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Companions met Vets at the VA Hospital on Valentine's Day. (l. to r.) Mark Kipphut, Don Munson, Terry Thorsen, Doug Gagliano, John Wagner, Fred Aurbach, Bill Coleman, Russ Hooper, Chuck Daniels, John Hayes, Brandon Herndon, Paul Brown, and Pat Teipel.

## This Month's Program, March 2020

### “The Great Spy Game”

US Military Academy graduate and former Army Officer, Adam Taichi Kraft was a Federal Civilian Intelligence Officer within the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Senior Intelligence Strategist for the Middle East and Africa.

He was the CEO of Allied Special Operations Group (ASOG), a company of security specialists, whose mission is to enable corporate clients to conduct international operations, while keeping the clients *and their families* safe, at home and abroad.

He is currently the Director General of Global Central Guard Room (GCGR, Inc.), which protects clients against cyberattacks, that can not only threaten businesses, but can hack computers, freeze files, compromise data, and delete entire IT systems.

Adam has agreed to share with us his insights into the challenges and dangers inherent in working in the international corporate world today. In particular, the spy game of corporate espionage and cybersecurity, which has the potential to threaten the entire free world.



Adam Kraft, Director General, Global Central Guard Room, Inc.

## Next Month's Program, April 2020

### “The Veteran's Court System”

We are honored to have Judge John R. Roach, Jr (296th District Court, in McKinney) with us to discuss the Collin County *Veterans Court* program.

The Veterans' Court is a diversion program for Justice-Involved Veterans (JIV) who are facing prosecution. The program is specifically designed to assist veterans whose combat-related injury (such as a traumatic brain injury from a roadside bomb) may have led to the commission of a criminal offense. It is a treatment option that is judicially supervised - with virtually no recidivism.

The Veterans Court is designed to divert these combat-related, injured service members out of the traditional criminal justice process and into appropriate treatment and rehabilitative alternatives.



Judge John Roach, Jr, presiding over the Collin County Veterans Court, in McKinney, Texas



## THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

### **MY FELLOW COMPANIONS.**

I want to talk with you about three different matters today.

### **Youth Leadership Conference Funding**

The Chapter Fund Drive for the 2020 Youth Leadership Conferences - to fund at least 60 students - at \$350 per student (**\$21,000**) started on 2 January.

As of this date, 19 Companions have made contributions for a total of \$8,250. On 1 March, I tentatively committed to Region VIII, that this Chapter wanted slots for 60 students. So, I am writing to ask you for your help by reaching into your pocket as deep as you are financially able and make your contribution by **1 April**.



The cost of \$350 per student is for billeting, food, and supplies, and then, to cover meals for the top students, during our annual Awards Luncheon in September.

This MISSION is far too important to Fail or Abort. I cannot emphasize enough that we are going to need every Companion to make a donation - no matter how small.

You may contribute by going to the Dallas Chapter MOWW Website: <https://dallasmoww.org/>. Look for "Activities" and then "Donate" using PayPal or your credit card.

If paying by check, make your check payable to **MOWW, DALLAS CHAPTER** and send it to Major Bill Coleman, our Treasurer at:

Major Bill Coleman, MOWW  
381 Casa Linda Plaza #148  
Dallas, TX 75218

### **Chapter Veterans Affairs Programs**

Since last fall, Capt. John Hayes, Chapter Memorials Advisor, has been working with the Director of the North Texas Health Care System and The VA Hospital of Dallas for our Chapter to coordinate an Initiative as a part of the Chapter Veteran Affairs Program to visit patients in the Hospital. On 14 February (Valentine's Day), a contingent of Companions went to the Hospital and joined the Dallas



Cowboys Cheerleaders visiting patients in the Hospital and learning each individual Veteran's story. It is fair to say that it was meaningful to each of us to have the opportunity.

The following week, on 20 February, the Chapter presented a Memorial Plaque to the Director, Dr. Stephen Holt, in grateful appreciation to the Hospital for 80 years of service to the Veterans of the United States Armed Forces. We hope that this will turn into a long-term initiative. Please view the pictures on *page six* of this newsletter.

