

**NOMINATION FOR INCLUSION IN THE
TEXAS MILITARY DEPARTMENT HALL OF HONOR**

SECTION 1: NOMINEE INFORMATION

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE: Fife, Bernard Piermont		HIGHEST RANK: Command Chief Master Sergeant	
COMPONENT: Texas Air National Guard		YEARS OF SERVICE: FROM 1978 TO 2010	
CURRENT ADDRESS: 5301 SW. 11th Terr Mayberry, TX 78799		HOME PHONE NUMBER: (713) 555-1212	
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NOMINEE'S E-MAIL ADDRESS: chiefbarney@email.com			
YEARS AND LOCATION OF TEXAS RESIDENCY: 1946-1968 - Mayberry; 1978-2010 - Ft. Worth; 2010- - present Mayberry			
NOMINEE HONORABLY DISCHARGED? YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/> N/A <input type="radio"/> (attach verification documents: DD Form 214, NGB Form 23, etc.)			
DECEASED? YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>		NEXT OF KIN NAME IF DECEASED: N/A	
NEXT OF KIN ADDRESS: N/A		NEXT OF KIN PHONE NUMBER: N/A	
		RELATIONSHIP TO NOMINEE: N/A	
NEXT OF KIN'S E-MAIL ADDRESS: N/A			
IS THIS A RE-NOMINATION OF A VETERAN WHO WAS NOT SELECTED PREVIOUSLY? YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> YEAR OF NOMINATION:			

SECTION 2: SUBMITTER INFORMATION

NAME: SMSgt Andrew Taylor	
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SECTION 2: NOMINATION NARRATIVE

- THE ACTIONS, CONTRIBUTIONS AND LASTING ACHIEVEMENTS THE NOMINEE HAS HAD ON THE TEXAS MILITARY DEPARTMENT
- THE ACTIONS AND ACHEIVEMENTS HAVE ENHANCED THE IMAGE OF THE TMD
- NOMINEE HAS RETIRED OR LEFT THE RANKS OF THE TMD AT LEAST THREE (3) YEARS PRIOR TO THE NOMINATION DATE

DESCRIBE HOW THE SERVICE(S) OR DEED(S) OF THE NOMINATED INDIVIDUAL HAVE BEEN OF SUCH MAGNITUDE AS TO REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON THE TEXAS MILITARY DEPARTMENT. NOMINEES MUST HAVE MADE AN EXTRAORDINARY AND POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN THE CONTINUAL TRANSFORMATION OF THE TEXAS MILITARY DEPARTMENT, CHANGING THE OUTLOOK AND FOCUS OF THE ORGANIZATION AND/OR SHAPING THE ORGANIZATIONAL ENVIRONMENT FOR THE FUTURE. USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NEEDED.

Chief Master Sergeant Bernard P. Fife, Texas Air National Guard, served for over 38 years in the United States Air Force and the Texas Air National Guard. In November of 1969, Chief Fife enlisted into the Air Force as an aircraft loadmaster. In the early years of his career, Chief Fife crewed C-141 and C-130 missions in Vietnam for 18 months, compiling over 300 combat missions with 575 combat flying hours, and earning the Distinguished Flying Cross with Valor as a young Airman First Class. He returned from Vietnam to serve as an Instructor and Evaluator Loadmaster where his efforts resulted in superior combat readiness and an outstanding safety record.

Throughout his tenure with the Texas Air National Guard, Chief Fife filled various positions in the 136th Aerial Port Squadron, 136th Airlift Control Flight, 181st Airlift Squadron and the 136th Airlift Wing, to include a 100% aerial port squadron activation during Operation DESERT SHIELD / DESERT STORM, where he and his crew shattered all previous Air Force records for tonnage of cargo moved in a 24-hour period. As a testament to his "service before self" attitude, Chief Fife served on the national Aerial Port Advisory Council for four years; served as Vice Chairman of the 136th Airlift Wing Chiefs Council for another four years, and chaired the Enlisted Performance Feedback Working Group that led the implementation of the feedback program in the 136th Airlift Wing two years ahead of the Air National Guard program. He co-authored ANGI 24-101, Air National Guard Aerial Port Program Instruction as well as the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Aerial Port Self-Evaluation and Quality Control Program. In 2005, Chief Fife deployed to the Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar in support of USCENTCOM Operations

In 1988, Chief Fife participated in Hurricane Gilbert aeromedical evacuation of the Corpus Christi State School. And upon request from State Headquarters, he assisted in the emergency airlift of an air conditioning cooling tower and associated components weighing 30 tons, a type of load that had never been airlifted on a C130 aircraft before. In 1989, Chief Fife led a team to support Hurricane Hugo airlift operations to the Virgin Islands. His efforts resulted in the rapid deployment of a Hospital Unit, medical supplies, food, water and equipment being airlifted quickly and efficiently. In all, during Hurricane Hugo relief efforts, Chief Fife's team worked 24 C-130s, six C-141s, one C-5, and handled 732,000 pounds of cargo and 163 passengers.

