*Robert Clark and Stu Reichert*



*Bob Bardo and Sarah Vaughan Bardo*



*TTCU's Willy Kelsey and Jim Minge*



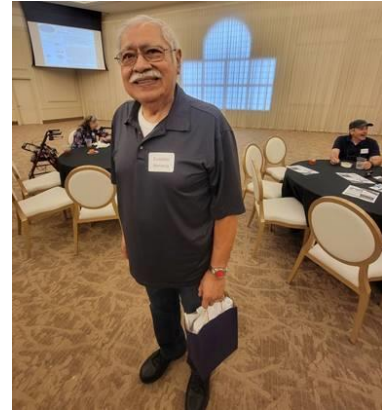
*Les Gedeon and Carol Sulzen*



*Willy Kelsey, Jim Minge, and Sue Nutt*



*Charlie Nutt and Donna Mullins  
(Joe Jacobi and Rusty Branum in background)*



*Eusebio Herrera*



*Betty Perley, Bob Johnson, Philip Perley, and  
Harvey Allsup*



*Mickey Branum at the Sales Table*



*TTCU's Robert Underwood and Willy Kelsey*



*James Burchfield and Betty Hoff*



*TTCU's Leann Santiago, Rebecca White,  
Sheila Kime, Heidi Hardy, and Peggy Esparza*



*TTCU's Leann Santiago with Al Schahn;  
Bill Schahn playing piano in background*



*Al Schahn and Monty Willis*



*Hilda Ray, Curlie Kincade, and Johnnie Johnson*



*RM Barry*



*Walter Copeland and Bob Johnson*



*Emerson Kincade*



*Kay Sievers, Linda Thomas, Betty Blocker, and Sharon Dougherty*



*Tom Wojsik and Bob Johnson*



*Dick Dolejsi and Russell Dienell*



*Evelyn Burchfield*



*Bob Szabados and TTCU employee Lluvia Diaz*



*Linda Thomas*



*TTCU employees TiXenia Jones, Espy Taylor, Whitney McLeod, and Stephanie Sides*



*Don Box*



*Mary Dalton and Linda Baggett*



*Clay Sauls, Frank Flores, Irma Flores, and Debbie Sauls*



*Ann McDowell and Pat Gardner*



*RM Barry, Connie Caddell-Click, and Christy Pearce*



*Dean Philpott, Rae Philpott, and Harvey Allsup*



*LaVonda Hinz, Pat Looker, and Betty Blocker*



*Robert Clark and Jerry Fischer*



*RM Barry, Davis West, and Fidel Conde;  
Les Gedeon, Stu Reichert, and Carol Sulzen in  
foreground*



*Richard Garcia and Gary Reeves*



*Joyce Ross*



*Frank Laubenthal, Earl Hastings, Roger Stites, and  
Rosie Stites*



*Cathie Barrington and Frank Laubenthal*



*Chris Mills and Carolyn Mills*



*Sharon Dougherty, Betty Blocker, Linda Thomas, Randy Benoot, and Kay Sievers*



*Troy Sorrell, Randy Hayworth, Eusebio Herrera, and \_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_ (on right)*



*Bob Smith and Frank Flores*



*Carolyn Chilton & Wat Watkins, Howard Webb, and Paula Hastings (\_\_\_\_? and Davis West in left background)*



*Monty Willis and RM Barry*



*Howard Webb and Paula Hastings*



*Frank Flores & Irma Flores, and Ruth Strong & Bob Strong*



*Robert Clark, Dean Philpott, Rae Philpott, and Stu Reichert*



*Alois Buckholt and Wat Watkins*



*Scott Williams, Jeanne Holden, Rosalba Gutierrez, Ramon Gutierrez, and Terry Brooks*



*TTCU Volunteer Whitney McLeod and Buddy Haley waiting in line for food*



*Emerson Kincade, Byron Looker, Ken Langford & Iris Langford; Don Wooldridge in foreground*



