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Dallas Military Order News



Best Large Chapter in the Nation

August 2019



The highlight of the Dallas Chapter for many years has been the Annual National MOWW Convention. This year Companions from across the nation will gather in Simi Valley, California, Home of the Ronald Regan Presidential Library. Pictured above are representatives of the Dallas Chapter when it convened in Tampa, Florida. Left to Right: LTC Don Munson, LTC Ken Boatman, LTC King Moss, Col Cliff Way, Capt John Hayes, Col Joe Cordina, MG James Williams, CAPT Rollie Stevens, CPT Allen Clarke, and LTC Chuck Chamberlin. Cliff, John, and Rollie are former Commanders-in-Chief of the Order. Chuck will be elected and installed as the **sixth** Dallas Companion to serve as National CINC.

This Month's Program, August 2019

"Our Vulnerable Energy Grid"

Texas Senator Robert Lee Hall (R, Dist. 2) will speak of his efforts to create greater energy security in Texas by protecting the Texas Energy Grid against Elector-Magnetic Pulse (EMP) attacks.

Sen. Hall graduated in 1960, with honors from George Chamberlain High School in Tampa, Florida. While there he earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

In 1964, Hall received a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina. At The Citadel, he was listed in the national publication, *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*.

Upon graduation, Bob received a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Air Force. His first assignment on active duty was developing Minuteman missiles, at Norton AFB, CA. In 1975, he resigned his commission at the rank of Captain and went to work in the Aerospace industry as a Systems Engineer and business development manager.

His legislative ratings are A+ (100%) from Texans for Fiscal Responsibility, Texas Faith and Family Values, and Texans for Right to Life.

He and his wife, Sarah Kay, live in Tailwind Airpark, Edgewood, Texas, a community for pilots and aviation enthusiasts, with its own runway and hangars.



State Senator Robert Hall (Texas District 2)

Next Month's Program, September 2019

Tomorrow's Leaders: In their own words

On 3 September, we will gather to honor the best and brightest of the participants who were sponsored by our Dallas Chapter and selected by their Counselors and Peers as *Top Students* at their Youth Leadership Conferences, by presenting the Bronze Patrick Henry Citation and Medallion. Each student will share their perspective of the benefits received at the Conference.

Beginning this past spring over 50 Dallas Chapter Companions interviewed students in over 40 High Schools in the Dallas area to select the brightest and most motivated with leadership potential to attend one of the five Youth Leadership Conferences.

During June and July, Conferences were conducted aboard the Aircraft Carrier *USS Lexington*, and at Oklahoma Christian University, UT-Dallas, Texas Wesleyan University and Texas A&M University, using a curriculum emphasizing leadership, citizenship, and patriotism, with the goal of preparing them for the leadership of this Country. At the end of each Conference, a joint panel of Counselors and peers select six outstanding participants and a **No. 1 Student**. Those *Top Students*, sponsored by our Dallas Chapter, along with their high school Counselor and Parents, will be our guests at the September Luncheon.

We hope that you come to the Luncheon to personally congratulate them and show your support for these young Americans. One of your greatest legacies can be personal involvement with the future leaders of this Great County. Mark your calendar for **3 September 2019**.



Commander's Corner

MY FELLOW COMPANIONS. Your Chapter has a specific procedure for efficient processing an Application for New Membership or Upgrade to Perpetual Membership. This procedure is contained in Chapter Standard Operating Procedure 1 (SOP 1). It is essential when you **Sponsor** an applicant that you comply to ensure that the Application is timely processed, and the Chapter Officers have the necessary information to properly welcome the Applicant into the Chapter.

Although the top of the Application instructs you to send it to National Headquarters, you need to deliver it (and the Applicants Fee) to **LTC Russell Hooper, Chapter Adjutant**, by hand delivery - or if by USPS Mail, send it to **1601 Cattail Creek Drive, Desoto, TX 75115**.

If you use US Mail, please include your Name, Mail Address, Telephone Number, and E-Mail Address, in order that the Adjutant may contact you to coordinate the Induction schedule.

SOP 1 requires the Adjutant to send a copy to the following - who must perform certain tasks:

Commander – Commander will call the Applicants to welcome them and obtain information for the Induction Ceremony.

Adjutant – As soon HQ approves the Application, Adjutant will contact the Applicant and Sponsor to coordinate the date for the Induction Ceremony.

Marshal – Marshal will prepare Table Name Cards for the Sponsor and his or her Applicant to identify reserved seats at the Induction Luncheon.

Operations Coordinator for Communications – Ops Coordinator will post Applicant's contact information to his data base and assign a Phone Caller to call the Applicant to verify attendance at upcoming Monthly Chapter Meetings.