### **Membership During the Coming Year**

Again, I would remind you that membership is our lifeline to performing our Missions. So, I am asking each of you to support our Chapter by going the extra mile to find candidates, especially for Perpetual Membership.



Show them the companionship of this Chapter and how they too can have a legacy of making a difference in our community.

We have an outstanding line up of Speakers coming this spring. So, invite them to a luncheon, help them fill out a Membership Application (*blank Applications are the Marshal's desk*) and let us induct them by the May luncheon. We need everyone to do their part in fulfilling the vision of General of the Armies **John J. Pershing**.

Paul W. Brown  
Dallas Chapter Commander Emeritus

### **Scouting USA**

### **The Scout Master moves North**

Perpetual Companion Bill Farmer continues to be the most dedicated Councilman that Scouting has seen in a lifetime. Working from his base station in Granbury, he attends as many as three North Texas Councils, every week.



Congratulations Bill, you've managed to exceed even your own high standards, awarding over 800 Eagle Scouts in just 1 year!

# PERPETUAL COMPANIONS – FOR LIFE

## Captain Jeff Butcher, US Army

Captain Jeffery Butcher was born in Tampa, FL and raised in Massillon, OH. He graduated from the US Military Academy at West Point in 1985, with a BS degree in Economics and was commissioned as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the Field Artillery. He later earned a Master of Science in Systems Management from the University of Southern California.



His first assignment was to the US Army Jump School, Ft. Benning, GA. He attended exactly 30 years, to the month, after his father qualified to be a paratrooper in the famous 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, during the Korean War.

After the Artillery Officers Basic Course, Jeff was assigned to Augsburg, Germany, in a Corps Artillery 8-inch howitzer battery, as a battery Fire Direction Officer, Platoon Leader, and Battery Executive Officer. His greatest accomplishment in Germany was meeting, and marrying, the beautiful Captain Barbara Carr!

Upon his return stateside, he branch-transferred to Quartermaster Corps and attended the QM Officers Advanced Course at Ft. Lee VA, after which he was assigned to the Eagle Support Brigade at Fort Campbell, KY, in support of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, initially as the Battalion Operations Officer, later as Commander of the Headquarters Company for the Brigade, which he led during Operation Desert Storm, in 1991. After returning from Desert Storm, he was as an Associate Professor of Military Science at the U. of Arizona.

Jeff resigned his commission in 1992 and took a job as an energy analyst for Fina Oil and Chemical Company of Big Spring, TX. He was transferred to their corporate office in Dallas, to work as a buyer in their procurement office. In 1995, an old battery commander of his helped him land a job with Texas Instruments and he worked in various IT roles for the next 22 years.

He also worked for Raytheon, SBC Wireless, Pepsi, and Hewlett-Packard. In 2017 he made another career change and is now a Financial Advisor for Edward Jones.

His hobbies have always revolved around his children...enjoying them, teaching them, being with them. He has been involved with Boy Scouts for nearly 30 years, serving as a Scoutmaster four times along the way.

Like Barbara, he is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and has held numerous leadership roles. He is currently serving as the Bishop for the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward in Plano.

## Captain Barbara Butcher, US Army

Barbara Carr Butcher was born in Aurora, Colorado, but raised in Midwest City, OK, just outside of Tinker AFB. She attended the University of Oklahoma on an Army ROTC scholarship and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Microbiology. She was commissioned as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the Medical Service Corps.



LT Butcher was an Ambulance Platoon Leader and Company Commander in the 5<sup>th</sup> Medical Battalion, Fort Polk, LA, from 1980-1982.

Following graduation from the Walter Reed Army Medical Center Laboratory Officer Course; she became a Certified Medical Technologist and was assigned to Raymond W Bliss Army Medical Center, Fort Huachuca, AZ, as a Laboratory Officer.

On 13 June 1988, her husband, Jeff proposed, and she resigned her commission. Since leaving the Army, she has devoted her life to supporting her husband and raising their children. She has spent 20 years in service to the Boy Scouts and her most prized awards are her 6 Eagle Scout Mentor pins. Four of her sons are Eagle Scouts. She currently serves as a Genealogy Merit Badge Counselor and a Cub Scout Wolf Den Leader.