*BBQ Lunch !*



*Attendees lining up for BBQ lunch*



*Bea Wilson being served tea by TTCU Volunteer Scott Meigs*



*BBQ food pans*



*Fred Pribble*



*TTCU Volunteers JP Godoy and Rebecca White helping with cobbler and ice cream*



*Larry Skinner with RM Barry*



*TTCU Volunteer Ariel Franco helping with cobbler and ice cream*



*Jim Minge in the crowd*



*Larry Skinner recognizes oldest attendee Les Gedeon; Stu Reichert on left, Carol Sulzen on right*



*Paula Hastings awarded door prize from TTCU's Peggy Esparza; husband Earl Hastings looks on*



*Jim Minge announcing door prizes*



*Door prizes and Jelly Bean jar*



*Billy Newberry awarded door prize from TTCU's Heidi Hardy; Jeanne Holden looks on*



*Ramon Gutierrez awarded door prize;  
wife Rosalba Gutierrez looks on*



*Phillip Perley awarded a door prize;  
Harvey Allsup and Deborah Allsup on left*



*Michael Ozuna awarded a door prize*



*Fred Pribble awarded a door prize*



*Walter Copeland awarded a door prize*



*Warren Wooley raises his hand to claim door prize  
as Bill Schahn looks on*



*Christy Pearce awarded a door prize*



*Howard Webb, Chris Mills, Dean Philpott,  
Rae Philpott, Carolyn Mills, and Jim Minge*



*Ken Cox and Doris Morgan*



*TTCU Volunteers Jewell Marshall, Sheila Kime, and Whitney McLeod*



*Bob Smith, Larry Skinner, and Jim Minge*



*TTCU Volunteers Dana Holt and Stephanie Sides*



*Larry Skinner, Charlie Nutt, Sue Nutt, Mike Kiefer*



*TTCU Volunteers Patti Morales, Jewell Marshall, Sheila Kime, Whitney McLeod, Sephanie Sides, and Michell Tamez*



*Karen Sauls and TTCU Volunteer Michell Tamez*



*TTCU Volunteers Heidi Hardy and Toni Nichols*



*VP of Branch Operations Espy Taylor*



*THANK YOU to all the TTCU Volunteers !!!*

### **Executive Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month**



**TTCU Business Park**

5840 W. I-20  
Arlington



**VHF Restoration Facility**

4224 S. Carrier Parkway  
Grand Prairie

The **Executive Committee** of the Vought Retiree Club meets at 9:30 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. We meet in alternating months either in the offices of the Vought Heritage Foundation Restoration facility in Grand Prairie, or in the office suite generously provided by **Texas Trust Credit Union** in the Texas Trust Business Park at 5840 W. I-20 in southwest Arlington.

***Next meeting: Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at the Restoration Facility in Grand Prairie.***

### **Restoration News**

Because of all the photos included in this issue for the Vought Retiree Club Annual Meeting and BBQ, Restoration activities will be included in the next issue.



*TTCU Volunteers Willy Kelsey and Leann Santiago*



*Peggy Esparza, TTCU Chief Financial Officer*



# Events Calendar 2024

Vought Retiree Club



JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

**12 – 2024 Annual Meeting / BBQ**  
Ruthe Jackson Center  
3113 South Carrier Pkwy.  
Grand Prairie, TX  
(Wednesday)

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

All Dates subject to change, Events without date are TO BE DETERMINED  
\*Information about specific times and costs will follow in flyers in future Newsletters

## December 15, 2022 -- Vought Heritage Foundation Restoration Volunteers





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Secretary – Vynita Hutson  
Sergeant-at-Arms – Wat Watkins

**Call the Club at (817) 478-1885**

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Veterans' Advocate – Gene Cates  
Volunteer Programs – Johnnie Johnson  
Technical Support and Website\* – Roger Stites  
V.P. - Membership Assistant – Ann Christmas  
President, Vought Heritage Foundation – Cathie  
Barrington

\*Vought Heritage Website: [www.vought.org](http://www.vought.org)

**For questions on retiree benefits:**  
**Triumph/Vought Retirees, call the "Benefits Center" toll free 844-368-1917**  
**Lockheed Martin Missiles & Fire Control Retirees call 866-562-2363, M-F, 8 am-8 pm ET**

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