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Dallas Military Order News



Best Chapter Newsletter in the Nation

November 2019



Chief of Staff of the Army, General Mark Milley, was a welcome guest at our last Dallas Veterans Day Parade. Of course, his current title is *Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff*. The theme for this year's Parade will be, "Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day Invasion". The Keynote Speaker will be the Honorable Consul General of France, Alexis Andres. The Grand Marshals are all men who went ashore on the beaches of Normandy on 6 JUN 44, including our own Dallas Chapter Perpetual Companion, LTC James Magellas. "Maggie" is still recognized as the most highly decorated officer to serve in the prestigious 82nd Airborne Division during World War II. **Be there. City Hall, Mon, 11 Nov 19.**

This Month's Program, November 2019

"Soft Power: A Non-lethal Air Force Mission"

Most Americans have seen on TV the US Air Force's lethal application of airpower around the world with precision airstrikes against our enemies. Guided, manned and unmanned weapons are exceptionally devastating! Americans are also familiar with how our AF is quick to respond globally whenever natural disasters strike, like hurricanes, tidal waves, and fires. What most Americans don't realize is how their AF uses non-lethal airpower to influence world events. These applications of air power have global reach and are very effective. Our November presentation by Brig Gen Steve Roser, USAF (Ret), will tell the story of a successful, non-lethal application of airpower during the fall of Iran in 1979.



Brig Gen Steve Roser retired from the United States Air Force in 1999 after serving 29 years, during which time he held numerous command and staff positions. He is a command pilot with over 4,000 hours of flying time in both rotary and fixed wing aircraft. He was the Wing Commander of Bolling AFB, Charleston AFB, and Travis AFB. His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross and three Air Medals earned in combat during the Vietnam War, flying the CH-3E.

In 1999, he and his wife were selected for the O'Malley Award as the Best Wing Commander Couple in the Air Force. He was inducted into the Order of the Sword in 2000, the only Brigadier General in AMC to be so honored.

Next Month's Program, December 2019

Dallas Chapter Annual Christmas Banquet

We are approaching the Holiday Season and to celebrate, we are planning a Holiday Gala to end all Galas, on Tuesday evening, **3 Dec 19**. We will commence at **1700 hrs** with a Social Hour and Silent Auction to be followed by Supper at **1800 hrs**. The highlight of the evening will feature a very Special Entertainment program.

REMEMBER CHRISTMAS TRAFFIC WILL BE HEAVY – COME EARLY!



Scott Murray, radio talk host and media celebrity will serve as the Master of Ceremonies. The evening is Formal. So, Ladies, get out your finest dresses and Gentlemen dust off your Dress Blues, Tuxedos or Best Business Attire. **There will be no Calling Committee taking reservations. You must send the Reservation Form on page 7 of this newsletter and your Payment to our Treasurer, Bill Coleman (381 Casa Linda Plaza #148, Dallas, TX 75218).** I urge you to make your reservations early because the Park City Club capacity is 180 persons and we expect a capacity attendance.

There will be a Silent Auction of unique items, during our Cocktail Party. Proceeds will go to support our numerous Chapter Outreach Projects. The Dallas Police Awards Committee will auction two expensive bottles of wine (in special MOWW engraved boxes) with their proceeds going to the Dallas Police Officer Fund.



We will honor Dallas Police Senior Corporal, Ira Carter (Badge #8420), for his outstanding support of the Grand Prairie community, volunteering his time and money, serving as President of the Grand Prairie Football League with 16 Board Members, 200 Coaches, and 1,200 kids, to give underprivileged youth a sports experience.

The evening's entertainment will feature the famous *Liberty Ladies USO Show Troupe*, who will sing and dance to Christmas Songs that everyone loves.

Finally, please remember that we are asking you to bring at least one unwrapped toy (<\$25) to go under the Christmas Tree.

This year, the gifts will be divided between Roger Staubach's *Allies in Service* – to aid families recently separated from Military Service who do not have money for toys for their children and for the grandchildren of the Vietnamese Montagnards, who were forced to flee Vietnam because they had fought alongside US Special Forces.



SO, MAKE YOUR RESERVATION AND LET'S PARTY!!!

Commander's Corner

MY FELLOW COMPANIONS.

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

Veterans Day Parade – 11 November 2019. On Monday, the 11th Hour, of the 11th Day, of the 11th Month, the Veterans Day Parade will pass in review at Dallas City Hall. That is symbolic of the date and time the Armistice was signed between the Allies and Germans at Compiègne, France, for the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front in 1918. I urge all Companions to attend the best Veterans Parade in Texas.



