



# Russell L. Collier Health Clinic Memorialization VIPs/Guests (as of 4 NOV)

## **FORT HOOD**

- ★ MG Will Grimsley, Fort Hood Senior Commander
- ★ MG Daniel Allyn, Commanding General, 1st Cavalry Division

## **SRMC**

- ★ BG Joseph Carvalho, Commander, Southern Regional Medical Command

## **ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD**

- ★ MG William D. Wofford, Adjutant General of Arkansas
- ★ MG (R) Ronald L. Chastain, Past Adjutant General of Arkansas and Commander of the 39th IBCT during SGT Collier's service in OIF II
- ★ COL Keith Klemmer, Commander 142nd Fires Brigade and SGT Collier's battalion commander in 1-206th during OIF II
- ★ COL Joseph Rooney, J3
- ★ LTC Damon Cluck, AGR Manager for Arkansas, 1-206th S3 during OIF II
- ★ MAJ Anthony Sanders, XO, 1-206th FA and Battle Captain of 1-206th FA during OIF II
- ★ MAJ Kevin Eastep - Was SGT Collier's Physician's Assistant during OIF II (No longer in the military and not retired)
- ★ CCWO Wayne Cates, Command Chief Warrant Officer, Arkansas National Guard
- ★ SFC Randall Alford - Was SGT Collier's Medical Section Chief during OIF II

## **COLLIER FAMILY** who traveled from Arkansas and North Carolina

- ★ Virginia "Rocky", widow
- ★ Hunter, son
- ★ Mary, daughter (Virginia is not her mother)
- ★ Wayne, son (Virginia is not his mother)

## **RHODE ISLAND NATIONAL GUARD**

- ★ MAJ Christian Neary, SGT Collier's company commander
- ★ MAJ Mark Bourgerly, SGT Collier's XO
- ★ 1SG Raymond Viens
- ★ SFC Richard Gage
- ★ SFC Antonio Mendonca
- ★ SSG James Dee
- ★ SFC Gerald Denaris
- ★ SFC Michael Zompa
- ★ SPC Nathaniel Anderson



# Russell L. Collier Health Clinic Memorialization Sequence of Events

<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>
1430	Guests arrive; social time	Guests
1440	Prelude	Band
1500	Ceremony begins	Narrator
1501	Posting of the Colors National Anthem	1CD Honor Guard Band
1505	Invocation	CH (CPT) Allan
1510	Opening Remarks	COL Braverman
1515	Remarks	BG Caravalho
1520	Remarks	MG Grimsley
1525	Guest Speaker	MG(R) Chastain (Former AR TAG/Cdr, 39BCT)
1535	Recognition of Collier Family	COL Braverman
1540	Plaque Unveiling	Ft. Hood leadership and family
1555	Retiring of the Colors	1CD Honor Guard
1558	Benediction	CH (CPT) Allan
1600	The Army Song	1CD Band
1605	Refreshments/Tour	Clinic Lobby



# Russell L. Collier Health Clinic Memorialization

## Sgt. Russell L. Collier

- ★ Nicknames: Rusty and Doc
- ★ Hometown: Harrison, Arkansas
- ★ His father was in the Army
- ★ He graduated from Wuerzburg High School in Germany in 1975

### MILITARY CAREER

- ★ Joined Army in 1975
- ★ Transferred to Navy in 1978
- ★ Returned to Army National Guard as a medic in 1999

### UNIT

- ★ Assigned to 1st Battalion, 206th Field Artillery, 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Arkansas National Guard
- ★ Mobilized 12 OCT 2003
- ★ Trained at Fort Hood for four months and was attached to 1st Cavalry Division
- ★ Attached as battery medic to Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 103rd Field Artillery, Rhode Island National Guard
- ★ Trained for one month at JRTC
- ★ Crossed into Iraq 16 MAR 2004