Special Operations Officer – Special Ops Coordinator will post the Applicant's contact information to the Chapter database for distribution of Monthly Newsletters and all other e-mail messages. Simultaneously, he will order a Pocket Name Badge for the Applicant.

Your cooperation will be sincerely appreciated. Next month, I will explain why we need to emphasize Recruiting and upgrading "Perpetual Companions", with special emphasis on recruiting Applicants under the age of 50.

I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, 6 August, for camaraderie, a good Lunch, and a great Speaker.



Paul W. Brown
Dallas Chapter Commander

Guest Speakers

Speaker Programs Just Keep Getting Better

6 Aug 19 – Senator Robert Hall, (TX, District 2)
"Protecting the Texas Energy Grid"

3 Sep 19 – Capt Paul Brown, Dallas Chapter Commander
"Bronze Patrick Henry awards to Top students"

1 Oct 19 – Lt Gen John Campbell, USAF (Ret)
"Employment of Predator Drones in Afghanistan"

5 Nov 19 – Brig Gen Steve Rosser, USAF (Ret)
"Evacuation of Americans during Iran Revolution"

3 Dec 19 – Capt Paul Brown, Dallas Chapter Commander
"Annual Chapter Christmas Banquet"

7 Jan 20 – Speaker: TBD
"Topic: TBD"

Officer of the Month

Chapter salutes Dallas' Finest Officers in Blue

On 25 Jul 19, Chapter Commander *Emeritus Paul Brown* will present Officer Daniel Hale (Badge 9157) our Outstanding Service Citation for his selection as Dallas Police Department's Officer of the Month.

As a member of the *Fusion Center*, his extensive knowledge in gathering and analyzing intelligence has made him and invaluable member of the Fusion Team. His assistance to the Narcotics Division, and the Gang and Robbery Units attest to his superlative and competent professionalism. His devotion to "Heroes, Cops, and Kids" builds incalculable, positive relationships in the community that he serves.

Officer Hale is an outstanding example of why the Dallas Police Department is one of the finest in the nation.

Photo not available, prior to publication of the August Newsletter.

The DCPAC Luncheon was postponed from 16 Jul 19 until 25 Jul 19.

Commander Paul Brown present our Outstanding Service Citation to Officer Daniel Hale at the July DCPAC Luncheon

Attention Chapter Staff:

The Chapter Command and Staff meeting will be held on Thursday, 15 Aug 19, at 1:30 p.m. in the Frontiers of Flight Museum at Love Field.

KNOW YOUR COMPANIONS

2LT Brandon Hern, US Army

Brandon Hern was born in Burlingame, CA and was raised on Whidbey Island, WA. He received his bachelor's degree in Business Administration at Oregon State University, and his MBA Degree at the University of Oregon.



He enlisted as an Infantryman in the Oregon National Guard in 2002. He received a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army in 2009.

Brandon's first active duty assignment was as an enlisted soldier. He deployed with the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX, in support of *Operation Iraqi Freedom II* from 2003-2005. He was a Machine Gunner for the 1st Cav Div Rapid Reaction Force (RRF). Brandon received the Bronze Star with Valor for his actions during the Battle of Najaf in 2004.

His next deployments were as an NCO in a reconnaissance unit in the Oregon National Guard. He did two separate month-long deployments in Mongolia and Japan. After receiving his commission as an Infantry Officer, Brandon was assigned to lead an infantry platoon in Charlie Company, 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry Regiment. After graduating as the Honor Graduate at Infantry Officer Basic Course in Fort Benning, GA, Brandon was released from duty having suffered multiple injuries.

Upon separation, at the rank of 2nd Lieutenant, Brandon returned to Dallas, TX, where he began working as a Vice President at Capital One Bank.

Brandon now runs a Private Equity group that specializes in the syndication and acquisition of multi-family real estate. He works for Integrity Mortgage, *owns* Bronze Star Properties, a property management company — and coaches youth baseball.

Brandon and his wife, Andrea, live in Dallas and have been married for 7 years. They have two sons – Ethan (12) and Alex (6).

Hereditary Companion, Jessica Cafferata

Jessica Cafferata is the daughter of US Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Dale Cafferata.

Jessica's father graduated from the US Air Force Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Mechanics. He later earned a Master degree in Aviation from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and a Master's degree in Engineering from Columbia University.



He began his career flying the UH-1N (*Twin Huey*) and became an instructor and flight examiner. He taught at the Air Force Academy, after which he flew MH-53J (*Pave Low*) helicopters in the 21st Special Operations Squadron in the United Kingdom.