Our Dallas Chapter is instrumental in organizing and executing this Parade. Dallas Companion, **Pat Teipel** is the *Chairman* of the Parade Committee and so many of our Dallas Chapter Companions are involved in the Parade that I cannot name them all in this message. So, come out and support your Companions who have spent so many volunteer hours planning, organizing and fundraising for this project. **At the conclusion of the Parade, a BBQ lunch will be served at Eddie Deen's Ranch (944 S Lamar St, Dallas, TX 75202) at a cost of \$20 in advance (\$30 at the door) with the proceeds going to help fund the cost of the Parade.** Please register with the Parade Committee if you desire to eat lunch with the Troops by clicking the following link:

[Click HERE](#)

State Fair of Texas – Veterans Day

Once again, this year, the State Fair of Texas Board of Directors called upon our Dallas Chapter to be point for notifying VETERANS of the Free Day at the State Fair, and your Chapter responded with a call notice to all Veterans. We feel privileged that the Directors ask us to be involved.

Wreaths Across America

Because of your generosity, we have achieved our primary goal of funding 100 Christmas Wreaths to be laid at a Veteran's Headstone in Section 99 of the Dallas Ft Worth National Cemetery on 14 December 2019 at 1100 hrs. However, it is still possible that not all Veterans' head stones will have a Wreath. For this reason, the Chapter is continuing **OPERATION CHRISTMAS WREATHS** for one more month, and we urge you to buy at least one Wreath for \$15 or three Wreaths for \$30.

MOREOVER, you are urged to volunteer to take your child or grandchild to the Cemetery on 14 December for a patriotic "teaching moment" by kneeling at a headstone and laying a Wreath with them.



CPT Barbara Butcher continues to serve as the Chapter's Chairperson for this Project. Barbara will be at the November Luncheon to take your donation and/or volunteer registration, or you may send her an e-mail at mightymathmama@gmail.com, to volunteer to lay a Wreath. Mail your check to: CPT Barbara Butcher, 7 Chisolm Trail, Lucas, TX 75002

Please support this Project and show our respect for our deceased Veterans.

Paul W. Brown

Dallas Chapter Commander

Guest Speakers

Speaker Programs Just Keep Getting Better

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

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

7 Jan 20 – Hank Oates, CEO, Commemorative Air Force
"CAF Mission & Youth Development Programs"

4 Feb 20 – Navy Lieutenant Caroline Johnson, USN (Fmr)
"Breaking the Glass Ceiling -- at Mach 2"

3 Mar 20 – Col. Ken Cordier, USAF (Ret)
"Memories of the Hanoi Hilton"

Happy Birthday, Companions!

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

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| 1 November | HPM Angela Ward |
| 2 November | COL Earl Buys |
| 3 November | LTC Earl Dunnington |
| 5 November | HPM Georgeann Moss |
| 6 November | LT Brent Berarducci |
| 7 November | Lt Col David Portillo |
| 7 November | COL Anthony Wood |
| 8 November | HPM Steve Boatman |
| 9 November | LT Raymond Adams |
| 9 November | MG Gary Bunch |
| 9 November | CPT Ronald Williams |
| 11 November | HPM Joseph Latimer |
| 11 November | Lt Col Kerry Pedigo |
| 14 November | CW3 James Hume |
| 14 November | MAJ Cedric Ingram, |
| 15 November | Lt Col Phil Hardin |
| 18 November | HPM Nicholas Paleschic |
| 19 November | HPM Katherine Merbler |
| 20 November | HPM Martha Nelson |
| 21 November | CPT Dennis Sheridan |
| 21 November | MAJ Thomas Stanzel |
| 22 November | COL Larry Greene |
| 23 November | MAJ Jimmy Cox |
| 25 November | HPM Janie Paleschic |
| 25 November | CAPT Rollie Stevens |



Officer of the Month

Chapter salutes Dallas' Finest Officers in Blue

On 30 Oct 19, Chapter Companion **Peter Malik** presented Officer Mike Csaszar (Badge 6567) our Outstanding Service Citation for his selection as Dallas Police Department's Officer of the Month.

Mike has served with distinction for 28 years, initially with the Northwest Patrol Division and now with the Legal Services Unit managing over 100 officers. For 20 years he has



been a legendary Ambassador and role model in the youth hockey community. Officer Csaszar is an outstanding example of why the Dallas Police Department is one of the finest in the nation.

Companions Down

Keep them in your thoughts & prayers

Lieutenant Colonel Walton Harold Capps (1933-2019)



was a Dallas Chapter Commander *Emeritus*. Upon graduation from the University of Missouri, Walt was commissioned in US Army Artillery. One year later, he went to flight school and became a UH-1A (*Huey*) helicopter pilot. He was in Germany during the Berlin Crisis, in Florida during the Cuban Missile Crisis, and in Vietnam during the Tet Offensive and the Siege of Khe Sahn. God broke the mold when he finished making Walt. Rest in Peace, old Soldier.

