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One of the major design proposals for the expansion of Klyde Warren Park over Woodall Rogers Freeway in the heart of Downtown Dallas

This Month's Program, February 2020

The Park That Revitalized Dallas

Bring your Valentine to the February meeting!! We are honored to be hosting **Kit Sawers**, President of the Klyde Warner Park Foundation, the park that launched Dallas into the 21st Century. The acclaimed park plays host to a million visitors a year, in a world-class green oasis, that sits atop one of Dallas' busiest Freeways.

Kit Sawers became President of Klyde Warren Park in May 2018. In this capacity, she oversees the daily operations for the **\$100 million** expansion of the 5.2-acre deck park.



Dallas Native, Kit Sawers

She is no stranger to revenue-generating local events, having *chaired* the Host Committee for Super Bowl XLV, the North Texas Host Committee for the NCAA Final Four, and the annual Emmitt Smith Celebrity Golf Invitational.

She has also served on multiple local non-profit boards, including the SPCA, Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture, Dallas After School, and the Board of Trustees for the Episcopal School of Dallas (ESD)

Kit is a Dallas native, a graduate of The Hockaday School, the University of Virginia and the SMU School of Law.

Next Month's Program, March 2020

"The Great Spy Game"

In the words of Defense Secretary Dr. Mark Esper: "The Chinese government has used its diplomatic, military and economic power to expand its bad behavior, rather than abiding by international rules." Their success in the field of electronic warfare has been ominous.

US Military Academy graduate and former Army Officer, Adam Kraft is a Defense Intelligence analyst and an international terrorist finance expert.

He is 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 also Director General of Global Central Guard Room (CGR, Inc.), which protects clients against cyberattacks, that can not only threaten businesses, but seek to hack computers, freeze files, 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 have the potential to threaten the entire free world.



Adam Kraft, CEO, ASOG

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥

THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

MY FELLOW COMPANIONS.

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

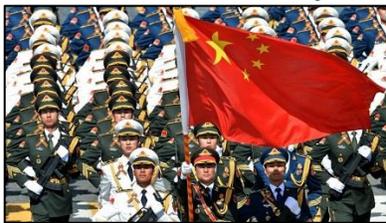
February Valentine's Luncheon

If we are honest with ourselves, we must admit that we don't say "thank you" enough to our spouse/significant other. Moreover, our Chapter does not adequately recognize those who are always there to support each of us and our Chapter when needed. We are going to do better this year, beginning with a Special Luncheon on 4 February for upcoming Valentine's Day. A dynamic speaker and very special lady in the Dallas community, **Kit Sawers**, President of Klyde Warner Park, has accepted our invitation to speak on her role in the building of Klyde Warner Park and its upcoming \$100 million expansion this year (See Page 1). This topic will be inspirational to those who want to know how they can participate in making Dallas a better community. So, I am making a special request for each of you to show your Spouse or Significant Other how much **You Care** by inviting them to come with you to this *Special Valentine's Luncheon*. The Chapter will show them how much we **"WE CARE!!"** with a small box of chocolates for the first 15 female guests to arrive and a free raffle ticket for roses – for all.



National Security and Homeland Security Series

MOWW National Headquarters mandates that each Chapter report on National Security and Homeland Security issues to fellow Companions and to the Public with published articles. Beginning with this edition of the Chapter Newsletter, we will include timely and sometimes *sensitive* information on National/Homeland Security in articles written by our own Chapter Companion, LtCol **Michael Menefee**, USMC (Ret), who served as an Intelligence Officer while on active duty. Since retiring, he continues to conduct research and maintain information from relevant sources. This month's subject is the *"China Threat"* (see page 4). Michael will be reporting facts and issues, which are little known to the general public, and will provide insight into thought provoking issues relevant to our security. Because of the complex nature of these subjects, he may write multiple articles covering the same threat to adequately brief us before moving to another subject. I know that we will all be interested.



Membership During the Coming Year

Membership is our lifeline to performing our Mission. We need to **"light our after-burners"** during the **next 4 months** to prevent taking net losses in our ranks. 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 our founder, General of the Armies **John J. Pershing**.



