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Ballas Military Order News



Best Large Chapter in the Nation

May 2019



Chapter Commanders and their Distaff from each of the 14 Chapters that comprise MOWW Region VIII, assembled at the Omni Park West Hotel, in Dallas, for the annual Region Convention. Saturday night's Banquet called for Mess Dress uniforms and fancy gowns as they witnessed the installation of LTC Dan Foust (US Army, Ret) as the new Commander.

This month's Program, May 2019

NSDQ (Night Stalkers Don't Quit)

Major General Clayton Hutmacher, former Commander of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (*Night Stalkers*), will travel all the way from Tampa, Florida, to address the chapter and share with us his work on behalf of Joint Special Operations Warriors.



MG Clayton Hutmacher, former CG, Spec Ops Aviation

The *Night Stalkers* are Special Operations aviators, the flying equivalent of the Navy SEALs. No task is too dangerous, no challenge unanswered, no man is left behind.

Night Stalkers are bats, using night vision goggles (NVG) they skim the tree tops in the pitch black of night and soar at 150 mph, 10 feet off the desert floor, to insert Special Forces A-Teams or rescue men whose missions are compromised.

MG Hutmacher is currently the President and Chief Executive Officer of the [Special Operations Warrior Foundation](#)

Last month's Program, April 2019

"The Museum of America's Fighting Forces"

General Gordon Sullivan, the 32nd *United States Army Chief of Staff*, had to cancel his trip to Dallas to attend a funeral of GEN John Abrams, a close personal family friend.

GEN Sullivan sent his sincere regrets and promised to return to Dallas at his earliest opportunity. Meanwhile, his Number Two man, Mr. David Cotter, stepped in and presented a superb review of the work being done on the \$250 million dollar *National Museum of The US Army*, scheduled to open in 2020.



We were enormously disappointed that GEN Sullivan could not attend, as planned, but we trust you understand the exceptional circumstances that caused his last-minute cancellation.



Commander's In-Box

Thank Your Calendars

Click [HERE](#) to view the newest MOWW video featuring our Founder: "General of the Army John J. Pershing"

I once again urge all Companions to support our **“OPERATION PATRIOTIC LEADERSHIP”** to raise the funding necessary to cover the Chapter’s obligations for the 2019 Youth Leadership Conferences (YLC).

We need every Companion to commit to support at least one (1) YLC student, to accomplish our mission. If you absolutely cannot afford to send one, then at least donate some amount. No contribution is too small.

Our *Preamble* challenges us to support Youth programs.

Today’s youth will be tomorrow’s leaders.

➤ The 55th Annual North Texas Military Ball is one of the largest social events in the Greater Dallas area. This year, it will be held in the Hotel Sheraton, Dallas, on the evening of **Saturday, 4 May 19**.

➤ General Gordon Sullivan, former Chief of Staff of the US Army, and former Congressman (and Dallas Perpetual Companion) Allen West, will be the featured Speakers at the Army Scholarship Dinner, in the Stonebriar Country Club, in Frisco, on the evening of **Thursday, 27 Jun 19**.

James B. Blunk
Dallas Chapter Commander



Military Book Club

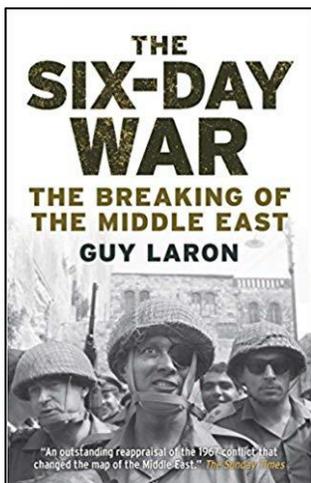
The Six-Day War

Author Guy Loran’s exemplary research and extensive archival findings provide a significant reassessment of a conflict that continues to divide and shape the modern world, today.

The Military Book Club, sponsored by Dallas Companion Bob Epstein, will discuss Loran’s findings during its next gathering on **Wed, 12 June 2019**.

The Six Day War effectively sowed the seeds for the downfall of Arab nationalism, the growth of Islamic extremism, and the animosity between Jews and Palestinians that continues to bedevil world leaders to this day.