### INCIDENT THAT LEAD TO HIS DEATH

- ★ 3 OCT 2004
- ★ Conducting traffic control points, route security and area reconnaissance along Tigris River near the village of Al Mazurka, Taji, Iraq
- ★ Patrol came under small arms fire
- ★ Iraqi National Guard soldiers pursued the potential shooter
- ★ The howitzer section established over-watching crew-served weapons positions with their gun trucks
- ★ Five Iraqi National Guard soldiers and for U.S. soldiers maneuvered to find the shooter
- ★ SGT Collier accompanied the fire team when the section came under significant direct fire contact
- ★ SGT Collier waited his turn as the Soldiers conducted buddy team maneuvers around the berm that was providing cover and concealment for the team
- ★ During this fire and maneuver, SSG Christopher Potts, Collier's squad leader, was wounded and pinned down
- ★ SGT Collier handed his M4 to another Soldier instructed him to get his aid bag and left the protection provided by the berm to provide immediate first aid
- ★ His unselfish actions under direct enemy fire led to his own mortal wounds
- ★ Awards: Posthumously awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart

### BURIAL

- ★ Springfield National Cemetery 12 OCT 2004, in Springfield, Missouri
- ★ Buried a year to the day after he was mobilized
- ★ At the age of 48, SGT Collier became the 14th Arkansan and the 19th member of the 39th Infantry Brigade killed in combat in Iraq since the war began



# Russell L. Collier Health Clinic Memorialization Clinic Fact Sheet

## Formerly named West Fort Hood Clinic

- ★ Opened November 2008
- ★ Serves Soldiers and families

### SIZE

- ★ 30,000 square feet
- ★ Capacity to serve 15,000

### COST

- ★ \$9.7 million

### REVENUE

- ★ More than \$6 million since opening

### PATIENT ENCOUNTERS

- ★ Nearly 105,000

### STAFF

- ★ Doctors and physician's assistants: 9
- ★ Nurse case managers: 8
- ★ Full staff: 75

### SERVICES

- ★ Active duty sick call
- ★ Minor surgery
- ★ Pharmacy services
- ★ Laboratory services
- ★ Radiology services
- ★ Referral services
- ★ Well baby and child exams
- ★ School and sports physicals
- ★ Immunizations
- ★ Women's health
- ★ Physicals and pregnancy support for active duty Soldiers



# Russell L. Collier Health Clinic Memorialization Plaque

## RUSSELL L. COLLIER HEALTH CLINIC In Memory Of Sergeant Russell Lee Collier, Jr.

**Sergeant, United States Army**

**Born: 28 April 1956, Crossett Arkansas**

**Died: 3 October 2004, Taji, Iraq**

Sergeant Russell Lee Collier, Jr. distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action on 3 October 2004. Assigned to Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 206th Field Artillery, Arkansas National Guard, Sergeant Collier volunteered for duty in Iraq and was assigned as a combat medic to the 103rd Field Artillery Brigade and deployed under the 39th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division. On 3 October 2004, Sergeant Collier's unit was conducting traffic control operations, route security, and area reconnaissance along the Tigris River near the village of Al Mazurka, Taji, Iraq. While traveling on a road south of Camp Taji, the patrol came under attack by insurgent forces. Sergeant Collier accompanied a fire team maneuvering towards an enemy crew served weapon position. During the movement, the section chief was seriously wounded. Showing outstanding courage and bravery, Sergeant Collier, the battery medic, exposed himself to hostile enemy fire to advance forward and render medical aid. His unselfish actions under direct enemy fire led to his own mortal wounds. For gallantry in action against an enemy of the United States on 3 October 2004, Sergeant Russell Collier was posthumously awarded the Silver Star and the Purple Heart.

**DEDICATED: 23 NOVEMBER 2010**



# Russell L. Collier Health Clinic Memorialization Guest Speaker

## **Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Ronald S. Chastain**

**FORMER ADJUTANT GENERAL, ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD  
FORMER COMMANDER, 39TH INFANTRY BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM**



Maj. Gen. Ronald S. Chastain began his military career when he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Army Reserve, upon graduation from the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Arkansas Tech University July 7, 1972. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology. He is also a graduate of the Army War College.

