



# Dallas Military Order News



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## *This Month's Program, JULY 2018*

### ***"The State of the State of Texas"***

Survivalists will tell you that you can live 3 minutes without air, 3 days without water, and 3 weeks without food. While the validity of those guidelines may be suspect, I for one do not wish challenge the premise on which they are based.

Texas is "*one severe drought*" from running out of water and **Brigadier General Paul Owen** is charged with the responsibility of seeing that that does not happen.

BG Owen is the Commander and Chief Engineer of the Southwest Division, US Army Corps of Engineers.

His Division, which is headquartered in Dallas, is one of nine Corps of Engineers regional commands. It encompasses all or part of seven states and covers some 2.3 million acres of public land and water.

Prior to taking command of the Southwestern Division, Owen served as the Chief of Staff for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, D.C.

BG Owen was commissioned from the U.S. Military Academy in 1990, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering. He also holds a Master of Science in Engineering Management from Missouri University of Science & Technology, and a Master of Science in Nuclear Engineering from MIT.



**BG Paul E. Owen, Commander, Southwest Division, ACE**

## *Commander's Corner*

### ***"Deepest and Most Sincere Thanks"***

Once again, it is an honor for me to serve as your Chapter Commander for Fiscal Year 2019.



I promise to do the best I can to maintain our reputation as the *Best Large Chapter in our Order*, but that will require your assistance. So, how can you help?

First, *attend* the chapter luncheons every month and invite a friend to come with you. Membership is the life blood of every organization. Let's face it, need to grow our membership, as well as to grow our chapter.

Second, *get involved* in our **Outreach** efforts with, police, firefighters (and every other category of first responders), boy and girl scouts, Youth Leadership Conferences, ROTC programs, and aid to homeless veterans.

Finally, *participate* in chapter activities, especially regular attendance at our meetings. Get to know your Companions and enjoy their companionship. Participate in the Dallas Veterans Day Parade.

As former officers, we can and must continue to make a positive difference in our community, state, and nation.

LTC James B. Blunk, US Army  
Dallas Chapter, Commander



**Former Senior Vice Commander, MG Gary Bunch** was the Chairman of the highly successful 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Patriot's Golf Tournament, proceeds of which are being used to sponsor **80** area high school students to one of our **Youth Leadership Conferences**. The event was so successful that the Chapter was able to present **Ken Watterson** with a check, in the amount of **\$4,000**. Ken is the Director of the Homeless Veterans Services of Dallas training facility that provides needy veterans with technical skill training that will enable them to find and keep jobs.

## MOWW turns 100 years old in 2019!

Those of you who missed the National Convention in Billings, Montana, last August, missed one of the most memorable after-dinner presentations of a lifetime, delivered by General of the Armies “John J. Pershing”.



**LTC Chuck Chamberlin**  
**Vice Commander in Chief**

An objective of this year’s Convention will be to plan for celebrations marking the **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of the Military Order of the World Wars. Adding significant importance to the Convention (and to the Dallas Chapter) will be the induction of Dallas Perpetual Companion, **LTC Chuck Chamberlin**, as our next *Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief* of the Military Order.

Chuck will preside as the CINC of the Order during its Centennial celebrations, including an invitation to the White House and the opportunity to lay the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Memorial Day.

### Youth Leadership Conferences

#### **“To promote and foster patriotic education...”**

The Dallas Chapter and the 14 chapters of MOWW’s Region 8, with the cooperation of the Military Officers Association (MOAA), the Association of the US Army (AUSA), the Navy League (NLUS), the Air Force Association (AFA), and military members of the Masonic Order (National Sojourners) and Knights of Columbus (KofC) have sponsored over 300 students from high schools throughout Texas, to attend one of our annual Youth Leadership Conferences (YLC).

Four of the Conferences have concluded. The YLC’s at Texas Wesleyan University and Texas A&M University will be conducted during the first three weeks of July.

You are cordially invited to attend the Wednesday evening Banquets of either of the remaining YLC’s, to see for yourself the amazing results of these Conferences.