All Companions are invited to participate at the Book Club’s meeting at **Prestonwood Country Club**, Wednesday, 12 Jun 19, at 0715 hrs.



Guest Speakers

Speaker Programs Just Keep Getting Better

7 May 19 – MG Clayton Hutmacher, US Army (Ret)
“Special Operations Warrior Foundation”

4 Jun 19 – Jim Blunk, LTC, US Army (Ret)
“Installation of the FY 2020 Commander & Staff”

9 Jul 19 – Hon. Pete Sessions, Fmr. US Congressman
“American - and Texan - Exceptionalism”

6 Aug 19 – Senator Robert Hall, (TX, District 2)
“The 86th Texas Congress: Leading the Nation”

3 Sep 19 – Paul Brown, Dallas Chapter Commander
“Silver Patrick Henry awards to Top YLC students”

1 Oct 19 – LTG John Campbell, USAF (Ret)
“Employment of Predator Drones in Afghanistan”

Officer of the Month

Chapter salutes Dallas' Finest Officers in Blue

On 16 April 19, Past Chapter Commander *Emeritus Joe Cordina* presented Senior Corporal Tracy Forsha (9878) our Outstanding Service Citation for her selection as

Dallas Police Department’s Officer of the Month.

Officer Forsha has been a member of three Patrol Divisions and is now with the Open Records Unit.

She is in great demand at the Dallas Police



Academy where she trains Peace Officers for the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, which includes Texas Rangers, Sheriffs, Marshals, and Constables.

Senior Corporal Forsha is another outstanding example of why the Dallas Police Department is regarded as one of the finest in the nation.

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Attention Chapter Staff:

The Chapter Command and Staff meeting will be held on Thursday, 17 May 19, at 12:30 p.m., in the Frontiers of Flight Museum, immediately following the Greater Dallas Veterans Day Parade Planning committee meeting.

KNOW YOUR COMPANIONS

COL Larry Greene, US Army (Ret)

Colonel Greene was born and reared in Chattanooga, TN. He graduated from the University of Tennessee with a major in Russian Language and received a commission as 2nd Lieutenant of *Infantry*.



Upon completion of the Infantry Basic Course, then Ranger and Airborne Courses, he was assigned to the 6th Special Forces Group at Ft. Bragg, NC. He graduated from the Special Forces Officer Course and deployed to Viet

Nam, where he served as an advisor to various Vietnamese Infantry and Ranger units. He later was a Special Forces reconnaissance team leader with the 5th Special Forces.

Returning to Ft. Bragg, he became Chief of the Special Forces Light Weapons course, and XO of the Special Forces Underwater Operations Course in Key West, FL. After 5 years, he left active duty and elected to serve in reserve SF units and US Army Special Operations Command.

In 1995, he was recalled to active duty and served in Turkey and Northern Iraq on Operation PROVIDE COMFORT.

He retired from the Army Special Operations Command in December 2000, but was again recalled to active duty in 2004, serving as the Special Forces Liaison Officer to Multi-National Division Central, Iraq. He returned from Iraq and was assigned to US Central Command at MacDill Air Force Base, in Tampa, FL, where he served as Chief of Service Support for the Coalition Forces Coordination Center. In 2007, Larry retired and returned to his home in McKinney, TX.

In 2008, he was recalled to serve as the Deputy Commanding Officer, Special Operations Command Korea. One year later, he retired - for the *fourth* time.

Colonel Greene is a qualified Ranger, Airborne, Special Forces Officer, Combat Recon Team Leader, Jumpmaster, Combat Diver, Military Free Fall Parachutist. He is a graduate of the Command & General Staff Course, and the Navy Deep Sea Diver course.

In retirement, he earned a Master of Arts degree in English from the University of North Texas in Denton, TX, and has taught English as a Second Language as a substitute teacher at the University of Texas, Dallas.

Larry and his wife, Anne, live in McKinney, TX.

LTC Jim Small, US Army (Ret)

LTC James Small was born in 1951, in Lincoln, Nebraska. He earned a B.A. in psychology and sociology from the University of Nebraska. He received an RA commission as a 2nd Lieutenant of *Infantry*.



