

***MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
OF
THE ROTARY CLUB OF GALVESTON
IN REGULAR SESSION AT
GALVESTON, TEXAS, JANUARY 7, 2009***

HONORING ITS BELOVED FORMER MEMBER

***LEE ROBERT WEBER, JR.
1919-2008***

WHEREAS, LEE ROBERT WEBER, JR. known to us as **LEE,** and **“COLONEL,”** departed this life on December 31, 2008 at the age of 89.

WE, THE ROTARY CLUB OF GALVESTON, DO HEREBY RESOLVE, THAT:

Our Club mourns the loss of **LEE WEBER,** a highly respected and valued member of our Club.

Lee was born on August 16, 1919 in Galveston to Robert and Amelia Weber. He was raised in Galveston and delighted in being a life-long resident of the Island. Like many of his generation, Lee was shaped in large measure by his experiences in World War II. Lee joined the local Galveston Marine reserve battalion in 1939. They were mobilized in the fall of 1940. Lee was sent to American Samoa as a corporal and received a promotion to 2nd lieutenant in September 1942. Lee served with the 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment of the famed 2nd Marine Division. He saw combat in the Pacific Theater of War earning 2 battle stars for the bloody Guadalcanal and Tarawa campaigns. While leading his men ashore on Tarawa and during hand to hand combat, Lee was seriously wounded and received the Purple Heart. For their heroism against ferocious Japanese forces on Guadalcanal and Tarawa, Lee’s 2nd Marine Division was awarded 2 Presidential Unit Citations-the highest

award that can be bestowed upon a combat unit. He also was awarded a citation for bravery from his commanding general. Lee stayed in the reserves after the war and retired in 1979 with the rank of Lt. Colonel.

After World War II, Lee returned home to raise a wonderful family with the love of his life, Retta Lou. They were married 67 years. Lee also became a remarkable citizen. Lee was a highly respected real estate developer in Galveston and was the owner-operator of Marine Mud Company that provided products for offshore drilling. Later in life he owned and operated All About Town and was a popular Elderhostel guide. He loved his Galveston community so much and truly enjoyed sharing its rich history with others.

Lee was also active in church, civic and charitable activities. He was a life member of First Presbyterian Church serving as a Deacon, Elder Trustee and Sunday School Teacher. Lee spent countless hours each year making the Marine's Toys For Tots program a success.

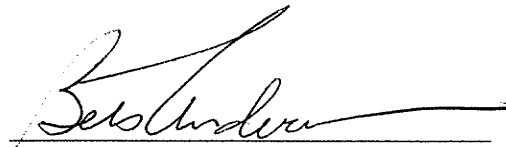
Lee's Galveston Rotary Club membership spanned 55 years, and he was one of our most respected and beloved members. Most of his friends lovingly and respectfully called him "Colonel." Lee was an extremely strong willed individual, who believed deeply in the principals of integrity, truthfulness and honor. If you asked Lee what he thought on any issue, he would tell you. You didn't have to worry about him beating around the bush. Our Club elects a new sergeant-at-arms annually, but in reality we all knew that Colonel Weber was our true sergeant-at-arms, year in and year out. We will always remember Lee as a great member and leader of our Rotary Club. He was a Paul Harris Fellow, recipient of our Distinguished Service Award and above all, he was our trusted friend upon whom we could always count.

Lee lived a wonderful life and was a great American. He served his God, his family, friends, fellow Marines and nation to the fullest. Lee loved being a Rotarian and Marine. Those organizations truly represented what Lee believed in. He exemplified the Rotary motto of "SERVICE ABOVE SELF" and the Marine Corps motto of "ALWAYS FAITHFUL." We all know that when Lee arrived at the gates of Heaven on Wednesday, God walked over to

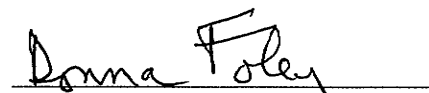
the entryway and announced to all present: "This is my beloved Lee in whom I am well pleased. I have prepared a special place for him in my Kingdom."

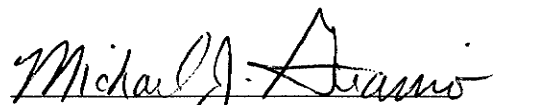
The Rotary Club of Galveston wishes to note, with deep regret, the passing of LEE WEBER, a loyal member, cherished friend and exceptional man. We bestow our sincere sympathy to his wife Retta Lou, to his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as other family members and friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this RESOLUTION be entered in the minutes of this Club, made a permanent part of the records of the Rotary Club of Galveston, and that copies be presented to Lee's family.


Bets Anderson, President

I, Donna Foley, Secretary of the Rotary Club of Galveston, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY A STANDING VOTE OF THE MEMBERS at the regular meeting of our Club in Galveston, Texas, on January 7, 2009.


Donna Foley, Secretary


Michael J. Guarino
Remembrance Committee Chairman