



MEXICAN BORDER SERVICE

STATUE DEDICATION CEREMONY

Feb. 28, 2026 • 10:30 a.m.

Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial
Veterans Park & Athletic Complex
3101 Harvey Road
College Station, Texas

Master of Ceremony	Tom Turbiville <i>BVVM Board Member</i>
National Anthem	M.A. Sterling
Invocation	GySgt. Doris Carter, USMC (Ret.) <i>BVVM Board Member</i>
Keynote Introduction	Dr. John Blair, USMC veteran <i>BVVM Board Member</i>
Keynote Address	Capt. Alfred "Al" Scott, USMC (Ret.)
Flag Presentation	GySgt. Doris Carter & Dr. John Blair
Rifle Salute & Taps	Honor Guard <i>American Legion Post 159</i>



KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Capt. Alfred “Al” Scott, USMC (Ret.)



Capt. Alfred “Al” E. Scott, USMC (Ret.) is a distinguished military veteran, business leader and dedicated community servant.

Capt. Scott enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in June 1974 after graduating from Lufkin High School. He held nine ranks throughout his 20-year military career, including 13 years in Field Artillery. He commissioned as an officer after graduating from Texas A&M University with a BBA in Accounting in 1981. In his final two assignments, he served as Officer in Charge of Payroll Offices at Camp Pendleton, California, and Budget Officer/Deputy Comptroller at Marine Corps Air Station in Cherry Point, North Carolina.

After retiring from the Marine Corps in 1994, Capt. Scott began a successful civilian career with Wells Fargo Bank, where he served for 28 years until his retirement in 2023. As a Business Relationship Manager and Vice President, he supported businesses throughout Bryan–College Station and Northwest Houston, building trusted relationships and contributing to economic growth across the region.

Capt. Scott has dedicated his time to numerous nonprofit and advisory boards, including the Boys & Girls Club of the Brazos Valley, where he has been a board member since 2001. He served as Chairman of the Board in 2004 and was recently appointed to the National Area Council Committee for the organization. In addition, he has devoted extensive service on the College Station ISD Education Foundation Board, CHI St. Joseph Health Care Council (Chair), St. Joseph Manor Governance Council, Easter Seals East Texas (Chair), East Texas Area Council (Chair), Brazos Valley Community Development Corporation Board, the Chamber of Commerce, Home Builders Association and United Way.

Capt. Scott and his wife, Linda, have been married since November 1975. They are the proud parents of three children: Alfred Scott Jr., Kendra Escobar, and April Tedder.

ABOUT THE STATUE & SCULPTOR

The statue honoring veterans of the Mexican Border Service is a representation of then-**Major Charles Young, U.S. Army**, as an officer with the 10th U.S. Cavalry “Buffalo Soldiers” during the 1916 Punitive Expedition by the U.S. into Mexico against Pancho Villa’s forces at Aqua Caliente.

Born into slavery in 1864 in Mays Lick, Kentucky, Young became only the third Black cadet to graduate from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1889. He served over 30 years in the U.S. Army before his death in 1922 at the rank of colonel -- the first Black man to achieve this rank in the Army. He was posthumously promoted to the rank of brigadier general in 2020, being denied the rightful promotion due to racial discrimination in 1917.

This statue is a part of the 17th memorial site along the Lynn Stuart Pathway, a half-mile trail connecting the BVVM memorials, and the 25th statue created by sculpture J. Payne Lara of Navasota for the Memorial.

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Born in Brenham and raised in Navasota, sculptor J. Payne Lara showed an early interest in drawing and demonstrated exceptional talent for molding and shaping clay figures. Growing up in a family of cowboys, Lara draws inspiration from his Texas heritage, which continues to influence his art today. He has sculpted all of the bronze statues displayed along the Lynn Stuart Pathway at the BVVM, and his work has been featured in numerous publications and television programs.

# Charles Young

United States Army

March 12, 1864-Jan. 8, 1922



## WALL OF HONOR



Do you have a beloved veteran you would like to add to the Wall of Honor?

The veteran may be living, deceased or active, and does not have to be a Brazos Valley resident. The cost is \$250 per name, and the application deadline is Aug. 15 each year.

New additions are recognized at the annual **Veterans Day Ceremony on Nov. 11 at 5:30 p.m.** Names received after Aug. 15 will be recognized the following year.



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