



Military Order News



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Best Large Chapter **in the Nation**

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The Best and the Brightest – the Top YLC Students of the Summer of 2018

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A Call to Arms

ALL HANDS ON DECK!!

To accomplish the Chapter's MISSION in 2019, we will host a Reception from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. on Friday, 2 November 2018 at the Prestonwood Country Club. The purpose of the Reception will be to show local business leaders the enormous number of Youth activities, Law Enforcement, and Veterans projects that are organized and conducted by the Dallas Chapter of MOWW. It goes without saying that these projects cost money. We need their support.



THE CHAPTER'S SUCCESS DEPENDS ON YOU

This month's Program, October 2018

Honoring the Top Dallas area JROTC Cadets

Over 2,000 students attended one of more than a dozen JROTC Summer Leadership Training programs. Each service (Army, Marine, Navy, and Air Force) conducts its own program, which in most cases are taught by JROTC instructors from the various high schools throughout the region. At the conclusion of each session, the instructors select their **Top Cadets**.

We are proud to devote this month's Luncheon program to recognizing the superior performance of six (6) of these talented young cadets: four from Army, one from Navy, and one from Air Force JROTC summer training courses.

During our Luncheon on 2 October, our Chapter Commander will present Bronze Patrick Henry medallions to these outstanding young men and women.

Each of the students will be accompanied by his or her Parents, High School Principal (and/or Class Counselor) and in many cases, by proud family and friends. Please take the opportunity to welcome these Guests and congratulate them on their achievements.



Front row - Last year's Top Cadets with MOWW Bronze Patrick Henry Citations & Medallions
Back row - Senior Military Instructors: COL's Conley, Gunter, Padilla, Lee, Wilcox, and West

Commander's Call

National Citation to a Dallas Companion

Each year, the Chapter is encouraged to submit the name of one member of the Chapter whose contributions have been above and beyond the call of duty.

This year, the nominee was a no-brainer selection. Perpetual Hereditary member **Bill Farmer** has excelled in his work with the thousands of Boy Scouts in Lone Star, Circle 10, and Long Horn Councils.

In recognition of his incomparable and non-pariel efforts, Bill has been awarded a National Citation for Distinguished and Exceptional Service to the Military Order. The Citation is signed by the National Commander in Chief.

While a civilian engineer, working for Raytheon, Bill deployed to Iraq on numerous occasions to test and validate his work on the company's night vision devices. His motto became the hallmark of his work: **"We own the night"**.

His email address:

eyesdeep24.7@raytheon.com , says it all.

James B. Blunk
Dallas Chapter Commander

National Security

Our Preamble guides our commitment

The sixth of the nine challenges of our Preamble states: *"To promote the cultivation of Military, Naval, and Air Science and the adoption of a consistent and suitable policy of **National Security** for the United States of America*

We currently maintain close professional relations with the State and Federal agencies of the City of Dallas and Dallas County.

If you are a resident of one of the many suburban cities that comprise the Greater Dallas Area, please contact our Chapter Commander, LTC Jim Blunk, or any member of his staff to indicate your willingness to extend our involvement in the National Security activities of those cities.



Commander Jim Blunk presented a national Citation to HPM **Bill Farmer**

Guest Speakers

Speaker Programs Just Keep Getting Better

2 Oct 18 – Dallas Chapter Companions present:
"Bronze Patrick Henry JROTC Awards"

6 Nov 18 – Dr. Sara Overall, Navarro College
"The War to End All Wars"

4 Dec 18 – Annual Dallas Christmas Banquet
"Keeping the Faith in trying times"

8 Jan 19 – Capt Jeff Butcher, US Army (Ret)
"Retirement Planning and Charitable Giving"

5 Feb 19 - Capt Tom Meyer, US Navy (Ret)
"The US Nuclear Submarine Fleet"

3 Mar 19 – Col Thomas Halley, Lockheed-Martin
"The Navy F-35C Joint Strike Fighter"

Officer of the Month

Chapter salutes Dallas' Finest Officers in Blue

On 18 Sep 18, Dallas Past Commander Capt Paul Brown presented Dallas Police Senior Corporal **Debra Webb** (#9576), our Outstanding Service Citation for her selection as DPD's **Officer of the Month**.

Her outstanding leadership and tireless work ethic as a member of Media Relations Unit led to this award

She is the author of the social media site *"Keeping Dallas Safe"*, which has garnered hundreds of thousands of viewers.

Her defining contribution came when she led the effort to memorialize the five officers who lost their lives on 7 July 2016.

