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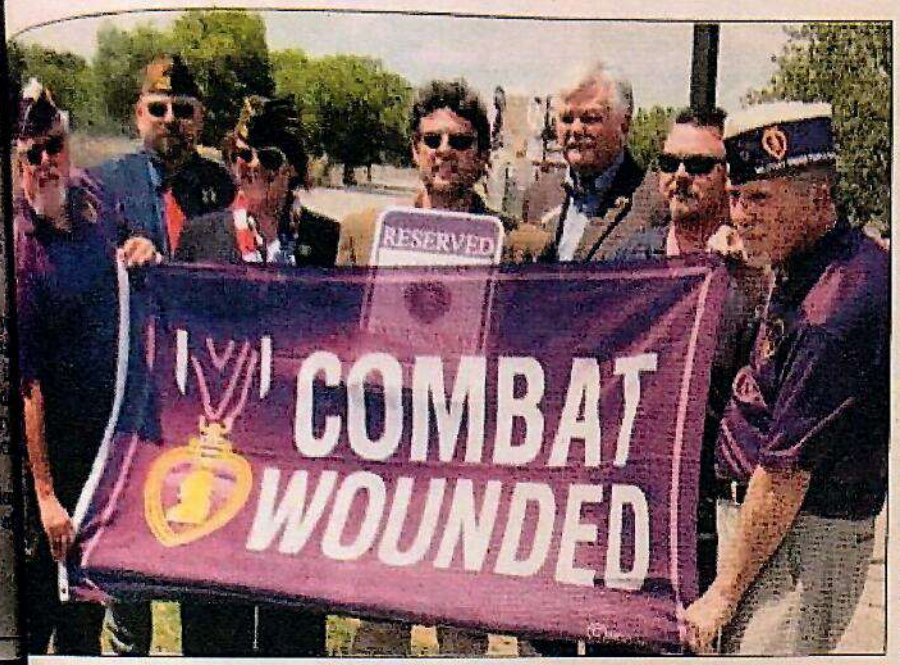
PLEASANTON RECEIVES COMBAT WOUNDED FLAG



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Tuesday, May 15, during a Purple Heart Ceremony at the Veteran Memorial in Pleasanton River Park, the city was given a Combat Wounded flag to fly beneath the U.S. flag. From left are Gustav Wittschack, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 1515 Commander, Cross Roads, Texas; Steve Mueller, Pleasanton VFW Post Commander, Post 12162; Stephanie Pino, Pleasanton VFW Sr. Vice Commander, Post 12162; Pleasanton Mayor Clint Powell, Pleasanton VFW Member, Post 12162; Atascosa County Judge Bob Hurley; Kenny Hernandez, Pleasanton City Councilman, Place 1 and Jon Lunkwicz, State Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart from Farmers Branch, Texas.

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...hen it comes to ...g a police officer, ...Leal has enjoyed ...most is being able ...rk with people and ...them out whenever ...ible. He has espe-...liked getting to ...the residents. ...was very comfort-...here and I enjoyed ...people that I talked ...that made me want to ...around," Leal said. ...far as Leal knows, ...served the longest ...tion with the Poteet ...Department. ...l is thankful to ...Police Chief Bruce ...ham and his work ...aining the proper ...ment and modern ...ology needed.

Now that he is retired, Leal has three options workwise that he is looking at.

"I am very fortunate that I have those options," Leal said.

In his free time, he enjoys working around the yard and staying active and busy. He is more of an outdoor person.

Leal would like to thank the city and community, all the officials and courts at the county level, the Atascosa County Sheriff's Department, DPS and the police departments in Poteet, Pleasanton, Jourdanton and Lytle.

"They have all helped me throughout the years. Everytime I have needed help from somebody, they would offer to help. All the agencies reached out, as well as the citizens and I appreciate that- their patience, too."

April 25 was proclaimed as "Lt. Frank Garcia Leal Day" at the Poteet City Council meeting.

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