Paul W. Brown

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Dallas Chapter Commander Emeritus

To All Who See these presents, Greetings:

Awards and Decorations

The Commander of the Dallas Chapter has awarded the Military Order of the World Wars *Outreach Service Medal* to the following Companions in recognition of their exemplary patriotic leadership while participating in the organization and management of the Dallas Chapter's Youth Leadership Conference Program, including recruiting North Texas Area Students to attend Region VIII Youth Leadership Conferences, ROTC and JROTC Recognition Programs, BSA and GSUSA Recognition Programs, Veterans Affairs, Monuments & Memorials, National and Homeland Security, Law & Order, and Information & Publicity.

CPT Frederick E. Aurbach, USA (Fmr)
LTC Paul E. Bauereis, USA (Ret)
CPT William A. Benson, USA (Fmr)
LTC James B. Blunk, Jr., USA (Ret)
LTC Kenneth W. Boatman, USA (Ret)
MG Harold G. Bunch, USA (Ret)
CPT Barbara C. Butcher, USA (Ret)
CPT Jeffery D. Butcher, USA (Ret)
LTC Walton H. Capps, USA (Ret)
Maj Christopher M. Carney, USAF (Ret)
CPT Allen B. Clark, Jr., USA (Ret)
Col Joseph L. Cordina, USAF (Ret)
LT Charles Daniels, USN (Fmr)
Capt David I. Darelius, USAF (Fmr)
Mr William J. Farmer, Hereditary
MS Tracy K. Fisher, Hereditary
COL Ronald P. Forest, USA (Ret)
Lt Col Phil R. Hardin, USAF (Ret)
Capt John M. Hayes, USAF (Fmr)
LTC Russell L. Hooper, USA (Ret)
Col Mark E. Kipphut, USAF (Ret)
LT Walter Laidlaw, USN (Fmr)
Capt Richard A. Lethe, USAF (Fmr)
LTC King R. Moss, USAF (Ret)
Capt Wallace L. Mueller, USMC (Fmr)
LTC Don B. Munson, USA (Ret) (*continued page 4*)



KNOW YOUR COMPANIONS

Terry Thorsen, Major, US Marine Corps (Ret)

Terry Thorsen was born in Beloit, Wisconsin in 1943. At age twelve, his family moved to Arlington, Texas, after his father got a job at Chance Vought Aircraft Manufacturing Company.



Following graduation in 1966, from Arlington High School, he enrolled in Arlington State College (now UTA). He served in the United States Marine Corps from January 1967 to October 1970 as a Radar Intercept

Officer (RIO) in the rear seat of F-4 *Phantom* jets.

Terry was assigned to VMFA-232 in March 1968, at El Toro Marine Corps Air Station in southern California. The "Red Devil" squadron is the oldest and most decorated fighter attack squadron in the Marine Corps and from the time he joined, the unit prepared for combat service. On 1 April 1969, he began flying combat sorties all over South Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, the Gulf of Tonkin and some escort missions into North Vietnam.

He flew 123 combat missions, sixty percent of which were close air support, earning 10 Air Medals, one Bronze Star Award, two Navy Unit Commendations, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

He later earned a Navy Unit Commendation in the Navy Reserves. Halfway through his first year's overseas tour, the squadron was transferred to Japan as a deterrent to North Korean aggression.

In 2019, Terry added Author to his curricula vitae. He wrote a book about his experience as a Marine and his 1969 combat tour in Vietnam. The book is titled, "*Phantom in the Sky: A Marine's Back Seat View of the Vietnam War*". The book was published by the University of North Texas Press.

Since retiring, he has been a Professional Photographer, a Crime Scene Investigator, a Crime Scene Supervisor, and a Crime Lab Director in charge of Quality Control, Safety, Training, Accreditation, and the Ballistics Section.

Terry and his wife, Audrina, live in Mansfield.

Monifa Rucker, US Army, CWO4 (Ret)

Monifa Rucker was born in New York in 1970. Upon graduation from Malverne High School, she earned an Associate of Science degree from the University of Maryland, College Park and later earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business from Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS.



Upon graduation she was commissioned in the US Army Medical Services Corps.