Jessica Cafferata serves as Director of Compliance & Retiree Services for Frontier Investment Management Company. She joined the firm in 2014 and leverages her extensive fiduciary experience to support the firm in compliance and financial planning.

As a Certified Financial Planner, Jessica provides guidance on social security, insurance, divorce, healthcare, Medicare, Long Term Care planning, and other benefits. Jessica began her career practicing family law before entering the financial industry. She graduated from Texas A&M University in Commerce, with a Master of Science degree in Accounting. She later earned a Juris Doctorate degree from Washburn School of Law in 2005. Jessica is a member of the Dallas Bar Association's Probate, Trusts & Estates section.

She also has a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism and Mass Communications from the University of Kansas' *William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications*.

Jessica and her husband, David, live in Highland Village and enjoy raising their two young children. She enjoys symphonies, theater, reading and running.

Happy Birthday, Companions!

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

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| 1 August | CPT (Dr) Weldon Estes |
| 1 August | CPT David Young |
| 2 August | Mr Ian Barton |
| 4 August | Mr Paul Epply-Schmidt |
| 4 August | Lt Col Sid Snedeker |
| 5 August | CPT James Runzheimer |
| 8 August | LT Thor James Hansen |
| 8 August | COL Ralph Hodge |
| 8 August | CPT Chris Kite-Powell |
| 8 August | COL Charles Thompson |
| 9 August | Capt Paul Welch |
| 12 August | MAJ Doug Gagliano |
| 12 August | CPT Tom Garriss |
| 13 August | CPT Ira Archer |
| 13 August | MAJ Docia Buckner |
| 14 August | CPT Edwin McAuliffe |
| 14 August | JUSTICE Lana Myers |
| 14 August | Capt William Sweitzer |
| 15 August | Capt Donnell Griffin |
| 15 August | CPT Bernard Kenan |
| 16 August | LTC Fred Holland |
| 17 August | Capt Stanley Seat |
| 18 August | Lt David Dewhurst |
| 21 August | Ms. Christine Hogan |
| 21 August | CPT Peter Maurer |
| 21 August | HPM Scott Murray |
| 23 August | Mr. William Farmer |
| 23 August | Mr. Louis Felini |
| 26 August | Ms. Catherine Moore |



26 August 1921 Capt James Patterson

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| 26 August | LT Jerry Prater |
| 27 August | LT Thomas Meyer |
| 27 August | LTC Don Munson |
| 28 August | CPT Katherine Stewart |
| 31 August | LT Donald Crusius |
| 31 August | LT John Hall |
| 31 August | HPM Jonathan Lennox |



Serving Youth

Bill Farmer – 14 years and counting

It seems that every month we report on another sterling accomplishment of Perpetual Companion **Bill Farmer**. His contributions to Boy and Girl Scouts, for over fifty years, are the Gold Standard by which all others are measured.



What is little known are the many other youth activities to which he lends his enormous wealth of experience and insights. This month, we wish to recognize Bill for his decade of devotion to the MOWW Youth Leadership Conferences held every summer in Texas. Take a bow Bill. It is richly deserved. You are one in a million.

Pictured above are an impressive collection of Citations and awards presented to Bill Farmer for his support of our YLC's

TWU YLC Students salute US Flags

Famous Flags teach military history lessons

Students attending the Youth Leadership Conference at the University of Texas in Dallas used four historic flags to tell a story of Patriotism, Service, and Sacrifice.



YLC Students presented a tribute to four “famous flags”

The first was a flag presented to **Max**, a scout dog who served in Iraq. The second flag flew aboard the USS Missouri during the unconditional surrender of Japan that officially ended World War II. The third flag belonged to a WWII Tuskegee Airman. And the fourth was used by Red Skelton during the Memorial Day TV show, when he recited our Pledge to the Flag.

Information & Publicity

Click on the link to access our Website

www.dallasmoww.org – This is a *new* version of the Dallas Chapter website. It provides information pertaining to members, chapter activities, and the many “extra-curricular” events sponsored by the Chapter.

Chapter Activities in the month of June



Chapter Commander Capt Paul Brown presented a Silver Patrick Henry plaque to **Pete Sessions** for his 22 years of Patriotic service to Texas and the nation in US Congress



After Paul presented Former Congressman Sessions with an MOWW challenge coin, Pete vowed to never be caught without it, realizing that the price could be too high.



Dr Fred Aurbach joins Paul welcoming 2LT **Brandon Hern** to the Chapter as a **Perpetual** Companion. He has the dubious distinction of being our youngest member to date.