Upon completion of the Infantry Officer Basic Course and Airborne School at Fort Benning, GA, he was assigned as a Platoon Leader in the 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, KY.

In 1976, Jim attended the University of Nebraska College of Medicine under the Army's Health Professions Scholarship Program. He completed an internship and residency in preventive medicine at Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, D.C., while simultaneously earning a Master of Public Health degree from Johns Hopkins. Jim served as a staff epidemiologist at Walter Reed, investigating disease outbreaks, until 1986, at which time he was assigned to be the Chief of Preventive Medicine for III Corps and Fort Hood, Texas.

In 1989, Jim pursued an occupational medicine residency and a master's degree in medical management from Tulane University, in New Orleans, LA. In 1990, he deployed in Desert Storm serving as an epidemiologist.

Upon his return, Jim commanded a Medical Company in the Oklahoma National Guard. After completing the Army Command and General Staff Course, he became Commander of the 120th Medical Battalion, Oklahoma National Guard. He retired in 1997.

Jim's non-military work gradually changed from full time clinical work in 1989 to part time clinical work which he stopped in 2012. Jim had leadership positions with Concentra Health Clinics in Houston and Atlanta and while in Dallas for Cigna Work Comp and Disability, Amerigroup North Texas Medicaid, and most recently as the Aetna Texas Medicaid Chief Medical Officer until retiring in November 2017.

He has also served as the President of the Oklahoma College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine and as the Leader of the DFW "chapter" of the American College of Physician Executives.

Jim and his wife, Susan, live in Frisco. They have two married children and three grandchildren.

Happy Birthday, Companions!

Scouting

Scouting's Awards Month

All Dallas Companions are cordially invited to attend the Annual Awards ceremony for the **151** young ladies who will receive the Girl Scout **Gold Award**, to be held on Sunday, 19 May 19 at the Curtis Culwell Center, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd, Garland, TX.

Meanwhile, Boys (and Girls) from the Lone Star Council of Texas continues to recognize those who have earned the rank of Eagle Scouts. We have, thus far, awarded Citations to more than **300** new Eagles.



Information & Publicity

Click on the link to check out these Websites

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

www.moww.org – This is the Home page for the National Headquarters of the Military Order of World Wars. It provides access to the MOWW store, rosters, Officer Review magazine, and chapter’s newsletters.

www.moww2019.com – This *new* MOWW 2019 Simi Valley, California Convention website has been created to encourage registration and provide information on tours to the Regan Presidential Library.

www.moww-regionviii.org – This site provides information on the Southwest Youth Leadership Conferences to be held throughout Texas, this summer.

www.vetsdayindallas.org – This is the home page of the largest Veterans Day Parade in Texas (one of the largest in the country) held, every year, on the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month. The Parade is organized and executed, *predominantly*, by Dallas Chapter Companions.

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

- 1 May` LTC Guillermo Cisneros
- 1 May Col Robert Lanham
- 1 May MRS Sharon Sexton
- 2 May` LT Jack Coleman
- 3 May` MR Christopher Adams
- 3 May` MR Eric Bradford
- 4 May LTC Gilbert Collins
- 4 May LT Charles Daniels
- 7 May LT William Ferrill III
- 8 May Capt Thomas Jones
- 10 May Lt Col Paul Pfrommer
- 10 May HPM Donna Starnes
- 11 May Lt Col Donald Saddler
- 12 May HPM Hal Moore III
- 14 May MR Terry Brown
- 14 May MR Ryan Moss
- 14 May Lt Col Don Payne
- 14 May LTC James Sammons
- 15 May Capt Matthew Neyland
- 17 May LTG Ricardo Sanchez
- 18 May COL Pete Malik
- 19 May MR James Applewhite
- 19 May LTC Robert Brown
- 19 May LCDR Howard Custer
- 19 May LT James Gooch
- 20 May Lt Col Phelicia Geary
- 20 May Col Christopher Kulas
- 21 May MR Robert Epstein
- 26 May LTC John Byrns
- 27 May LtCol Norm van Gilmore
- 29 May MRS Diane Johnson
- 30 May MAJ Jack Coleman
- 30 May COL Emmett Dubose
- 31 May MR William Bradford
- 31 May MAJ Beverly Johnson



Chapter Activities in the month of April



Retired Lt. Col. Richard "Dick" Cole, the final surviving member of the storied Doolittle Raiders, died on 18 April, at 103.