For over 30 years, Barbara has been a Mentor for the Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndrome Foundation. She has a heart defect called *Long QT Syndrome* and volunteers to help others learn how to live with this condition.

As a Family History Consultant, she volunteers at the Family History Center in Plano and teaches genealogy classes at the Plano Senior Center. She also assists with the website *FamilySearch.org* to find and preserve family photos, documents, and stories. She is an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, where she teaches, tutors, and supports band, theater, choir, sports, and work activities.

Barbara and her husband, Jeff, have been married for 30 years, and have 8 children. The youngest graduated from high school last year.

Two of their sons are currently serving in the military. Daniel, an Air Force Academy graduate, is stationed at Davis Monthan AFB, AZ as a Civil Engineer. Timothy is an Army Combat Medic stationed at Fort Benning, GA.

Barbara's father was a pilot in the *Army Air Corps* and her oldest brother, a graduate of the Air Force Academy, flew F-111's. Her second brother flew C-130's for the Air Force and Air National Guard until his premature death.

## Chinese Deception Strategy

by Michael Menefee, LtCol, USMC (Ret)

The most emphasized strategy in Chinese literature from Sun Tzu to Mao Zedong is deception, and many U.S. China experts have not recognized this strategy. Most countries use deception to conceal their strategic or tactical intentions, rather than luring their enemies to take action in a certain way. The Chinese use deception to entice the enemy to act in a predictable way that the Chinese expect or want their enemies to act. Secrecy is a key element to the success of this strategy, and it may be easier to obtain in a homogeneous totalitarian state like communist China.

China desires to replace the U.S. as the preeminent world superpower by 2049 and dominate the U.S. – militarily, economically, and politically. It is continuing to grow economically, strengthen its military, increase its technological capabilities, and gather intelligence, by using manipulation, subterfuge, espionage, and theft. Both U.S. business leaders and political officials have knowingly or unknowingly assisted China's efforts. The Chinese are accomplishing their goals by taking advantage of the U.S. because our leaders' desire to have access to the huge Chinese population.

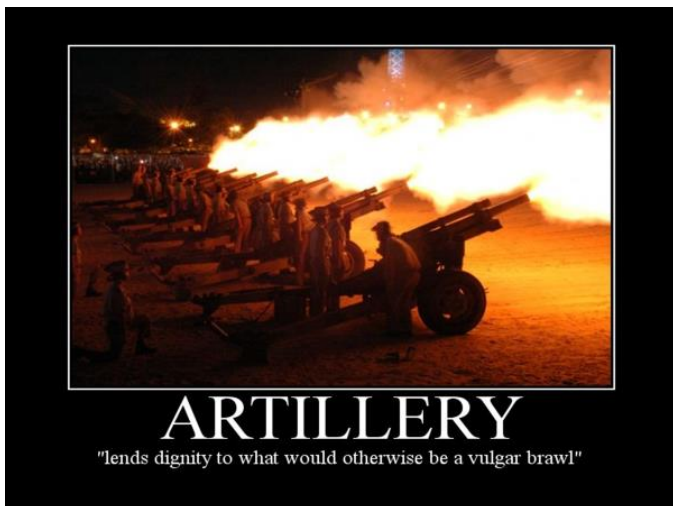


China believes economic progress is a measure of natural resource development, and technological modernization. The Chinese see economic power as a key indicator of geopolitical strength that will eventually lead to unipolar world power supremacy. Using its trading and business relationships, China is concealing its true military, economic, and political intentions.

### Humor in Uniform

#### As seen through the eyes of the Warriors

(Companions are invited to share a favorite of their own)



In 2010, China surpassed Japan as the second largest economy in the world. Ten years later, China's GDP is over two times larger than Japan's economy.

China is also a rising military superpower.

It has the third most powerful military in the world, and its military spending is

over three times greater than Russia, the number two

military threat.