Senior Corporal Webb is an excellent example of why the Dallas Police Department continues to be considered one of the finest in the Nation.



Former Commander Paul Brown presented our Certificate of Commendation to Dallas Police Senior Corporal **Debra Webb**

Attention Chapter Staff:

The Chapter Command and Staff meeting will be held in the Frontier of Flight Museum Conference Room, on Thursday, 18 Oct 18, at 1:30 p.m.

KNOW YOUR COMPANIONS

Major Ralph Hodge, US Army (Ret)

Ralph L. Hodge was born in Washington, DC. Following graduation from High School, he enlisted in the US Army and fought in the Korean War (1951-1953), during which he was awarded the coveted Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Bronze Star for Valor and the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat.



After the war, He enrolled in the University of Maryland, and graduated with a BS degree in Construction Management. He earned a Master degree in Business Management from Central Michigan University and an additional master's in arts and Science degree from the US Command & General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, KS.

Upon graduation he was commissioned in the US Air Force and served on active duty for the next 30 years (1961-1991). Among his many assignments, he was the Base Civil Engineer-at Andrews Air Force Base, Md.; the Deputy Chief of Staff for Civil Engineering-at the US Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO; the Deputy Chief of Staff for Civil Engineering at the Alaskan Air Command, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; and finally, as Air Force Regional Civil Engineer for the Western Region, San Francisco, CA.

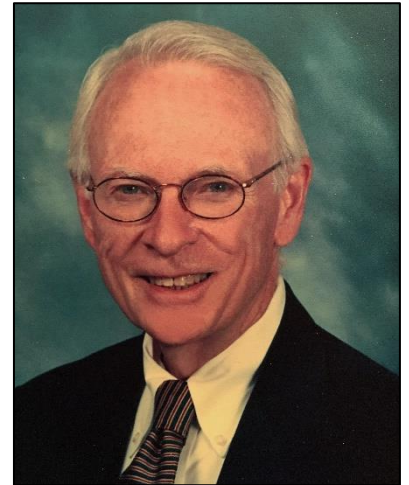
In addition to his combat awards, which he proudly boasts of being the only Air Force Officer with a Combat Infantryman's Badge, he was the recipient of three (3) awards of the Legion of Merit Medal; as well as the Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service; two (2) Air Force Commendation Medals.

Following his Retirement from the Air Force, Ralph became the President and Owner of AFA Construction Group, a heavy civil construction firm.

Ralph is a widower, having lost his beloved wife, several years ago. He currently lives a well-earned life of leisure in McKinney, Texas.

Lieutenant Jack R. Coleman, US Navy (Fmr)

Jack Rue Coleman was born on 2 May 1933 in Paris, Texas. After graduation from high school he enrolled at Southern Methodist University, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in economics. While at SMU he was a member of the Air Force ROTC. Eyesight issues prevented him from qualifying for flight training, forcing him to withdraw from ROTC his senior year.



Still seeking commissioned service, he enlisted in the US Naval Reserve. Following basic training, he was assigned duty in the Pacific aboard *USS Saint Paul*. He applied and was accepted for Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island.

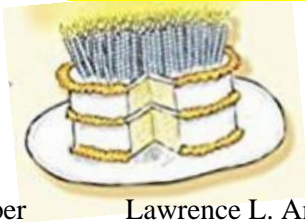
Upon earning his commission, he was assigned to the US Seventh Fleet, aboard *USS Bremerton* in the Western Pacific, where he served as a communications officer. While an Ensign, he was assigned as Flag Lieutenant to the Admiral at a time when issues of the location of atomic bombs were in the news. From the Seventh Fleet, his orders took him to First Fleet based in Coronado, California, covering the West Coast of the United States.

After completing his active duty, Jack returned to Dallas and joined Dental-Medical Economics, Inc., a professional management company for physicians and dentists. Following two years on Wall Street, he devoted his time to serving the health care professions. He developed the certification program for National Society of Certified Healthcare Business Consultants. He later served as President of the National Society.

Shortly after returning to Dallas he met and married his wife, the former Patricia Nelson. They have three children: Margaret, who lives in McKinney and is married to David Billings, a designer of golf clubs; Elizabeth, also in Dallas; and John who lives in Spartanburg, SC, with his family. Together, they have given him five cherished grandchildren.