Throughout his career, he has served in a variety of command and staff assignments in the 142d Field Artillery Brigade, 87th Troop Command, and the 39th Infantry Brigade (Separate). He commanded the 25th Rear Area Operations Center during Desert Storm, and he commanded the 39th Brigade Combat Team during Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

He assumed the duties as the Chief of Staff (Wartime), United States Forces, Korea, in October 2005, and he received federal recognition as a Major General of the Line on Oct. 17, 2005. Maj. Gen. Chastain served as the Adjutant General, Arkansas National Guard from July 15, 2006 through Feb. 15, 2007. He assumed duties as Deputy Commanding General (ARNG), US Army Forces Command, effective Feb. 16, 2007, and he retired Oct. 17, 2010.

Maj. Gen. Chastain's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Bronze Star (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (4 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), National Defense Service Medal (2 Bronze Service Stars), Southwest Asia Service Medal (3 Bronze Service Stars), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (Gold Hourglass and M Device and Number 2), Army Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Emirate of Kuwait) and Combat Action Badge.



# Russell L. Collier Health Clinic Memorialization Speaker

## **Maj. Gen. William F. Grimsley** **FORT HOOD'S SENIOR COMMANDER**

Maj. Gen. William Grimsley was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry in 1980 from ROTC at Davidson College, North Carolina.

His troop command and staff assignments include service as Rifle Platoon Leader, Weapons Platoon Leader, Support Platoon Leader, and Company Executive Officer in 3d Battalion 19th Infantry in 24th Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, GA; Rifle Company Commander and Headquarters Company Commander in 1st Battalion 15th Infantry, and Brigade Plans Officer in 3rd Infantry Division at Kitzingen, Germany; Battalion S3 and Executive Officer, 2d Battalion 8th Cavalry and Division G3 Plans and Deputy G3, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas; Commander, 2d Battalion 9th Infantry in 2d Infantry Division at Camp Casey, Korea; and Commander, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 3d Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Ga.; Deputy Commanding General of the 4th Infantry Division, and the Deputy Commanding General of III Corps and Fort Hood.

Maj. Gen. Grimsley has additionally served as an Infantry Observer/Controller at the National Training Center; as Chief III Corps G3 Exercises; and on the Joint Staff in the Joint Strategic Initiatives Group and Iraq Division Chief within the J5 Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate, and later as the Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense.

He is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Armor Officer Advanced Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Command and General Staff College, School of Advanced Military Studies, and Army War College where he served as a fellow in the Advanced Strategic Arts Program. In addition to his Bachelor of Arts Degree, Maj. Gen. Grimsley has a Master of Military Arts and Sciences Degree and a Master of National Security and Strategy Degree.





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## **Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Joseph Carvalho, Jr.** **COMMANDER, SOUTHERN REGIONAL MEDICAL COMMAND**

Brig. Gen. Joseph Carvalho was born in Hawaii, and is a 1975 alumnus of St. Louis High School in Hawaii. In 1979, he graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in mathematics from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash. Designated an Army ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate, Brig. Gen. Carvalho was first commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Medical Service Corps. He went on to the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences School of Medicine in Bethesda, Md., where he received his medical doctorate and was commissioned a Medical Corps Regular Army Captain in 1983.

Brig. Gen. Carvalho's post-graduate medical training included a transitional Internship, internal medicine residency, and both nuclear medicine and cardiology fellowships. His military training includes the Command and Service Support School at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. He is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and the Army War College, the latter from which he received a Master of Strategic Studies

Clinically, Brig. Gen. Carvalho served as staff internist, nuclear medicine physician and cardiologist. He served as Chief of Cardiology at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, and as Deputy Commander for Clinical Services at Womack Army Medical Center at Fort Bragg, N.C. His operational medical experience includes assignments as Surgeon, 1st Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne), Okinawa, Japan; Physician Augmentee, Joint Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg; Surgeon, 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Benning, Ga.; Deputy Chief of Staff, Surgeon, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg; and most recently as the Assistant Chief of Staff, Health Affairs, XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg. He also commanded the 28th Combat Support Hospital and the 44th Medical Command (Rear) (Provisional), both at Fort Bragg. In April 2009, Brig. Gen. Carvalho redeployed from Iraq, where he served as the senior medical officer for both the Multi-National Force-Iraq and the Multi-National Corps-Iraq.