As Dr. Michael Pillsbury explains in his book, The Hundred-Year Marathon, China's Secret Strategy to Replace America as the Global Superpower, 'America has shown little awareness of this threat and even less desire to confront it.' Many intelligence officials believe China is ahead of its goals. Using its economic might, China may achieve many of its goals not with traditional military victories, but through financial penalties and economic coercion.

Maintaining global economic, military, and political dominance continues to be in our nation's strategic best interests.

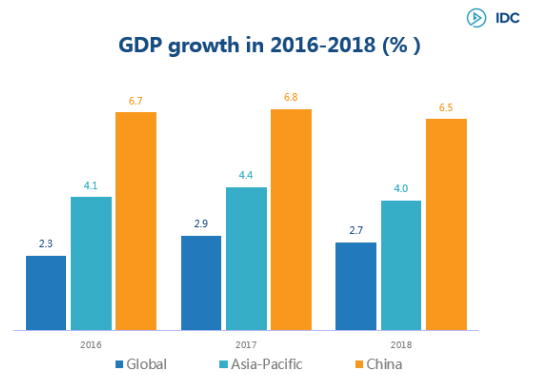
Furthermore, the Chinese have not yet paid any price for their deception. China is expanding in the South China Sea. There are 240,000 Chinese students studying in the U.S. The Chinese control the US pharmaceutical market.

"For decades, the U.S. government gave sensitive information to China." U.S. political leaders and intelligence officials are now waking up to the reality that the Chinese appearance of being weak has been a deception.

### Humor in Uniform

#### Not Politically Correct

(Companions are invited to share a favorite of their own)



# Happy Birthday, Companions

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

- 1 March MG Michael Marchand
- 2 March LCDR Ralph Muse
- 3 March HPM Richard Bullock
- 3 March LT John Canales
- 4 March HPM Ashley Adams
- 4 March COL John Antal
- 4 March HPM Geoffrey Merton
- 5 March COL James Methered
- 6 March MAJ Edward Marty
- 8 March HPM Ned Butler III
- 8 March LT Lorelei Gaus
- 8 March MG Albert Zapanta
- 11 March 1917 James Megellas**
- 12 March Lt Col Michael Giles
- 12 March CWO3 Joseph Lynch
- 12 March LTC Jeffrey Spears
- 13 March DR Fred Aurbach
- 13 March CDR H.B. Germany
- 19 March LTC Don Nguyen
- 20 March CAPT Robert Elwell
- 21 March MAJ Billy Manning
- 22 March HON Pete Sessions
- 23 March CAPT BJ Bjorklund
- 23 March Col Ric Hamer
- 23 March LT Michael Sable
- 25 March LTC Clude Orr
- 27 March CWO4 Monifa Rucker
- 28 March Lt Col Daniel Hagood
- 28 March HPM Shawn Hogan
- 28 March CPT Michael Metcalf
- 29 March CDR Sean Fox
- 31 March CAPT Richard Stewart



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## Speaker Programs Just Keep Getting Better

**3 Mar 20 – Adam Kraft, DIA Expert on Terrorism**  
*"The Great Spy Game"*

**7 Apr 20 – Judge John Roach, Collin County Court**  
*"The Veterans Court System"*

**5 May 20 – Elaine Cesare, Drug Enforcement Agency**  
*"Controlling Illicit Drug Trafficking"*

**2 Jun 20 – Scott Murray, Renown News Analyst**  
*"A Nostalgic Return to Normandy"*

*plus, Installation of Commander & Staff for FY 2021*

**7 Jul 20 – Brenda Culpepper, County District Attorney**  
*"Law Enforcement in North Texas"*

**4 Aug 20 – Dr. Stephen Holt, Dir, Dallas VA Hospital**  
*"80 Years of Helping Military Veterans"*

### Officer of the Month

#### Chapter salutes Dallas' Officers in Blue

On 11 Feb 20, Chapter Commander, Capt (USAF) Paul Brown, presented Senior Corporal **Scott Reinert** (#6557), our Outstanding Service Citation for his selection as Dallas Police Department *Officer of the Month*.