Happy Birthday, Companions

“People who have the most birthdays – live the longest” 😊



- 1 October Lawrence L. Anderson
- 1 October LT Thomas E. Hartin
- 2 October MS Gayle D. Westapher
- 7 October Col Clifford D. Way
- 10 October Capt John B. Belvin III
- 10 October CAPT Scott O’Grady
- 11 October RADM Bob Smith
- 12 October Col Joseph L. Cordina
- 12 October Capt John M. Hayes
- 12 October Capt James M. Malakoff
- 12 October MR Kenneth A. Mayfield
- 12 October MR Scott Morris
- 16 October LTC Richard Crossley, Jr
- 16 October LCDR Ben J. Petrick
- 18 October CPT Jeffrey D. Butcher
- 18 October Lt Col William H. Whitten
- 21 October MRS Tracy K. Fisher
- 22 October LtCol Mike W. Menefee
- 23 October CHAP Mark R. Johnston
- 24 October MAJ David A. Kidd
- 25 October Capt David Pickett
- 26 October VADM David Robinson
- 27 October HPM Joanne Epply-Schmidt
- 28 October LTC Michael S. Christians
- 28 October MRS Catherine Hogan
- 29 October MAJ James Hamlin, Jr
- 31 October MR Jeremy Moore
- 31 October COL Larry Patterson

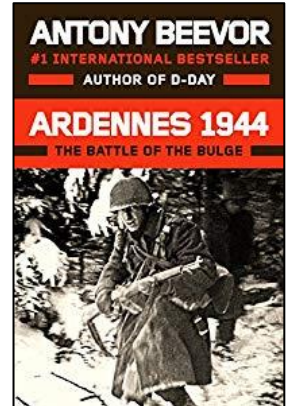


Patriotic Education

Ardennes 1944 (next Mil Book Club review)

Chapter Companions Capt (USN) Marc Liebman and LTC Don Munson were moderators at the previous two Book Club discussions. The group has grown steadily in interest and participation, each month. If you wish to be a moderator – or simply to attend – please contact Bob Epstein (his email is: macabee1948@gmail.com).

The next meeting will cover #1 International Bestseller, “**ARDENNES 1944, The Battle of the Bulge**”, by Antony Beevor, who is also author of bestseller: “**D-Day 1944**”. Coffee and pastries will be served.



Canyon Creek Country Club (625 West Lookout Drive), Richardson, Monday, 14 Nov 18, at 7:15 a.m.

Scouting

Companion Bill Farmer breaks all records

Bill loves a challenge. We asked him to beat last year’s award-winning performance. Just 3 months into the new year, he is more than half way there. Bill covers three North Texas **Councils** that include over 250 Scout Troops. This month, Bill presented a **Medal of Merit** award to a Scout for saving a young man’s life!

