Fort Chadbourne celebrates "Evening with a Hero"

By Ann Pate
On May 12, 2016, the Fort
Chadbourne Foundation was
proud to present Air Force Medal
of Honor recipient Colonel James
P. Fleming as guest speaker at a
dinner held at Fort Chadbourne.

Colonel Fleming who earned the medal for going above and beyond the call of duty in Vietnam, shared his heroic story of courage to a crowd of 300. Ann Pate, historian at Fort Chadbourne served as Master of Ceremonies for the event. Although veterans were present from WWII, Korea, and the War on Terror, Pate had prearranged with Colonel Fleming a special surprise for other Vietnam Veterans in the crowd.

Pate had learned through her conversations with Colonel Fleming that he was not aware of the pinning ceremony associated the Vietnam 50th Commemoration Anniversary Program. Fort Chadbourne, in partnership with the Department of Defense program serves to recognize and honor our Vietnam through Commemoration which was begun through a proclamation signed in 2012.

Pate asked if they might pin Medal of Honor recipient Fleming at the event, and he agreed. One of his close friends who had taught with him at the Air Force Academy and served in Vietnam, retired Lt. Colonel Larry Gill was on hand to pin Colonel Fleming and in return Colonel Fleming pinned Gill. After the two men shared the kinship of pinning each other, it



was announced that all Vietnam Veterans in the audience should make their way to the stage. Colonel Fleming had requested the honor of pinning each of them himself. In all, 27 Vietnam Veterans were honored on stage, pinned with the eagle pin and thanked for their service to our

country.

Fort Chadbourne was proud to host such a honorable event, and much thanks and gratitude to Medal of Honor Recipient Colonel James P. Fleming for being a part of this very special evening at Fort Chadbourne.

An Evening with a Hero! On May 12, 2016, the Fort Chadbourne Foundation presented "An Evening with a Hero". Retired Medal of Honor recipient Colonel James P. Fleming was the guest speaker. Col. Fleming is flanked by active duty military from Goodfellow Air Force Base and later is shown speaking to the crowd in attendance.

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