Major Ralph LeCount. Hodge (1931-2019) enlisted in the US Army out of High School and fought in the Korean War (1951-1953), during which he was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor and the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat. After college, he became an Air Force officer and proudly boasted 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 and two (2) Air Force Commendation Medals.



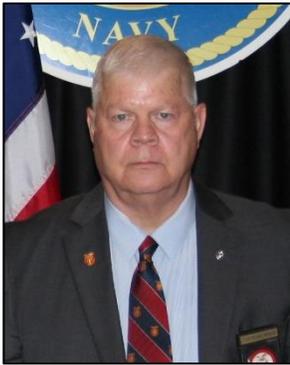
The world is a lesser place without them. And now, they reside with the Great Companion of us all.

Attention Chapter Staff:

The Chapter Staff meeting will be held on Thursday, 17 Oct 19, at 1:30 p.m. in the Frontiers of Flight Museum at Love Field.

KNOW YOUR COMPANIONS

LtCol Michael Menefee, USMCR (Ret)



Michael Menefee is a sixth generation Texan who was born in Fort Worth. He attended Texas Tech University for two years and enlisted in the USMC. Upon graduation from OCS, Sgt Menefee was commissioned as a 2nd Lt of Marines. After Officer Basic, he was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division,

as a Platoon Commander. He has completed USMC Mountain Warfare School at Bridgeport, CA, and desert training at 29 Palms, CA. He later served in Alaska and aboard two ships in the Pacific.

Capt Menefee transferred to the USMCR and completed multiple USN and USMC intelligence schools to become an Intelligence Officer. He earned a BS from USNY; an MSA from Central Michigan; and a Postgraduate Intelligence Program (PGIP) degree in Strategic Intelligence from the National Intelligence University. He is also a graduate of Amphibious Warfare School, Command and Staff College, and the National Defense University.

Michael served as a Photo Imagery Officer at 4th MAW (Marine Aircraft Wing); and G-2, 2nd MAW. Later, he was a Watch Officer at Fleet Intelligence Center, Pacific. During tours at USCINCLANT and USACOM, Maj Menefee was a briefer, analyst, and Intelligence Center Watch Officer.

LtCol Menefee participated in intelligence planning for Operation's DESERT SHIELD/ DESERT STORM; UPHOLD DEMOCRACY; multiple non-combatant and embassy evacuations in Africa and Latin America. His final tour was at Joint Staff, J-2, where he was a briefer, liaison to State Department and CIA, and JCS Crisis Operations Officer for Strategic Warning.

Michael retired in 2001. His awards include a Defense Meritorious Service Medal and a Joint Service Commendation Medal. He also holds multiple professional designations from the College for Financial Planning. He is a VP of Investments and a Registered Investments Advisor at Wedbush Securities.

Michael and his wife, Cathy, have been married for 40 years. They have 3 children and a granddaughter. They currently live in Arlington, TX

First Lieutenant Rick Foster, US Army, (Fmr)



Richard C Foster (Rick) was born in McComb, MS. He graduated from Northeast Louisiana University with a BA in Graphic Design. He enlisted in the Army and attended Engineering training at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO. Upon completion he attended the Engineer OCS at Ft. Belvoir, Va. receiving his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the US Army in 1967.

Rick's first assignment was at Ft. Bragg, NC, with 2nd Psychological Operations Group printing millions of leaflets & shipping them to Vietnam. He graduated from the US Army Special Warfare School and was reassigned to Vietnam in Oct 1968.

In Vietnam, he was assigned as Platoon Leader of Company C, 1st Engineer Bn, of the 1st Infantry Division. He led his platoon as they built LZ's, 60ft towers, bunkers, roads, helipads, and troop quarters. He was often attached to infantry companies to blow up enemy tunnels and weapons caches. When necessary, his unit fought as Infantry.

In late April 1969, Rick was reassigned to the Division G-5, broadcasting "Chu Hoi" messages each night, and dropping leaflets from a specially equipped UH1H.

He was re-assigned to the 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry to assist in gathering intel on enemy personnel and movement. His service while in Vietnam earned him the Bronze Star, 2 Air Medals, an Army Commendation medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, Vietnamese Civil Action and three Vietnamese Campaign Medals.

He was promoted to Captain and reassigned as an Instructor at Ft Belvoir. He declined extending his active service, opting instead to take an assignment at Ft. Presidio with the National Guard.

In civilian life, Rick worked with an international printing company for 11 years, earning District Salesman of the Year seven (7) times. He resigned that job to take a position with a larger company in which he worked for the next twenty-four years, until, in 2005, he created and now owns and operates his own printing company, *Great Graphics*.