\*\*\*Four of the YLC students we recognized in September were **Valedictorians** of their graduating classes, this May. ***Our conferences are developing the leaders of tomorrow!***

## Speaker Programs Just Keep Getting Better

**3 Jul 18 – BG Paul Owen, CDR, SW Engineer Division**  
**“Our Most Precious Natural Resource”**

**7 Aug 18 – Larry Kryске, NY Times Bestselling Author**  
**“Churchill - from Warrior to War Leader”**

**4 Sep 18 – Dallas Chapter Companions present:**  
**“Bronze Patrick Henry YLC Awards”**

**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 – Sheriff Harold Eavenson, Rockwall County”**  
**“A Christmas Message”**

### Officer of the Month

#### **Chapter salutes Dallas' Finest Officers in Blue**

On 11 June 18, former Chapter Commander Paul Brown presented Dallas Police **Sergeant Michael Mata** (#7313), our MOWW Outstanding Service Citation for his selection as Dallas PD’s **Officer of the Month**.

During his 23 years as a Patrol Officer, Police Academy instructor and member of the elite “3080” crime fighting squad, SGT Mata has compiled a distinguished record of law enforcement service. As President of the Dallas Police Association, he has earned the admiration and respect of his entire community.



Former Commander Paul Brown presented our Certificate of Commendation to Dallas Police Sergeant **Mike Mata**.

Officer Mata is a shining example of why the Dallas Police Department is one of the finest in the Nation.

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### **Attention Chapter Staff:**

The Chapter Commander will host a Conclave of all Former Chapter Commanders at the Pecan Plantation CC in Granbury on Thursday, 17 JUL 18, at 11:30 a.m.

# KNOW YOUR COMPANIONS

## John Belvin, Captain, US Air Force

Captain John Belvin was born in Galveston, Texas.



He is a 1968 graduate of Baylor University with a BBA degree. He received his commission and completed Air Force Pilot training in 1969.

Captain Belvin served in Viet Nam in 1969. In 1970, he flew the C-123K out of Bien Hoa AB in Thailand and

Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand. For the next four years he was an instructor pilot at Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls, TX, flying the T-37. His military awards include: the Distinguished Flying Cross; the Air Medal; and the Air Force Commendation Medal.

Upon separation from the Air Force, in 1974, he earned his MA Degree from the University of Texas, in Dallas. He began his banking career as a National Bank Examiner for the US Treasury Department. Two years later he joined Continental National Bank as Manager of its Credit Department.

He departed his banking career to fly for Braniff Airlines, serving as Flight Engineer Check Pilot and Copilot on the Boeing 727. Leaving Braniff Airlines in 1980, he returned to the banking field, and has been there ever since. He completed the Southwest Graduate School of Lending at SMU and the National Commercial Lending School at Oklahoma University. He currently serves as a Senior Vice President of Access Bank of Texas.

John has served as President of the Kiwanis Club in Richardson, Texas and President of the Uptown Merchants Organization in Dallas, Texas. He also served as Treasurer of the McKinney Avenue Trolley Association and as well as Treasurer of Uptown Public Improvement District.

JB and wife, Debra, live in Whitney, Texas. They have 4 children and 8 grandchildren in the DFW area. They stay busy with their grandchildren's sports and school activities. His hobbies include Amateur Radio (N5MSF); hunting, and fishing.

## James Small, Lieutenant Colonel, US Army

LTC James Small was born on January 23, 1951, in



Lincoln, Nebraska. He earned a B.A. in psychology and sociology from the University of Nebraska. Upon graduation, he was commissioned as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant of Infantry, in the Regular Army.

Jim completed the Infantry Officer Basic Course and Basic Air-

borne School at Fort Benning, GA, and was assigned to the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, Ft. Campbell, KY, as a Platoon Leader.

Jim attended the University of Nebraska College of Medicine in 1976, He completed his internship and residency in preventive medicine at Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, D.C. While there, he also earned a Master of Public Health degree, at Johns Hopkins. Jim continued at Walter Reed as a staff epidemiologist investigating disease outbreaks until 1986 when he was assigned as the Chief of Preventive Medicine for III Corps and Fort Hood.

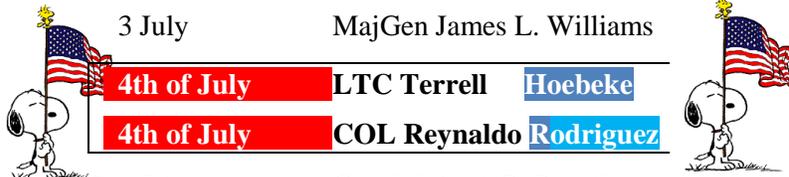
In 1989, Jim left active duty to pursue a Master's degree in medical management at Tulane University, in New Orleans, LA, while practicing in a clinic in Tulsa, OK. In 1990, he was activated and deployed in *Operation Desert Storm*. Upon his return, he Commanded a Medical Company of the Oklahoma National Guard. After completing the Command and General Staff Course, he Commanded the Medical Battalion, Oklahoma National Guard, until his retirement in 1997.

