



SUPPORT OUR TROOPS NEWS



Left to right: Gary Pniewski, Aaron Tusker, Barbara Runner, Charles Runner, Quinn Sowell and Chip Kasper. Photo by Bonnie Glod.

Charles Runner, President, Support Our Troops, Inc.

Award—On August 13, Support Our Troops (SOT) received a Certificate of Appreciation during the deployment ceremony for the 236th Engineer Company, Texas National Guard, at the Texas Women's University. The certificate was awarded in thanks for the past support the 236th has received from SOT and the people of Robson Ranch. The 236th is currently undergoing training at Fort McCoy, WI. When the 165 members of the 236th arrive in Afghanistan in the near future, SOT will begin our deployment support to their unit. This will be the largest single unit SOT has supported.

Special Donation—On August 20, SOT President Charles Runner, wife Barbara, treasurer Quinn Sowell, secretary Bonnie Glod, and member Gary Pniewski traveled to the Raising Cane's 81 Restaurant in Frisco, TX to receive a special \$1,000 donation from Restaurant General Manager Chip Kasper. The restaurant recently opened and had customers register to win prizes and select a charity for the special donation. Our heartfelt thanks go to Aaron Tusker of Roanoke, TX. Aaron held the winning ticket. He has many friends in the armed forces who are currently serving in Afghanistan and selected SOT based

on the activities listed on our website, supportourtroopstexas.com.

Silent Auction—The donation drive for the SOT Veterans Day Silent Auction is underway. Donation forms for Robson Ranch residents are located in the kiosk by the HOA desk. Some of the noteworthy early donations include a round of golf for four at the Cowboy Golf Club and a personalized bookplate from former President George W. Bush for his book *Decision Points*. Your tax-deductible donations may be given to Auction co-chairs Liz Dinkins, 10117 Soriano Street, or Barbara Runner, 11404 Ridgedale Court.

Veterans Park—The fall Veterans Park brick drive is underway. If you are one of the 400 plus Veterans currently living at Robson Ranch and you do not have a brick honoring you in the Park, now is the time to act. Brick prices remain \$60 for 4x8, \$110 for 8x8, and \$180 for the 12x12 bricks. Brick order forms and a guidance document for information to consider for placement in the Tribute Book are located under the Tribute Book in the clubhouse. Bricks will be installed in the Park in time for the annual Veterans Day ceremony. If you have any questions, contact Charles Runner, 262-3161 or by e-mail at charlesrunner@grandecom.com. ☀