Rick lives in northwest Azle, Texas.

Chapter Activities in the month of October



HPM Pat Teipel welcomes Col Ric Hamer (USAF) in the chapter as our 402nd living Chapter Companion



Lt Col Mike Menefee welcomes LT Richard Foster (USA) to the chapter as our 564th Perpetual member



Chapter Commander Capt Paul Brown presented a Silver Henry plaque to Lt. Gen. John Campbell for his devotion to Youth activities and our YLC programs



Companion LT Brandon Hern hosted Col (USMC) Paul Skalniak and his daughter, Lanier. Col Skalniak is a USNA alumni who currently works for Kellogg, Brown, & Root



Paul received a check from Mike Davis, General Manager of the Park City Club, to support Chapter Outreach activities



Paul presented a Dallas chapter check to Col Woody Alexander, to support the Dallas Veterans Day Parade



MG Al Zapanta, Irving Councilman, hosted as his guest, Genevieve Collins, candidate for a vacant Council seat



New Companions and their Sponsors, (l-r) Pat Teipel, Ric Hamer, Mike Menefee, and Richard Foster



The Self-righteous Man

In the gospel according to Luke, Jesus tells a parable of two men praying.

One man, in his pride, thanks God that he is righteous in thought and deed and unlike the sinner praying next to him. The other man acknowledges his sin, and simply says "God, have mercy on me, I am a sinner." (Lk 18:9-13)

Jesus says that this man, rather than the self-righteous one, went home justified before God. As this parable teaches, we should always maintain a humble disposition before God.

More subtly, this parable teaches that we should not compare ourselves to others. Doing so is very damaging! If we think ourselves better than another, this leads to pride, like the self-righteous man in the parable. If we think ourselves worse than another, this can lead to envy and covetousness. Both draw us away from God, and both represent distortions of who we really are.

The Psalmist says to God, "You knit me together in my mother's womb." (Ps. 139:13) Likewise, he knits together you and me, according to his purposes, designed specifically for a role in his great plan, that no one else can fulfill.

May we each cherish the role for which God created us and encourage one another to do the same.

*Jamie Malakoff
Dallas Chapter Chaplain*

Eyes in the Skies

Lieutenant General John Campbell awed the membership with stunning videos that covered the *Battle of Roberts Ridge* in "real time" with photography taken by overhead drones during the engagement.



Lt. Gen. John Campbell, former Assoc. Director, Central Intelligence

Supporting Veterans activities

Fore! Attention All Golfers!

As we head into Winter, take comfort in the knowledge that Spring is just six (6) short months away. And with Spring our thoughts fondly turn to perennial optimism, on the Freeways and Greens.

This coming April, the Dallas Chapter of the Air Force Assn will conduct a fundraising Golf Tournament. **One week later**, the Dallas Chapter of MOWW will do the same. It is a perfect opportunity for you to show your mutual support for *both* organizations by signing up to play or sponsor a foursome.

Click [HERE](#) to view details on the AFA tournament.



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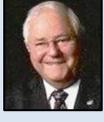
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The Military Order of the World Wars



Dallas Chapter

The Companions and Officers

of the Dallas Chapter

cordially invite

all MOWW Companions and their guests

to attend the

Annual Christmas Gala Dinner & Entertainment

Park Cities Club

5956 Sherry lane, Dallas Texas 75225

In the Skyline Room on the 17th floor

Tuesday December 3, 2019

1700 hours cocktails

1800 dinner

Dress Blue Uniform, Tuxedo, or Business Attire

RSVP with Check by mail to:

[MAJ Bill Coleman](#)

381 Casa Linda Plaza # 148

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Cut off this Portion and mail with Payment

MOWW Christmas Gala Dinner & Entertainment

Rank & name _____

Spouse's Name _____

Guest name(s) _____

(Qty)

Indicate Choice of Entrée: Petite Tender Beef Medallions & Grilled Shrimp with Mushroom Sauce

Grilled Atlantic Salmon Filet & Grilled Shrimp with Citrus Beurre Blanc

Prosciutto Parmesan Chicken Breast - Mushrooms & Sundried Tomatoes

(Please identify how many of *each* choice of Entrée)

Make check payable to Dallas MOWW \$60.00 per person

Total: _____

Mail Registration Form & Check to: MAJ Bill Coleman 381 Casa Linda Plaza #148 Dallas, TX 75218

SEATING MAY BE RESERVED FOR YOU AND YOUR GUESTS FOR THOSE RESERVATIONS THAT ARE RECEIVED ALONG WITH PAYMENT NO LATER THAN MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2019. AFTER THAT DATE, IT WILL BE OPEN SEATING AS AVAILABLE.