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Women Warrior Veterans of Wilson County

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH



Upcoming Events

October

- 4th- Nat'l night out 6-8pm
- 6th- WWV Board meeting
- 8th- Floresville Peanut parade
- 12th- CoC luncheon
- 12th- Floresville Food Pantry
- 15th- LV Food Pantry
- 15th- LV Memorial Clean-up
- 20th- WWV meeting
- 22nd- LV Market Days
- 22nd- Quarterly Vet Breakfast

November

- 1st- WWV Board meeting 4
- 4th & 5th- WWV Yard Sale
- 9th- CoC luncheon
- 11th- Veterans Day
- 12th- LV Memorial Clean-up
- 19th- WWV Thanksgiving
- 26th- LV Market Days

December

- 6th- WWV Board meeting
- 10th- LV Memorial Clean-up
- 17th- Wreaths Across America
- 17th- Christmas Party

Easy Pumpkin Cream Trifle

★★★★★

I won 3rd place in a cook-off with this very easy holiday recipe.

By Stacey Lynch

Prep: 25 mins

Cook: 45 mins

Additional: 2 hrs

Total: 3 hrs 10 mins

Servings: 20

Yield: 20 servings



Ingredients

- 1 (18.25 ounce) package spice cake mix
- 1 (3.4 ounce) package instant vanilla pudding
- 1 cup pumpkin puree
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 3 eggs
- 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 2 cups cold milk
- 2 (3.4 ounce) packages cheesecake flavor instant pudding and pie filling
- 2 cups whipped topping
- 1 cup chopped toasted pecans
- 1 cup English toffee bits

Directions

- Step 1**
Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease a 9x13 baking dish.
- Step 2**
Combine the cake mix, vanilla pudding mix, pumpkin, water, oil, eggs, and pie spice in a large mixing bowl; pour into the prepared dish.
- Step 3**
Bake in the preheated oven for 45 to 50 minutes. Allow to cool to room temperature on a wire rack. Cut the cake into 1-inch cubes.
- Step 4**
Whisk together the milk and cheesecake pudding mix. Allow to set, about 2 minutes. Fold the whipped topping into the pudding mixture.
- Step 5**
Layer 1/3 of the cake cubes into the bottom of a large bowl; top with 1/3 of the cream mixture and sprinkle with 1/3 of the pecans and toffee bit. Repeat layering until all ingredients are used. Refrigerate 1 hour before serving.

Nutrition Facts

Per Serving: 378 calories; protein 4.5g; carbohydrates 42.7g; fat 21.5g; cholesterol 39.7mg; sodium 423.1mg.



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Do you or someone you know need help with groceries? This may help.



FOOD PANTRIES

- **LaVernia Christian Food Pantry - every other week on Saturdays (distributed every weekend 9-11am)**
- **Floresville Food Pantry - Thursday mornings (8am)**
- **BY HIS GRACE Food Pantry at First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs - weekly on Fridays (9am)**
- **Resurrection United Methodist Church - monthly on every 3rd Wednesday (8:30-11:30am)**



Treasurer's Chest Report:

Fall has arrived! The next few months are going to be busy. The Floresville "Peanut Parade" is on Oct 8th. Details to follow on our "chat". It's important to let out fellow citizens and women veterans know that we are here and are seeking to share fellowship and sisterhood with them! La Vernia Market Days will be Oct 22nd. This too is a time for us to inform the public and educate them about women veterans, their service, dedication, and love of country. We also seek their help through donations as well as moral support.

On November 4th & 5th, we have our Yard sale. I am asking you to not only provide items to sell, but also come and join us in fellowship of our organization. Again, on November 26th we have a booth at La Vernia Market days. I am sure the fund-raising committee will be providing something for us to sell at these two Market day's events. Come and join us, it's a wonderful time to get to know one another and share our experiences. You don't have to spend the whole day.

Another event is Wreaths Across America. This is near and dear to my heart. It is a time to remember our fallen heroes past and present! Every wreath you buy through our website, we get a \$5.00 donation from Wreaths Across America. This is a wonderful way for everyone to donate to our organization as well as remembering our fallen veterans. You can buy a wreath up to Nov 30th. You can also sign-up to volunteer to distribute the wreaths at Fort Sam Houston Cemetery on Dec 17th. We usually have several ladies from our group sign-up! This will conclude our major events for the year! I just want to say Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Janet W.





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President's Corner



The WAC was the only branch of the women's military that was allowed to send members overseas after the completion of basic training. With that said I am proud to present to you our very own Joann Hale -Our WAC member. It was my honor to interview her.

This I was able to type on Ozalid. The unit Museum head had me inventory the human parts museum. Can you imagine an 18 year old writing down all those parts...haha Then my C.O. called me in with bad news and good news...A draft came in for Germany and he didn't send me as he thought I was too young for overseas. As Luck would have it, a draft had come in for Japan and he had no one else to send but me.