Brig. Gen. Carvalho earned the Special Forces and Ranger tabs and was awarded the Expert Field Medical Badge. He completed the Army Airborne and Flight Surgeon schools, as well as the Navy Dive Medical Officer and SCUBA courses. His individual awards include the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters, Joint and Army Commendation Medals, and the Army Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters. He is a recipient of the Order of Military Medical Merit.





# Russell L. Collier Health Clinic Memorialization Speaker

## **Col. (Dr.) Steven E. Braverman** **COMMANDER, CARL R. DARNALL ARMY MEDICAL CENTER**

Col. Steven E. Braverman, MD, is a native of Baltimore, Md. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Virginia, a master's degree in National Security Strategy from the National Defense University and a Doctor of Medicine degree from Vanderbilt University. His medical specialty training included a transitional internship at the Dwight David Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Fort Gordon, Ga., and a residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R) at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C.

Col. Braverman is board certified by the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and serves as an examiner for their oral board certification exam. He has served on the boards of directors of the Association of Academic Physiatrists, the American Academy of Medical Acupuncture, and the American Board of Medical Acupuncture. He was the Army representative to the American Medical Association's Organized Medical Staff Section and Section on Medical Schools. He is a graduate of the Officer Basic and Advanced Courses and the Command and General Staff College and a distinguished graduate of the National War College.

Col. Braverman was initially assigned to remain on the teaching staff at Walter Reed serving first as the Director of Inpatient Rehabilitation and then Director of the Physical Medicine Outpatient Clinic. While at Walter Reed, he was subsequently assigned as Chief of the Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Service and Director of the PM&R Residency Training Program. In June 2000, he became the Deputy Commander for Clinical Services at Moncrief Army Community Hospital, Fort Jackson, S.C., followed by a tour as the Command Surgeon for the National Defense University, Washington, D.C. From 2001-2004, Col. Braverman also served as the PM&R Consultant to the Army Surgeon General. He went on to command the Fort Knox U.S. Army Medical Department Activity and Ireland Army Community Hospital from 2005-2007. He was subsequently assigned as Chief of the Clinical Services Division at the U.S. Army Medical Command, Deputy Director of Health Policy and Services at the Office of the Surgeon General, and Chief Consultant to the Army Surgeon General. From October 2008 to April 2009, Col. Braverman was Deputy Surgeon for Clinical Operations, Multi-National Corps – Iraq.

Col. Braverman's military awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal and Iraq Campaign Medal. He is a recipient of the "A" designator award for professional expertise, the Order of Military Medical Merit, and the General Claire L. Chennault Award for teaching excellence.





# Russell L. Collier Health Clinic Memorialization Media Advisory

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Nov. 15, 2010

## Clinic to be renamed after Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran

CRDAMC Public Affairs

FORT HOOD, Texas – A combat medic killed in action during Operation Iraqi Freedom will be memorialized Nov. 23 when the West Fort Hood Health Clinic is renamed in his honor.

Sgt. Russell Lee Collier was killed Oct. 3, 2004, in Taji, Iraq, when rendering medical aid to a fellow Soldier who was wounded by small arms fire. His unselfish actions under direct enemy fire led to his own mortal wounds. He was posthumously awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart for his actions.

Collier was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 206th Field Artillery Regiment, 39th Brigade Combat Team, Arkansas National Guard. He trained at Fort Hood with the 1st Cavalry Division and deployed as the battery medic for the 1st Battalion, 103rd Field Artillery Regiment, Rhode Island National Guard.

In recognition of his service to the Army Medical Corps, Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center is hosting an official naming ceremony Nov. 23 at 3 p.m. at the West Fort Hood Clinic. Media are invited to attend.

General officers from the Southern Regional Medical Command, III Corps and Arkansas National Guard will provide remarks.

Collier's widow and children will be in attendance as the guests of honor, and his former commanders are expected to attend.

Media interested in covering this event should RSVP by 3 p.m. Nov. 19 to Christie Vanover at (254) 286-7954 or [christie.vanover@us.army.mil](mailto:christie.vanover@us.army.mil).