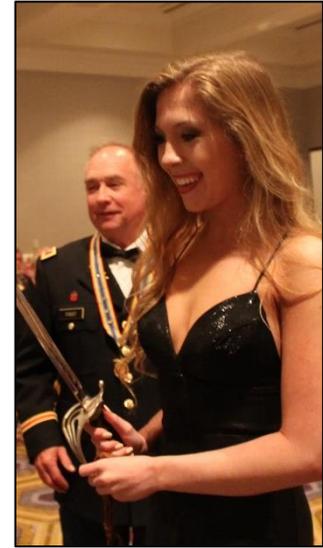
His memorial service took place exactly 77 years to the day after the daring B-25 bomber raid on mainland Japan

Dick was the co-pilot for Col James "Jimmy" Doolittle aboard aircraft #1 of the 16 bombers who launched from the deck of the aircraft carrier *USS Hornet*.

In 2012, Dallas Chapter Companions and other members of the Dallas Veterans Day Parade chose the Doolittle Raid for their theme that year. Dick was scheduled to attend but was ill that November.



LTC Dan Foust (Ft Worth Chapter) is installed by LTC John Hollywood, MOWW CINC, as the new Region 8 Commander



Sarah Spivey, Phoenician Essay Award winner, used Dan's saber to cut the cake - decorated to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of our Military Order.



The Dallas Military Gala/Ball will begin at 1700 hrs, in the Sheraton Dallas Hotel. Come early, stay late, find a steal at the Silent Auction prior to Supper. Mess Dress uniforms and evening gowns are preferred but not obligatory



COMPANIONS – The Dallas Chapter has been recognized as the Best Large MOWW Chapter in the Nation for *more than a decade*.

The shining example of our Service to others is our support of YOUTH Programs. And, foremost among them is our support of the five (5) MOWW Youth Leadership Conferences in Texas.

Attendance at the Youth conferences is at **no cost to Students**.

These future leaders depend on your generosity. The cost of dormitory rooms, meals, & campus fees equals \$300 per student.

Please accept the obligation to support this inspirational program by sponsoring one (or more) students. Do the right thing.

Send a check to Treasurer Bill Coleman, today.
His address is: 381 Casa Linda Plaza #148, Dallas, TX 75218



Listening in Silence

In her book *A Simple Path*, Mother Teresa writes that the fruit of prayer is faith; the fruit of faith is love; the fruit of love is peace.

We live in a time when aggressive marketing seeks to fill every crevice of our attention, when the 24-hour news cycle seems to have continuous breaking news, when televisions, smart phones, and entertainment venues offer us more options than there are hours in the day.

And then there are work, family, and community obligations! With so many demands competing for our time and attention, the idea of sitting silently and waiting for God, is indeed counter to modern culture.

Yet, God speaks to us when our heart and mind are calm and silent enough to listen. If you wait for him, and listen for him, He will come to you.

Sometimes the best prayer we can offer to God does not entail words, but rather entails simply sitting silently, in moments of solitude. May he continue to draw each of you ever nearer to him.

Jamie Malakoff

Dallas Chapter Chaplain

Augusta (GA) Chapter, MOWW

War Memorial is dedicated

The Augusta Chapter Vietnam War Veterans Memorial is now in place in downtown Augusta, Georgia!

In a special Dedication Ceremony held 29 March 19, *National Vietnam War Veterans Day*, the Chapter's Vietnam War Memorial Committee unveiled Augusta's newest military veterans' memorial.



The memorial honors the 169 Greater Augusta area service members, who gave their lives for our Nation during the Vietnam War.

It simultaneously pays tribute to the community's 3 former POWs, 1 MIA, and 8 female service members who lost their lives in Vietnam.

There are currently over 15,000 Vietnam War Veterans living in the Greater Augusta area.



The *Spirit of Freedom* atop the memorial

Four granite park benches, bronze plaques, and a bronze Soldier's Cross will be added to the memorial site, next summer.

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