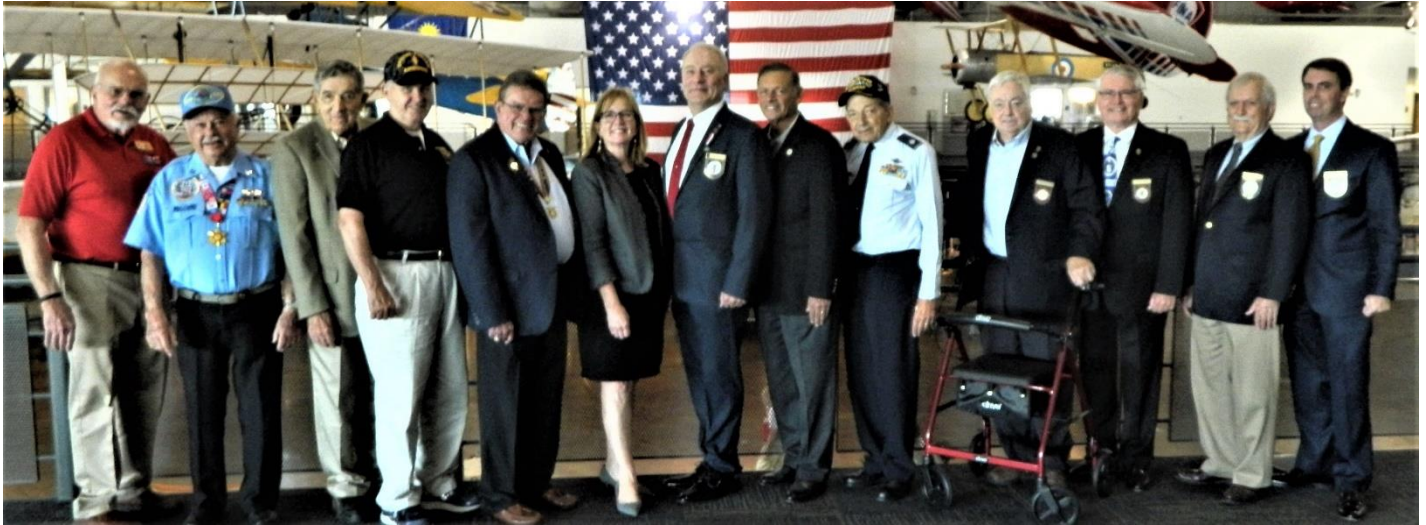


Bill Farmer presented one of Scouting’s highest awards, the Medal of Merit to Boy Scout **Seth Carpenter**, Troop 413



Bill also presided over a meeting of Scouts working to earn their **Order of the Arrow** sash, BSA’s National Honor Society

Chapter Activities in the month of September



The Companions of the Dallas Chapter of MOWW have been instrumental in the conduct of the Greater Dallas Veterans Day Parade since its inception in 1998. Seen above are chapter members who head this year's Parade Committees. (left to right) Dick Lethe, Walt Capps, Don Munson, King Moss, Tracy Fisher, Pat Teipel, Joe Cordina, Woody Alexander, Phil Hardin, & John Lester. Five of them are previous Parade Chairmen, including Munson and Moss who, between them, were Parade Chairmen five times. The Greater Dallas Veterans Day Parade is the largest in Texas and one of the largest in the nation.



Pictured above are the seven (7) **Top Students** who received MOWW **Bronze Patrick Henry** citations and medallions for their outstanding performance during the Southwest Youth Leadership Conferences, conducted during the summer of 2018.

Left to right: Head of the Texas Patriotic Education Foundation Col Cliff Way, John Roach (Plano HS), Alexander Ford (Pearce HS), Paige Patton (New Tech HS), Regan Zivney (Whitehouse HS), **Sarah Spivey** (Guyer HS), **Maisha Ahmed** (North Garland HS), **Maria Martinez** (Lancaster HS), Dallas Chapter Commander LTC Jim Blunk.

Three of the students sponsored by the Dallas Chapter were selected as **Number One** -- at the **UTD, TWU, and Texas A&M YLCs**. (Number One students are highlighted in yellow).



In addition to their Citations, the "Number One" students received a plaque bearing the Bronze Patrick Henry medallion



Button Your Pocket !!

Several years ago, a serviceman wrote a bit of unintended comedy he witnessed in the army. It happened during a company inspection at Ft Benning, Georgia, the U.S. Army's hard-nosed Infantry School.

A colonel was conducting the inspection, and everything had gone smoothly until the Colonel came to an obviously nervous young Private.

The colonel stopped, looked the man up and down and snapped "**Button that pocket, Soldier!**" The Private, more than a little rattled, stammered, "**Right now, sir?**"

"**Of course, right now!**" was the officer's reply. The soldier very carefully reached and buttoned the flap on the colonel's shirt pocket.

For some reason peculiar to our human nature, it is always easier to see the unbuttoned pocket of others than to see our own.

Jesus said, "*Why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the log in your own eye?*"

The Bible says, "*Judge not, lest ye be judged.*" It is a principal we should all practice, daily.

Jamie Malakoff

"Honoring the Alliance"

November 11th, 2018 marks the 100th Anniversary of the end of the "Great War", aka: World War I.

On Monday, 12 Nov 18, Companions of the Dallas Chapter will join more than 40,000 citizens of the greater Dallas Metroplex in commemorating Armistice Day by conducting the Greater Dallas Veterans Day Parade.

The Keynote Speaker for this year's Eleventh-Hour ceremony, which kicks off the parade, will be the Consul General of France in Houston, **Alexis Andres**. He will be joined by representatives of the governments of England, Australia, and Canada, (the Alliance of World War 1).



As a prelude to the Parade & Veterans Day ceremonies, the Chapter's Guest Speaker on Tuesday, 6 November, is **Sara Overall**, Professor of Military History (UNT, Collin College, Navarro College).



Dr. Overall hosts a social media conversation on YouTube entitled "*Off the Grid*, with Sara Overall". Click [HERE](#) to visit her videos. Her lectures cover the often overlooked connections between past and current military and political events.

Be at the November Luncheon on Tuesday, 6 Nov 18, as Dr. Overall takes us on a unique and historical journey through history and provides her keen insights on the legacies of General John J. Pershing and the men who followed him "*Over There*".

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