Jim continued working in clinics until 2012. He held leadership positions with Concentra Health Clinics in Houston and in Dallas for Cigna, Amerigroup, and most recently as Chief Medical Officer for Aetna Medicaid of Texas. He has also served as the President of the Oklahoma College of Occupational Medicine and as head of the DFW chapter of the American College of Physician Executives.

Jim and his wife, Susan, live in Dallas. They have two married children living in the DFW area, who have given them three adorable grandchildren.

# Happy Birthday, Companions

**“To some it’s a number; to others a gift”**



- 3 July MajGen James L. Williams
- 4th of July** LTC Terrell Hoebeke
- 4th of July** COL Reynaldo Rodriguez
- 5 July Capt Michael G. Petridis
- 6 July LTG Rick Lynch
- 7 July COL Rodney P. Reed
- 7 July CW4 James E. Tew, Jr
- 10 July LT Keith L. Griffitts
- 10 July CWO4 Jacques B. Loraine III
- 11 July Capt Tomasz Nowak
- 15 July COL George F. Germond
- 15 July BG Terry L. Holden
- 18 July Miss Caroline J. Paleschic
- 23 July Lt Col James W. Haskell
- 23 July CAPT Marc Liebman
- 24 July LT Walter Laidlaw
- 24 July MRS Diane L. Schmidt
- 26 July LTC Bonnie Sweitzer
- 27 July LTC Gerald Vokolek
- 28 July MAJ Joseph K. Merton
- 29 July Capt W. Lyle Mueller
- 30 July COL Raymond L. Foster

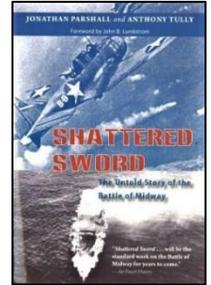


## Patriotic Education

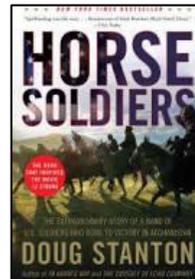
### **Publish or Perish**

For several months, Dallas Companion **Bob Epstein**, has sponsored a Military Book Club Breakfast featuring guest moderators, who discuss a Military Book of the Month.

Last month’s moderator was Dallas Companion (& prolific author) **Marc Liebman**. His selection was “*Shattered Sword: The Untold Story of the Battle of Midway*”. Marc will be back in August to discuss “*North Korea: The Threat, the Truth, & Our Options*”.



Marc’s discussion was followed by our favorite, **LTG John Campbell**, who analyzed the book, “*The Horse Soldiers*” and added a slideshow explaining how a 12-man A-Team of Special Forces was able to rout the Taliban Army in less than 30 days. (The secret was overwhelming fire-power, courtesy of the US Air Force plus the introduction of tactically employed guided missiles, specifically the *Predator*).



September’s moderator will be Dallas Companion **Don Munson**, who will discuss the book, “*We Were Soldiers*” which tells the story of two of the bloodiest battles of the Viet Nam war, involving the 1<sup>st</sup> and later, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of the *7th Cavalry*.



Munson served in both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalions, during back-to-back combat assignments.

The food is excellent (and free), the discussions are lively, and you will expand your knowledge of some of the most fascinating military subjects in history.

**Military Book Club Breakfast  
Canyon Creek Country Club  
(625 W Lookout Drive)  
Richardson, Texas  
Monday, 2 Jul 18, at 7:15 a.m.**

# Chapter Activities in the month of JUNE



Jim presented a plaque to **Paul Brown** for his Distinguished & Exceptional service while serving as our Chapter Commander



**Paul** also received an Outreach Service medal for his participation on behalf of the Chapter with the Dallas Citizens Police Assn



Jim presented a Silver Patrick Henry medallion to **Bill Coleman** for his many years of Patriotic service to our Chapter



And then, Jim thanked **Bill** for his 3 consecutive years of Outstanding Service as our Chapter Treasurer



