

**Eighth Annual
Memorial Day Ceremony
Noon May 31, 2010**

Arlington Elks Lodge #2114
in cooperation with
V.F.W. Post 8561

and
American Legion Post 60



THE AMERICAN LEGION



Just a Common Soldier

He was getting old and paunchy, and his hair was falling fast.
And he sat around the Legion telling stories of the past.
Of a war that he had fought in and the deeds that he had done,
In his exploits with his buddies they were heroes, everyone.
And though sometimes to his neighbors, his tales became a joke,
All his legion buddies listened, for they knew whereof he spoke.
But we'll hear his tales no longer, for old Bill has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer for a soldier died today.
He was just a common soldier, and his ranks are growing thin,
But his presence should remind us we may need his like again.
For when countries are in conflict, then we find the soldier's part
Is to clean up all the troubles that others often start.
If we cannot give him honor while he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage at the ending of his days.
Perhaps a simple notice in a paper that would say,
"Our Country is in mourning, 'cause a Soldier passed away!"



MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

- Flag Raising.....Jim Speer and Donn Morris
- Pledge of Allegiance..... Ron Townsend
- Presentation of Wreaths:
- Irene Vodenichar, Exalted RulerElks Lodge 2114
- Glenn Talley, Commander VFW Post 8561
- Rick Norman, Commander
American Legion Post 60
- Star Spangled Banner Chancel Ensemble
F. U. M. C. Arlington, TX
- Post Colors Boy Scout Troop 396
- Introduction of Exalted Ruler Ron Townsend
- Welcoming of Guests Irene Vodenichar, ER
- Invocation Viola Lindsay
- Introduction of Veterans..... Ron Townsend
- Poem..... Charles Finicum
- Introduction of Guest SpeakerDenise Staton
- Guest Speaker Col. Bill Meehan
Texas Army National Guard
- In Flanders Field..... Chancel Ensemble
F. U. M. C. Arlington, TX
- Benediction..... Viola Lindsay
- Retire the Colors
- Taps..... Andrew Benjamin & Ryan Walker
Arlington High School Band