As the 136th Airlift Wing Command Chief, Chief Fife served as an invaluable liaison between the wing commander and over 1,200 enlisted personnel. As the "pulse" of the enlisted force, he stayed abreast of all pertinent issues and concerns related to morale, welfare and the effective utilization of the airmen he represented. Chief Fife's insight, experience and renowned respect were invaluable in his role as a mentor for the entire enlisted force throughout the Texas Air National Guard.

SECTION 3: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

DESCRIBE SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY SERVICE OR ADOCCACY ACTIVITIES, VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES, CIVIC ACTIVITIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS, AS WELL AS ANY ELECTED OR APPOINTED POLITICAL OFFICES HELD.

Chief Fife was an active member of the National Guard Association of Texas, co-chairing the Enlisted Breakfast programs at the annual meetings, as well as serving to ensure enlisted issues were well represented during discussions at the various break-out sessions and business meetings. He was also an active member of the Silver Eagles, an organization of 135th Airlift Wing tenured and retired members who dedicate themselves to improving the quality of life for airman currently serving.

LIST SELECTED COMMUNITY PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS CREDITED TO THE NOMINEE

An essay titled "Leadership Applications in Everyday Life" written by Chief Fife, was published in the Mayberry Gazette in August 1998

DESCRIBE OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS.

Chief Fife is a lifetime member of the Air Force Association Kieth Park Chapter. He is on the planning committee for the chapter's annual Douglas Bader Award Banquet. In addition, Chief Fife participates in the chapter's numerous community projects, including supporting the Mayberry, Tx Meals on Wheels and Pie-in-the-Sky groups.

DESCRIBE INVOLVEMENT IN PATRIOTIC COMMUNITY PROJECTS, COMMITTEES, EVENTS, AND PARADES

Chief Fife served as the Grand Marshal of the 51st Annual North Texas Patriotic Parade, as well as the keynote speaker of the annual meeting of the Concerned Veterans Association Dinner. He serves on the ArkLaTex Patriotic Veterans' Committee and takes part in the Lufkin Community Revitalization Center Project.

SECTION 4: ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, ETC.**LIST SIGNIFICANT AWARDS TO INCLUDE: MILITARY AWARDS AND DECORATIONS (STATE AND FEDERAL), ACADEMIC, COMMUNITY AWARDS, RECOGNITION OF THE NOMINEE BY VETERANS' SUPPORT PROGRAMS OR INITIATIVES, PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS, WHO'S WHO, CITIZEN OF THE YEAR, ETC.**

AWARD	DATE	INSTITUTION
Distinguished Flying Cross with Valor	Mar-1973	US Air Force
Meritorious Service Medals	Sep-1970	US Air Force
Meritorious Service Medal w/ Oak Leaf Cluster	Jun-1978	US Air Force
Meritorious Service Medal w/ Oak Leaf Cluster	Mar-1984	US Air Force
Air Force Commendation Medal	Apr-1974	136th Airlift Wing
Air Force Commendation Medal	Sep-1977	136th Airlift Wing
Air Force Commendation Medal	Jun-1985	181st Airlift Squadron
Air Force Commendation Medal	Mar-1987	209th Composite Group
Air Force Achievement Medal	Oct-1972	654th Mobile Group
Air Force Achievement Medal	Jan-1995	4077th Fuel Transfer Flight
Army Commendation Medal	May-1984	US Army 100 Regimental Combat Team
Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal	Jun-1984	TMD
Texas Faithful Service Medal	Apr-1986	TMD
Texas Faithful Service Medal	Oct-1988	TMD
Texas Faithful Service Medal	Jan-1990	TMD
Texas Faithful Service Medal	Aug-1992	TMD
Texas Outstanding Service Medal	Apr-1995	TMD
Quality Employee of the Quarter	Feb-2002	L-5 Mission Integration
Top Star Team	Apr-2005	L-5 Mission Integration
Top Star Individual	Jan-2007	L-5 Mission Integration
Top Star Individual	Mar-2010	L-5 Mission Integration