



Kevin Moore  
(holding scissors at his Texas  
Drinking Water ribbon cutting)



ceeded to assist his unit in securing the island. That was Japan in 1945. George was a big reason the U.S. secured control of the island of Okinawa and I, for one, am grateful.

The next 15 months, George served as a cook in non-combat Seoul, Korea on occupation duty. He shipped souvenirs back home and eventually shipped himself back to Southern California to rejoin the family farm and then the Parks Department in Anaheim, until he retired in 1985. He met his wife, Beverly, and raised 2 sons and 2 daughters. Survived today by only one daughter, Jan, George moved to Texas to be near her in 2002.

He's been working on putting his memories on paper for future generations. His fascinating descriptions and oral history have been recorded and honored by Gary Sinise's Soaring Valor Foundation, where he and his daughter traveled to New Orleans for the ceremony. While George is certainly a decorated WWII veteran, he is also nothing short of a National treasure. The boldness and courage of men and women like George is why we appreciate the lives we have today. I'm proud to know George and I'm proud to live in the country he protected.

## THE LOCAL ENTREPRENEUR

**Texas Drinking Water Systems** has been in business since 1983. With new ownership and a new retail store at 234 SW Wilshire Blvd. in Burleson, business is flowing better than ever. This is the inspiring story of how it happened.

**Kevin Moore** and family were housesitting, rent-free in Colleyville, TX for more than 7 months when his wife heard a higher calling to move back to Burleson and rejoin their church family at OpenDoor. Through a realtor friend, finding a new home proved to be easier than expected and his wife soon became the interim children's pastor. It's hard to take the leap into the unknown sometimes, but their faith was rewarded. It didn't stop there. Through the course of her work she met Otis Gillaspie, a fellow church leader and local entrepreneur. As she shared Kevin's resume with Otis, Otis was also feeling called into ministry full time. He asked Kevin to help him with his water business. A short 6 months later and church responsibilities growing, Otis felt lead to turn his entire company over to Kevin. It was an amazing act of faith that Kevin hasn't



Justin Crain (left)

taken lightly. Grateful and inspired, he is committed to fulfilling the legacy and excellent reputation of Texas Drinking Water Systems. Sound expertise and integrity are the cornerstones of what they do.

TDWS sells, installs, and services water treatment systems. With the new storefront, they have resumed dispensing purified (and alkaline) water and ice. They are proud local entrepreneurs delivering life-improving solutions to our community one glass at a time and they do so in humble adoration of the blessings that have been bestowed upon them. We love happy endings, and although this story is far from over, we salute everyone involved in the longstanding history of this unique, small business. Talk about good people taking care of good people!

## THE LOCAL CORPORATE CITIZEN

Big companies often get a bad wrap for their success and not being in touch with the pulse of the community. For GM **Justin Crain** and **Nissan of Burleson**, nothing could be more wrong. For 2 years now, Nissan's Strive to Drive Program has given one lucky student from Centennial High School and one student from Burleson High School a brand

new car just for going to class! Not only is this well intentioned and highly celebrated by the schools, but its just flat-out fantastic motivation for students to chase the right behaviors.

Believe it or not, poor attendance can be very costly to schools and essentially the local community. Providing an even playing field to win a new car at the beginning of the school year is about as awesome of an incentive I can think of. Remember when you were in high school? What would you have done for a **BRAND NEW CAR**? Showing up is the only prerequisite? Put me down for that. The program, as you might imagine, has been wildly successful. They are spreading to Cleburne next year. One swim through Nissan of Burleson's Facebook page and you'll quickly be warm of heart and a little laughter, too. Photos and videos only tell a small portion of the stories that come from these events.

Nissan of Burleson is a shining example of plugging in, not only to the present, but also to the future of our community. I'm proud to do business with this team and proud to have them in our neighborhood. I'm guessing there are a handful of kiddos running around in some new wheels that are pretty glad to know them, as well. Thanks for what you do, Nissan! Keep making us proud....

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