Among her early assignments, she served as the Assistant Chief, Food Protection Branch, in the Academy of Health Sciences, Army Medical Department (AMEDD, the Army's healthcare organization) at Fort Sam Houston, TX.

She was reassigned to Fort Gordon, GA, where she was tasked to be the Command Food Safety Officer for the Public Health Command District covering the entire Southeastern Region of the United States.

In 2013, she was deployed to South Korea and assigned as the Food Safety Officer for the Southeast Asian Theatre. She developed and implemented all Food Services policies in support of US and host nation military personnel.

Next, Monifa became the Senior Technical Advisor and Command Food Protection Officer of the Public Health Command, Pacific. She managed the largest global Food Safety Inspection program in the Theatre, covering over 13,000 military, industrial, and retrieval processing establishments.

She is recognized as a Subject Matter Expert on food safety, food defense, and quality assurance. Her training programs are in use throughout the Department of Defense.

Monifa served for 27 years and retired from active duty in 2018. She is currently serving LTC Jerry Jochum as a Senior Army Instructor in the Mesquite Independent School District (MISD).

Chief Warrant Officer (CWO4) Rucker was recently inducted as our 255th living Perpetual Companion. Her sponsor is LTC Steven Scioneaux.

Monifa and her husband, Roy, live in Rockwall.

The China Threat

by Michael Menefee, LtCol, USMC (Ret)

Many intelligence analysts consider China to be the greatest strategic threat to the security of the United States.

In his book, *The Hundred-Year Marathon*, (subtitled: *China's Secret Strategy to Replace America as the Global Superpower*) Michael Pillsbury details his case. For many years, government officials and corporate executives alike have touted the idea, 'If we trade with China, they will ultimately democratize.'

Pillsbury's book throws cold water on that idea with a detailed analysis of China's national security threat to the U.S. Pillsbury argues the Chinese are engaged in a marathon strategy to become the dominant world superpower.



Dr. Pillsbury is a China expert, fluent in Mandarin Chinese. He has held senior government positions in CIA and DOD, was a senior Senate staffer, and Harvard research fellow. These prestigious positions have given him access to many Chinese leaders, officials, admirals, and generals, who have been more forthcoming to a fluent Chinese speaker.

Pillsbury explains in his book, that one of the major reasons U.S. officials and diplomats have misinterpreted China's strategy over decades is that many of our country's "China experts" do not speak fluent Chinese!

Dr. Pillsbury makes the case that China is planning to dominate the planet by 2049 by becoming the global military, economic, political, and cultural superpower. The 100-year anniversary of the Communist party takeover of China is 2049.



Mao Zedong underscored the importance of deception as a strategy. Using the ancient term, "Assassin's Mace," the Chinese have heavily invested in asymmetric systems designed to get the greatest bang for the renminbi (e.g., investing in million-dollar missiles to sink billion-dollar aircraft carriers).

Awards and Decorations (continued from page 3)

- Lt Col Paul Pfrommer, USAF (Ret)
- Capt PJ Putnam, USAF (Fmr)
- COL Joe D. Sasser, USA (Ret)
- COL Steven A. Scioneaux, USA (Ret)
- CAPT Rollie M. Stevens, USN (Ret)
- COL James R. Vineyard, USA (Ret)
- CPT John H. Wagner, II, USA (Ret)
- Col. Clifford D. Way, Jr., USAF (Ret)

The Military Order of the World Wars Outreach Medal will be given to each Companion named above at a time convenient to the Recipient.

Signed on this 1st day of February 2020

Capt Paul W. Brown, USAF (Fmr)
Commander, *Emeritus*, Dallas Chapter

New Newsletter column

Humor in Uniform



RULES FOR A GUNFIGHT

1. Bring a gun. Preferably, bring at least two guns. Bring all of your friends who have guns.



MISS AMERICA

At 2000+ rounds per minute, no other woman can compare.

