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BUD HATTAWAY TO ASSUME POST IN CAMBODIA

Bud Hattaway has accepted a new position as President of a College in the Kingdom of Cambodia. Bud currently serves on the Board of Trustees of Tennessee Temple University and Temple Baptist Seminary. The College that Bud will be working with is located in Southern Cambodia in the Province of Sihanouk about 40 miles from the South China Sea. It is located about 90 miles from Phnom Penh which is the Capital of the Kingdom of Cambodia. Bud will continue to maintain his home here in North Georgia and will travel back and forth several times each year. Bud will work through the third of January and leave for Cambodia on Friday the 6th of January. Good Luck Bud.

NEXT ROUND OF TABLETOP EXERCISES ANNOUNCED

The next round of tabletop exercises designed to evaluate capabilities and determine need for future EMS grant funding has been announced. The exercises are co-sponsored by GEMA-OHS, Georgia Department of Public Health Emergency Preparedness and GTRI. Five dates/locations have been selected which include: January 10, 2012 in Dahlonega (school cafeteria shooter), January 18, 2012 in Atlanta (active downtown shooter), January 26, 2012 in Dublin, February 8, 2012 in Pine Mountain and February 2, 2012. All exercises will be from 10-

3 with lunch provided. RSVP at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/e_msttx2012 or by phone to Adina Martinez at 404-407-7622.

NEXT EMS COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD IN WALKER COUNTY

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Northwest Georgia Region 1 EMS Council will be held at the Walker County Civic Center in Rock Spring, Georgia on January 26, 2012 beginning at 11:00 a.m. the meeting will be preceded by the nominating committee at 9:00 a.m. and the Executive Committee at 10:00 a.m. at the same location. The election of officers and at large members will occur at this meeting. If you are interested in becoming an officer or at-large member please notify David Foster at dfoster@dhr.state.ga.us. Also on the agenda is consideration of the bylaws changes necessary for creation of the Regional Trauma Advisory Committee. The bylaws draft is posted on the Region 1 website located at

<http://www.nwgaems.org/Georgia%20Region%20EMS%20council.htm>

TACTICAL COMBAT CASUALTY COURSE TO BE HELD IN ROME

The National Association of EMTs will offer a Tactical Combat Casualty Course on February 6-8, 2012 at the Rome City Police Department. The course will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will

cost \$288 per participant. For more information, contact Robert Early at Robert.Early@HCAhealthcare.com

RECEIPIENTS OF GOVERNORS PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS

This year's Georgia Governors Public Safety Awards Ceremony was held on December 13, 2011 and among the recipients were Jonathan Barton of the Hall County Fire Department and Jeremy Battle, Chad Phillips and Josh Cochran of the Gordon County Sheriff's Department for heroism. Also Tim Brogdon was recognized for his contribution to the EMS Profession. For a complete list, visit <http://www.gpstc.org/awards.html>

OH NO NOT AGAIN



Twice in one year, tornados have hit West Rome. Pictured above is the neighborhood of Monique Wheeler which had a direct hit. The rare December tornado was an F2 and traveled into Calhoun as an F3 causing considerable damage. The previous tornado in West Rome occurred in the April 2011 Super Outbreak and followed about the same path. Unlike the April tornados, this one did not cause fatalities but heavily damaged homes and businesses.



FAREWELL BILL HAMMETT

Lt. Col. John W. Hammett Sr., known by his family and friends as Bill, born in Shreveport, Louisiana passed away at age 89 on Wednesday, November 30, 2011. Bill flew with the British Royal Air Force in the Battle of Britain over France and was shot down and rescued in the English Channel during the Battle of Dunkirk. From 1940 to 1942, he was credited with shooting down 3 German planes. After Pearl Harbor in 1942, Bill returned home to serve in the U.S. Army Air Corps flying light aircraft in combat over Africa and Italy. As an artillery spotter, Bill would fly over enemy lines deliberately drawing fire in order to identify and direct return artillery fire on enemy positions. After World War II, Bill returned home to Shreveport attending Centenary College and going on to complete two of the three years required at Tulane Law School. Even as a student, Bill continued his passion for flying working as both a flight instructor and a crop duster. It was here he met, courted and married Betty Colvin in 1947. Betty and Bill went on to travel the world together, raised a family, laughed, loved and danced for 64 rich years. At the outbreak of the Korean War in 1950, his education was interrupted when he was recalled to service attending Instrument Flight School in Kansas; Helicopter School in Texas; and Advanced Helicopter School in Oklahoma. Bill served 18 months in combat in

Korea - first with the 25th Infantry Division; then assigned to the MASH in Korea as their Air Officer; and ultimately as Commanding Officer of Korea's first Helicopter Ambulance Detachment. As a solo pilot, Bill was a member of an elite group of military aviators who brought rotary wing ambulances into a battlefield environment. Known for their courage, commitment and innovation, Bill was among a handful of pioneer aviators who flew solitary missions in primitive helicopters lacking navigational aids and limited to external litter carrying capabilities. Bill flew so many night flights, he was nicknamed Captain Midnight by the MASH crew. It was these repeated aerial missions to evacuate wounded soldiers and downed pilots that earned Bill multiple medals for heroic action in Korea. At the end of the Korean War, Bill trained medical helicopter pilots at Fort Sam Houston; served as a test pilot at Fort Rucker, Alabama; served three years in the Surgeon General's Office in Washington, D.C.; attended Command General Staff College; and spent three years in Germany as a Command and Staff Officer. Six months after returning from Europe, Bill was sent to Vietnam in 1966. Flying medical helicopter missions and serving as the Operations and Aviation Officer of the only medical brigade in the country, Bill controlled 124 medical units in Vietnam consisting of over 9000 medical troops from Surgical and Evacuation Hospitals to Air and Ground Ambulance units. Bill retired in 1973 after 30 years of military service and started another career as Chief of Field Services for the State of Georgia's Emergency Medical System. Over the next 20 years - using his extensive military medical evacuation experience and knowledge - Bill was recognized for being instrumental in organizing and improving the Georgia Emergency Medical System that exists today. Betty and Bill retired in Atlanta, Georgia in 1993, eventually moving to San Antonio, Texas to be closer to their children. Bill is survived by his wife, Betty

Colvin Hammett; their children: John and wife, Arleen; Toby Hammett Futrell and husband, Don; and Jeff; one grandchild: Travis Hammett; sister-in-law: Joy Donaldson and husband, Armand; as well as many nieces and nephews that were dear to him.



RANDY NORRED MEMORIUM

Randy N. Norred age 62, of Woodstock died December 29, 2011. He was co-owner of Northside Chapel Funeral Directors in Roswell. He was a member of the Georgia Funeral Directors Association and Past President from 2001-2002, National Funeral Directors Association and Selected Independent Funeral Homes. He was the owner of the AAA Ambulance service in Opelika, AL and Troup County Ambulance Service in LaGrange, GA. He was also the former director of Cherokee county EMS and 911. He served on the Region 1 EMS Council and was chairman of the Georgia EMS Directors Association. Funeral services were held on Monday, January 2, 2011 at 1:00pm. He is survived by his loving wife, Joyce A. Norred, 3 daughters and 4 grandchildren.