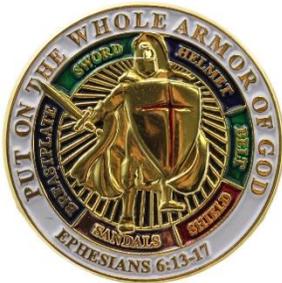
COL Ron Forest presented our newest Hereditary Companion, **Jessica Cafferata**, with an MOWW pocket badge. Her Dad was a Lt. Colonel in the US Air Force.



Former Chief of Staff of the Army General **Gordon Sullivan** was in town for a recent MOAA Fundraiser. LTC Don Munson took the opportunity to induct the General into the Dallas Chapter of MOWW as a Perpetual Companion.



The Chapter mourns the passing of Perpetual Companion **Wright Lassiter**. Wright was the Chancellor of the Dallas Community College system for over 26 years. He established Veterans Service offices in all 7 of the DCCC campuses.



Brothers in Arms

Admiral Nimitz stood on the deck of the battleship, *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945 to deliver an address. Japan had capitulated and the war was over. Nimitz was the Commander of all naval operation in the Pacific Theater. He closed his remarks with these inspirational thoughts:

"Close to my headquarters in Guam is a little green valley with a military cemetery. I look out of my window on that little valley and see those orderly rows of white crosses. I often walk among those fallen comrades: soldiers, marines, and sailors; and I read their names. Then he named a long list of men—ordinary American boys.

"They fought together as comrades in arms. They died together. And now they sleep together in death. This day, our victory, our triumph, is the fruit of their sacred lives".

That is what God calls us to be in the warfare of the Lord. We are humble ordinary people locked together in a common determination--brothers and sisters of the Lord. The Apostle Paul instructs us to *"Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil".* (Ephesians 6:11).

Jamie Malakoff
Dallas Chapter Chaplain

Tomorrow's Leaders

Allen West announces

Dallas Chapter Perpetual Companion LTC **Allen West** has decided not to run for office in the 2020 election. Instead, he has thrown his hat into the ring to become the Chairman of the Texas GOP.



Dallas Companion Allen West

Allen once represented a Florida District in Congress, prior to moving to Texas.

The current Representative from TX District 32 is former NFL player, Collin Allred, who beat Dallas Companion **Pete Sessions**, in 2016, in the most closely watched contest in the country.

Both Allen's father and his older brother were career Army officers. His mother served the US Marine Corps as a civilian employee.

Allen served in Kuwait during Operation Desert Storm and in Iraq as a Battalion Commander in the 4th Infantry Division, during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He graduated from the University of Tennessee and earned Masters degrees from Kansas State University and the US Army Command and General Staff College. In 1993, he was named "*US Army ROTC Instructor of the Year*"

Allen can be seen frequently on TV as a political analyst. He and his wife, Angela, (who holds a PhD) live in Dallas. They have two daughters, Aubrey and Austen.



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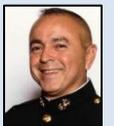
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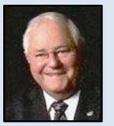
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Summary of 2019-20 Chapter Goals

Commander and Staff have established the following goals for the Chapter during 2019-20:

- Increase membership by at least an additional 25 Perpetual Members, including 10 new members under 50 years of age.
- Raise funds of at least \$10,000 to invest in Chapter Investment Account for future and/or unknown expenses.
- Select and fund 70 students at \$300 per person for attendance to the Texas Youth Leadership Conference Programs during 2020.
- Develop a closer working relationship with the SAI's at the 40 High Schools in the area for support of the Junior ROTC Programs.
- Support the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts Program and Increase the number of Certificates of Merit presented at Courts of Honor to Boy Scouts and the Annual Breakfast to Girl Scouts by at least 10%.
- Present 12 Awards to Outstanding Dallas Police Department Officers at Dallas Community Police Award Committee Functions.
- Present 5 Awards to Outstanding Police Officers with other Police Departments in the Area.
- Present 6 Awards to Outstanding Fire Fighters, Paramedics and Supporting Personnel in the Area.
- Assist Veterans and their families with their separation and transition from active duty into civilian life.
- Expand the Chapter's Patriotism Programs into areas beyond ROTC, Scouting and YLC.
- Monitor activities of the United States Government and Other Governments that affect the maintenance of a suitable policy of National Security and circulate articles on policies involving National Security and Homeland Security.
- Establish a Memorial to veterans in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.
- Monitor the health and well-being of Chapter Companions and give "*Companion Down*" Reports, if necessary.
- Communicate with Perpetual Members to increase their participation through attendance at regular meetings, social functions and outreach programs.
- Communicate with Regular Companions to coordinate their renewals and possible upgrade to Perpetual status.