Happy Birthday, Companions

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



- 1 February LT COL Bob Little
- 2 February CWO3 Xavier Herrera
- 2 February BG Thomas Kula
- 2 February MR Steve Neumeier
- 3 February CPT Al Lisi, Jr
- 4 February COL James Vineyard
- 7 February MAJ Lannie Hughes
- 7 February MAJ GEN Harvey McCarter
- 7 February LTC Allen West
- 9 February LTC Edwin Dumas
- 9 February CAPT John Kutch
- 10 February MAJ William Coleman
- 13 February Capt P.J. Putnam
- 15 February MAJ Robert Pierce, Jr
- 16 February COL Paul Beaty
- 16 February COL Ken Cordier
- 18 February CAPT David Darelus
- 18 February COL Roger Neumann
- 19 February LTC Thomas Donnelly
- 19 February CAPT Richard Lethe
- 20 February CAPT Claude Williams
- 21 February LT Richard Herrick
- 25 February Col David Howe
- 21 February LTC Kenny Bierman
- 25 February LT Lewis Willis



Speaker Programs Just Keep Getting Better

**4 Feb 20 -Kit Sawyer, CEO,
“Klyde Warren, Park that Transformed Dallas**
**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 – Capt Paul W. Brown, Chapter Commander
“Installation of FY 2021 Commander & Staff”**

**7 Jul 20 – Scott Murray, Renown News Analyst
“A Nostalgic Return to Normandy”**

Officer of the Month

Chapter salutes Dallas' Officers in Blue

On 23 Jan 20, Chapter Junior Vice Commander, LT (USN) Charles Daniels, presented Senior Corporal **Randy Lancaster** (#6024), our Outstanding Service Citation for his selection as Dallas Police Department *Officer of the Month*.

Senior Corporal Lancaster is a 12-year veteran who served 7 years in the Northwest Patrol Division, 12 years on the elite *SWAT* unit and 7 years as a member of the Traffic Unit. He wears the prestigious Life Saving bar and an enviable “Sick” bar for working 10 years without a sick day. He is an active member of the North Place Church in Sachse and is a Life coach to several members of his congregation.



LT Chuck Daniels presented the MOWW Certificate of Commendation to Dallas Police Senior Corporal **Randy Lancaster**, who is surrounded by his wife, family and friends.

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

VALENTINE'S DAY



BECAUSE LOVE ISN'T QUITE COMPLICATED ENOUGH AS IT IS.



CDR Hank Coates, USN, joined the Chapter as a Perpetual Companion. At his side is his Sponsor Capt Henry Barrett, USAF



Dallas Chaplain Jamie Malakoff received the Outstanding Service medal from Commander Emeritus Paul Brown in a surprise ceremony



Paul presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Commander Hank Coates for his superb work on behalf of the National Aviation Center

Congratulation to Companion Pat Teipel, Chairman of the 2019 Greater Dallas Veterans Day Parade





Button Your Pocket

Several years ago, a serviceman wrote a bit of unintended comedy he witnessed while in the army. It happened during the company's morning inspection.

The colonel was conducting the inspection, and everything had gone smoothly until he came to a very nervous soldier.

The colonel stopped, looked the man up and down and snapped "*Button that pocket, Trooper!*"

The soldier, more than a little rattled, stammered, "you mean, right now, Sir?"

"Of course, right now!" was the colonel'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.

Scripture says, "*Judge not, lest ye be judged.*" A principal we should all practice.

Jamie Malakoff
Chapler Chaplain

Last Month's Program, Jan 2020

Flying Higher

Commander Michael Coates, US Navy, proudly extolled the progress being made to acquire, restore, and display the aircraft of the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) located at the Executive Airport, in South Dallas (formerly known as the Redbird Airport).

His stories of the challenges of obtaining these marvelous relics of an earlier era of aviation were laced with humor and obviously fond memories.



Michael complemented his remarks with videos of

some of the more notable planes in the CAF's large and growing inventory.

Companions are encouraged to take him up on his invitation to visit the museum and hangars for an opportunity to see (and possibly to fly in) warbirds that have given the US air superiority; and at times, air *supremacy* in aerial combat, spanning the last 100 years of manned flight.

He concluded by outlining his



plans to build a National Aviation and Education Center, that will focus

on "*Honoring, Educating, and Inspiring*" the next generation of men and women who will seek to reach for the stars.

Notice: Next Commander's Staff Meeting will be held Thursday, 21 February 2020 at 1:30 p.m. (1330 hrs.) in the Park City Club, 5956 Sherry Lane, Suite 1700, Dallas

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