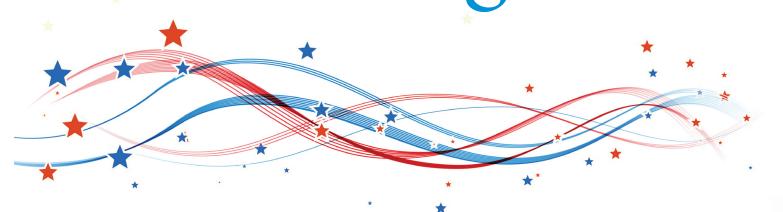


VETERANS DAY Blessings





Jess Legg, DDS

It all started about 6:45 AM on a Saturday morning following Veterans Day in Dr. Tim Gardner's beautiful new office which is located in Montgomery, Texas. This was the fourth year for Dr. Gardner to offer his services to help the Veterans. It was the first year for me and the others to participate with Dr. Gardner.

Left to right: Dr. Ronald Konig, Dr. Timothy Gardner, Dr. Seth Harris, Amber Wright, Dr. Michael Reece and Dr. Jess Legg working on a Veteran.



Dr. Tim Gardner and his team did a lot to prepare for this day. Every little detail was skillfully taken care of from arranging breakfast and lunch for all the volunteers, scheduling the Veterans appointments, to a great barbeque dinner. The highlight for the evening was for Dr. Tim Gardner's eleven year old daughter, Sarah, singing the National Anthem and a beautiful flag raising ceremony.

The last three years, he had problems getting enough dentists to take care of these Veterans. This year we had decided to call on the LVI alum in our area to ask for their help. So this year was an LVI event with the help of doctors Ron Konig, Mike Reece, Seth Harris, Tim Gardner and myself. We had a lot of fun working together and it was a unanimous decision to make this an LVI event every year from now on.

We had Veterans from, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan representing the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard. These ladies and gentlemen were so very appreciative of the care they were receiving. They each thanked us and there were a few giving us "Bear Hugs," One particular Air Force Veteran had been trying to get in at the V.A. to remove his abscessed teeth for five years, and he shed a tear as he was hugging me. He told me the V.A, considered removing abscessed teeth cosmetic treatment and would not take them out!

Dr. Gardener asked us to do Comprehensive Dentistry on all patients. We completed inlays, onlays, crowns, composite fillings, extractions, alveoplasties, bridges, cleanings and two dentures. Dr. Gardener estimated we completed \$70,000 worth of dentistry that day! WOW!

Dr. Gardner & Staff,

Thanks so much for honoring the veterans. We do appreciate what you have done for our dental well-being. You and your staff went above and beyond any of my expectations. Thanks for the evening social, I truly enjoyed myself. Also, thanks to the sponsors who supported you and your free dental care.

Thanks, Jim Fraus Dear Mr. Clark,

I just wanted to take a minute to thank you for the generous gift of your time and resources, (i.e. the lab work on my teeth).

The vets returning from Southeast Asia in the late 60's-Early 70's were met at the airports too- But by anti-war activists and welcomed home with derision and name calling. None of that bothered me and I just went on about my life. Until 35 years later, in 2005, someone I didn't even know took time to thank me for my service. I realized then for the first time that deep inside were scars.

But what men like you, Dr. Gardner, Dr. Legg and everyone involved in the program are doing is simply overwhelming. You heal much more than the teeth in our mouths. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Sincerely,

David P. Musglove SSGT, USAF 1967-1977

For our Air Force Veteran with the abscessed teeth. we decided to go all out. We removed all of his teeth; performed alveolectomies, made him a New You Denture. (Ala Mike Reece's great coure.) The lab work was donated by LVI Sponsor labs and Dr. Leo Malin had even graciously provided three implants.

There is no doubt these very appreciative vets were blessed by all the dental work they received. Even with that being said, the real blessing fell on all of us. We are all so blessed to have been trained at LVI to be able to provide this type of service to our Veterans. After all, they sacrifice so much to protect us and our country. Through us, LVI truly changed lives that day! Next year the "Dentistry for Vets" will be on November 12th and any LVI alum is welcomed to participate.

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