

# Around the State: UMHB expresses appreciation to military

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More than 280 military personnel, veterans and their families enjoyed free admission and concessions at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor football game on Nov. 9 as part of the school's annual Military Appreciation Day. Personnel from the 1st Cavalry Division Sustainment Brigade at Ft. Hood participated in a variety of ways. Lt. Col. **Jay West**, brigade chaplain, delivered the invocation, and PFC **Zachery Johnson**, religious affairs specialist, performed the national anthem. Col. **Patrick Disney**, brigade commander, conducted the pre-game coin toss, and at halftime, more than 20 soldiers under his command participated in a mass re-enlistment, renewing their commitments to the Army. They were joined by recruits from the Central Texas area who enlisted in the Texas Army National Guard during the halftime ceremony.



Blair Blackburn, president of East Texas Baptist University, presents

the 2019 Legacy Award to Donald Alford, retired dean of the College of Education, in recognition of his service and gifts to the university. (ETBU Photo)

East Texas Baptist University welcomed retirees, endowed scholarship donors and members of the Legacy of 1912 Society to the campus for a Nov. 4 luncheon. The Legacy of 1912 Society—named for the year the charter was signed establishing a Christian college in Marshall—is comprised of alumni and friends of the university who, through estate planning and other forms of planned giving, ensure resources will be available to support ETBU in the future. **Donald Alford**, retired dean of the College of Education, received the 2019 Legacy Award in recognition of his service and gifts to the university.



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packing party at True Vision Church's northeast campus, including several service organizations and sororities.

## Anniversary



Tim Randolph (right), director of missions for Waco Regional Baptist Association, is joined by BGCT Executive Director David Hardage (left) and Jeff Hanson, chairman of deacons, for a special presentation on the anniversary of First Baptist Church in Riesel.

First Baptist Church in Riesel marked its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Sept. 15. Former Pastor **Kelly Burkhart**, now at Temple Baptist Church in Houston, preached. Other special guests included former pastor **Adam Chaney**, now development director for Elijah Rising, a Houston-based ministry that fights human sex trafficking; **David Hardage**, executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas; and **Tim Randolph**, director of Waco Regional Baptist Association.

175<sup>th</sup> for Anderson Baptist Church in Anderson. **Kyle Childress** is senior pastor.

80<sup>th</sup> for Vanderbilt Baptist Church in Vanderbilt and 40<sup>th</sup> for **Jack Hutson** as pastor there.