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## Honoring Our Heroes

Heroes are normally understated people, who have done extraordinary things with their lives and make us proud to know them.

November 6, the Alumni Association will have the opportunity to honor our Distinguished Alumni and Faculty and bestow the Spirit Award to a group who has worked tirelessly for the

university.

This year's recipients are:

- Mr. Robert Buck, MBA,
- Mr. George Moore, M.Ed.
- Mr. Scott Niven, M.Ed.

Our Distinguished Faculty member this year is Dr. David Brown, Professor of Education and the Spirit Award will be given to the City of Texarkana, Texas. In this issue of the newsletter,

we have also focused on two individuals who served our country in Iraq. I think you'll agree, these gentlemen are certainly heroes for our country and make us proud as do our Distinguished Alumni and Faculty. For more information on the banquet, please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 903-223-3057.

## Hope Math Teacher in Iraq

Joseph Kopecky, M.S. '88, is stationed at Camp Taji, along the southern edge of the Sunni Triangle just north of Baghdad. He is pictured on board a Blackhawk helicopter. Joseph is a math teacher from Hope High School.



## General Counsel Shares His Experiences

Eddie Gose, an associate general counsel for The Texas A&M University System received orders last year to serve a one-year tour in Iraq as a Judge Advocate General lawyer for the Army. As a member of the Army Reserve with a rank of Lt. Colonel, Gose was assigned to the 493rd Combat Engineers Brigade. He was sent to provide combat control and support for two battalions patrolling in and around Baghdad. His responsibility as chief legal officer, was to ensure that the soldiers knew the laws of the Geneva Convention, and what they could and could not do in order to protect themselves.

Gose visited A&M-Texarkana in September to share his experiences with students, staff, faculty and the community.



Eddie Gose and Dr. Stephen Hensley after Gose's presentation.

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