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May 26, 2011 - On Saturday, residents from all over Fannin County converged on the Multi-Purpose Complex to honor and celebrate the area's Veterans, Military servicemen and women along with the area's senior citizens with dinner and entertainment. The 13th Annual Armed Forces Day Dinner and Celebration event provided the attendees with entertainment by Rita Fulmer during a catfish and chicken fried steak dinner from Cappy's Caf. Many of the tables were adorned with flags representing the five branches of our Armed Forces while the stage held a pride-inspiring picture of eight United States Flags and two State of Texas Flags.

Melanie Grammar, President of the Fannin County Republican Women and event organizer, started off the evening with a welcome to all. Criminal District Attorney Richard Glaser recognized the various county and city officials who were in attendance. Recognition was given to the corporate and individual sponsors who made it possible to host an event for the entire community to enjoy.

"Without the generous help of these incredible sponsors an evening such as this would be very difficult to offer," said Grammar.

The evening was filled with many uplifting moments starting with the Presentation of Colors by the Mike Baker Chapter 129. Nancy Young led the attendees in the pledges to both the United States flag and the Texas flag. Brother Bill Beasley, himself a Veteran and former POW, provided the invocation. Colonel Benton Danner, son of Richard and Mary Danner of Bonham, recognized all the veterans in attendance.

The evening progressed as Congressman Ralph Hall gave a short entertaining and informative discussion of the current political state of affairs in Washington.



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