Senior Corporal Reinert has served for 29 years as a member of the DWI Squad, during which time he has made over 3,000 DWI arrests involving impaired drivers, intoxicated assaults



Certificate of Commendation to Dallas Police Senior Corporal **Scott Reinert**

and intoxicated manslaughter. Countless lives have been saved as a result of his law enforcement efforts. He has been a proud recipient of the *Mothers Against Drunk Driving Hero Award*, three years in a row.

Senior Corporal Reinert is another sterling example of why the Dallas Police Department continues to be one of the finest in the Nation.

**Notice: Next Commander's Staff Meeting will be held Thursday, 19 March 2020 at 1:30 p.m. in the Frontiers of Flight Museum (6911 Lemmon Avenue, Dallas)**

## February Luncheon Activities



**Clockwise from top left:** Our newest **Perpetual** Ed Elder and his sponsor, CINC Chuck Chamberlin; Craig Trotman and Monifa Rucker were inducted as Regular Companions. Chapter Commander Paul Brown pinned **Outstanding Service** medals on Barbara and Jeff Butcher.

## Our Valentine's Theme brought some special Valentines Guests

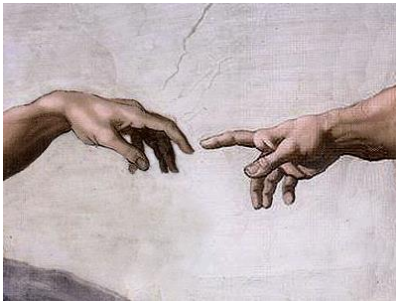


The Ladies came out in force: **Left to right, from top:** Dr Fred Aurbach & Leslie Lehman, Don & Linda Willis, Röllie & Jean Stevens, Norm & Nancy Fontaine, MG Al & Rochelle Zapanta, Margaret, Ben & Barbara Cervin, Jeff & Barbara Butcher, and Dr James & Katherine Grogan

## 11 Companions visited Long Term Care patients at the VA Hospital in Dallas on Valentine's Day



The Dallas VA Hospital staff escorted us throughout several wings to meet and talk with a number of the Veterans who have been there for many years. We met World War II paratroopers and Iwo Jima survivors. Without a doubt, it was an honor to be in the presence of *The Greatest Generation*.



## What is Life?

What is life? Some answers are given in earth's best literature.

For example, Hans Christian Anderson wrote, "Life is a fairy tale, written by God's finger."

Thomas Carlyle wrote, "Life is a little gleam of time between two eternities."

William Shakespeare wrote, "Life is a tale told by an idiot, full of sound & fury signifying nothing."

It is interesting to read in the Scriptures what God says about Life. In Job 3:14, it says, "life is like the spark that flies upward, like a messenger, sent swiftly on his way."

Isaiah said that, "life is like a flower that fades and like the grass that withers."

The New Testament says, "What is life? It is a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away."

There is an inevitability in Life that is undeniable. There are some certainties in life; number one being that it will end. Death is certain.

We should cast ourselves upon the mercy of God, so that He will give us length and breadth of days.

*Jamie Malakoff*  
Chapter Chaplain

## Last Month's Program, Feb 2020

### Klyde Warren, Phase II

Kit Sawers is one of those incredible visionaries who can make you believe anything is possible with enough hard work -- and the right amount of financial support.



After heading blockbuster fundraising drives to ensure that Dallas continues to be a desirable destination for national and international gatherings, Kit is once again stepping up her game to head one of the highest visibility civic projects to hit Dallas in more than a decade.

Klyde Warren Park, the green oasis deck atop Woodall Rogers Freeway, has proven to be so admirable that engineers and civic leaders from around the country and numerous nations overseas have travelled to Dallas to see



how they could incorporate the concept into their own concrete jungles. Plans are now underway to expand the deck for another two blocks and build a breathtakingly beautiful Visitors Center, among a host of other creative and innovative proposals. It won't be cheap; initial estimates are in the range of \$150 million, but if the results are as awesome as Phase I, then Dallas will truly be closer to that long-sought goal of being known as a World Class City.

## Command and Staff, FY 2020

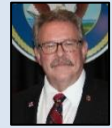
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