Former Captain **Barbara Butcher** received an Outstanding Service award for her contributions to Scouting & our Fundraiser



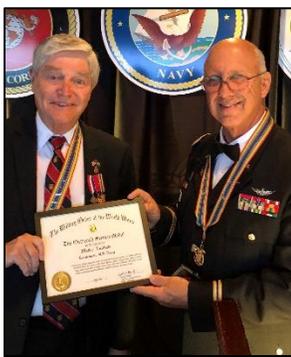
Former Captain **Jeff Butcher** and No. 1 Spouse mirrored his wife's efforts in making our Golf Tournament such a success



Companion **Bill Farmer** received an Outreach Award for his extraordinary service as a Board member of 2 BSA Councils



**Bill** also received a plaque for his success in doubling the number of Scout Troops that we support and tripling our awards to them



Former Chapter Commander **Walt Laidlaw** received an Outreach medal for his work with our JROTC programs.



CAP Major **Bob Epstein** received a Silver Patrick Henry for his generous support of our first major Fundraising venture



Former Congressman and Dallas Perpetual Companion LTC **Allen West** pledged to continue to serve when called upon



Jim awarded LTC **Chuck Chamberlin** an Outstanding Service award for his four years of service as Commander of Region 8

# MORE Chapter Activities in the month of JUNE



Chapter Commander **Jim Blunk** shared a hilarious story with General of the Armies, **John J. Pershing** (Doug Shuey). The "General" will return in November to ride in the Dallas Veterans Day Parade



Chapter Companion and Veterans Day Parade Foundation President, Tracy Fisher, and former Dallas Chapter Commander, COL **Ron Forest** discussed strategy with General of the Armies, **John J. Pershing**.



LTC **Jim Blunk** presented LTC **Don Munson** with an Outstanding Service award for being the Chapter's go to Special Operations officer and just an all-around nice guy



In keeping with our long-standing tradition, the incoming Chapter Commander presented a bouquet of roses to the outgoing Commander's wife. Nice touch, Jim.



Our special VIP for the evening was LT **Rick Hart**, Deputy Police Chief for the Richardson (TX) Police Department



Former Chapter Commander, Col **Joe Cordina**, was the Winner of the Raffle, an elegantly engraved, cherry wood box, bearing a silver MOWW crest, and containing a rare bottle of 1984 Chateau Neuf de Pape Wine (in your dreams).



### ***Celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July***

The psalmist writes, *“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chooses for his inheritance”*.

From heaven the Lord looks down and sees all mankind; *“from his dwelling place, he watches all who live on the earth.”* (Ps. 33:12-14, NIV).

If you are a veteran or family member of a veteran, you and your family have made unique sacrifices for our blessed nation. These sacrifices are sometimes recognized and honored, and sometimes not. But our Father in heaven sees all.

By your service to our nation, you have advanced the cause of freedom and have done your part to enable us to celebrate this 242<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of our Independence.

**Happy Fourth of July to each of you!**

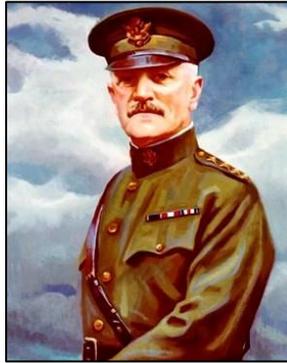
**Jamie Malakoff**  
Chapter Chaplain



### Last Month's Program, Jun 2018

#### ***“Pershing Speaks...”***

General of the Armies John J. Pershing attended the Installation Ceremonies for the Dallas Chapter and delivered an inspirational presentation on the progress of the Military Order which he established, 100 years ago, next November.



Douglas Shuey has been aweing audiences, across the nation, with his soliloquies covering the life and times of one of the nation’s most lionized military leaders.

*“General Pershing”* was most recently the Keynote Speaker at the annual Founder’s Day Supper of the West Point Society of North Texas, and he has agreed to return to Dallas in November, to lead the Dallas Veterans Day Parade as they “commemorate the end of World War One”.



Doug Shuey doesn't impersonate General Pershing, he **becomes** him.

Considering his size, weight, and age, plus the historically accurate uniform he wears, and the fact that he will be riding a mount that closely resembles

General Pershing’s favorite black stallion, *Excalibur*, the General’s appearance in the Veteran’s Day Parade up Main Street will have citizens of Dallas checking their calendars to see if they have been caught in a time warp.

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