Joann...**Tell us little about yourself and what year did you enter the WAC? Why did you join? What was your Job and how long did you serve?**

Answer- I was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio. Graduated from Central High School June 1955. Wanted to Join the WAC so I could go to Germany. My two female cousins (members of the US Air Force) convinced my mom to let me go. During my high school years, I had excelled in stenography. I served in the WAC from September 1955 until January 1958. By virtue of my high school courses, I was assigned a position as a stenographer.

Where were your duty station?

Answer- I was stationed at Camp Zama, Japan. My Duties were varied and I enjoyed them very much. I was to take dictation from any one in the command section or Visitors when the secretaries were gone for the night. The 8th Army HQS Command General, (General I.D. White, Lt Gen Palmer, Maj General McNally.)

What was your best memories during the time you served?

Answer- While in Japan, I took dictation from Gen White, and also from General MacArthur's brother who was visiting Japan and wrote a letter to his mother. Our Office hours were 7 until the Generals left the Command Section and we worked 7 days a week. Weekends were usually only half or three-quarter days. After being there a few months, I convinced our immediate boss to change our hours to working only 5 days a week alternating. There were 2 stenographers assigned to our unit.

Where did you do your Training?

Answer- My basic training was accomplished at Fort McClellan, Alabama. I was assigned to the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP) aboard Walter Reed in Washington D.C. I worked for the Assistant Commander and also the Statistician for the unit. I was also assigned the duties as Forms control. I issued and drew up new forms. This was all done on mimeograph. In addition, I typed the Fiscal year budget for the unit.



On May of 1941, Congresswoman Edith Nourse Rogers from Massachusetts introduced a bill to Congress regarding the creation of a Women's Auxiliary Army. It wasn't until May of 1942, that Congress approved this bill. The division was created but was not integrated into the United States Army. A year later, the group was given full military status and subsequently changed its name to the Women's Army Corps (WAC). Women who enlisted with the WAC attended a six-week basic training program where they completed various courses such as military customs and courtesy.



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I spent many hours airborne flying in helicopters and light aircraft to many of the bases in Japan including Tokyo, Yokosuka. I was required to pick up flags for visiting dignitaries when honors were given. After a while I convinced my boss to send me by automobile. The pilots in the air crafts enjoyed doing there best to make me sick. I met the future Mr. Hale and he was able to get off to ride with me. Jim was stationed at Atsugi (Naval Air Facility), Kanagawa, Japan. When the driver would pick me up, he always grinned and asked "we go to Atsugi". Once in a while I surprised him and had to go somewhere else. I left Japan in November 1958. On my way home to Ohio, I stopped to see my cousins in Vacaville, Ca. Then to Ohio and then on to Fort Sam Houston where I was discharged. I then stayed with Jim's mother until he arrived back in the states. His ship was late due to a storm in the Pacific. When he arrived, his mom held him and I shaved off (with my electric razor) his goatee and mustache he had grown while aboard ship.



Who do you look up to? Any role models (past or present) in your life?

Answer- My greatest role model I met in Hawaii. Arlene was my next-door neighbor. We met in 1963 and are still in touch nearly every day. She is now 90 only 5 years my senior and has taught me a great deal about life and how to raise a family. While Jim was living, we always made a stop in Missouri to visit her and Bob

You just turned 85 years young....Bless your heart. What do you want others to know about the meaning of life and purpose?

Answer- The only thing I can recommend at my age is to live life to the fullest and to trust GOD ...not necessarily in that order.

Joann... Thank you and God Bless you. It was a honor to get to know you better.

While preparing this write up...It came to my mind one of my favorite pictures of long life which is found in the biblical character Caleb. When he was 85 years old, he said, "I am this day, eighty-five years old. As yet I am strong this day as on the day that Moses sent me; just as my strength was then, so now is my strength for war (Joshua. 14:10-11).



At 85, Caleb was ready to fight with giants to gain possession of a mountain! And Celeb did as he said! My personal belief is that his biological clock stopped ticking and he basically stopped aging because he kept his eyes not on himself, but on the promises of the Lord. The same can be true for you. As we travel life on our journey...God's desire for you is a long, healthy, strong life that is truly satisfying. May the Lord renew your youth and strength. May God bless you all.

Peggy Korba
WWV President / Co-Founder



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Join us on National Wreaths Across America Day

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REMEMBER the Fallen. . . HONOR those who Serve. . . TEACH our children the value of Freedom.

Visit the Women Warrior Veterans of Wilson County (TX1048P)'s Wreaths Across America Page.

<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/168522>

On December 17, 2022 at 11:00 am, Women Warrior Veterans of Wilson County (TX1048P) will be helping Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery to Remember and Honor our veterans by laying Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes.

Please help us honor and remember as many fallen heroes as possible by sponsoring remembrance wreaths, volunteering on Wreaths Day, or inviting your family and friends to attend with you.

Thank you so much for supporting the Women Warrior Veterans of Wilson County (TX1048P) and Wreaths Across America!



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