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Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice Which Ended World War I 11 November 1918

This month's Program, November 2018

Connections: linking WWI to Current Military History

As we prepare to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the End of World War I, Professor Sara Overall will take us on a unique and historical journey through history and provide us with her keen insights on the legacies of General of the Armies John J. Pershing and the men who followed him "Over There".



Professor Sara Overall When she is not lecturing at various local colleges & universities, she shares her knowledge of military history and the theory of national security on her website and her local radio talk show.

Sara is also the founder and CEO of *Decompression Dynamics*, a research vehicle that she uses to investigate the phenomenon of clinical depression among military veterans and law enforcement officers. She is developing several unique and innovative crisis therapy techniques that include online computer gaming & **motocross biking**.



Last month's Program, October 2018

Connections: linking Vietnam Vets to Today's Cadets

The Cadets in the photo below, were chosen from over 2,000 of their peers, who attended one of this summer's JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge (JCLC) programs. Since returning to classes in the Fall, they have assumed leadership positions in the battalions and detachments at their respective high schools.



L to r, John Chambers (**Denton HS**), Greg Sinkfield (**John Horn HS**), Issac Cabrera (**Molina HS**), Shelby Davidson (**Greenville HS**), Delorv'a Wilson (**Hillcrest HS**) and Joshua Flores (**Mesquite HS**)

We are pleased to learn that one has been accepted to attend UT in Austin, three plan to join the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M, while another is awaiting notification of his acceptance into the United States Air Force Academy.

During our Luncheon on 2 October, Chapter Commander LTC Jim Blunk presented a Bronze Patrick Henry medalion and Citation to each of these outstanding young men and women.

Commander's Reminders



Mark Your Calendars

I encourage all Companions to join in the activities at Dallas City Hall on **Monday, 12 Nov 18** to celebrate Veterans Day, The Chairman of the Parade this year is Dallas Companion Pat Teipel, and this year's Grand Marshal is our own Colonel Ken Cordier, USAF (Ret).

Watch your Inbox for the announcement of our Annual Christmas Banaquet (and *Toys for Tots* drive) on the evening of **Tuesday, 4 Dec 18**. Please complete the registration form to tell us your preference of *Entrée* and to allow us to make table assignments.

See the article below to participate in the laying of *Wreaths Across America*, on **Saturday, 15 Dec 18**.

Finally, note that our first Luncheon in the New Year will be on **Wednesday, 9 Jan 2019** (**not** on the 1st Tuesday)

James B. Blunk
Dallas Chapter Commander

To cherish the memories ...

Our Preamble guides our commitment

Wreaths Across America is a program to honor and



remember veterans by laying wreaths on graves at National Cemeteries throughout the United States. This year the

coordinated effort at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery will take place on December 15th.

You can participate by sponsoring a wreath, which may be purchased, online, (for \$15.00) at: <http://www.dfwwreaths.com/>. This website is specifically for the Dallas – Fort Worth National Cemetery. You may pay by cash or check to Barbara Butcher at our November 6th MOWW Luncheon. Make your check payable to “*Wreaths Across America*”.

All Companions are invited to participate by attending the memorial ceremony at Dallas – Fort Worth National Cemetery (2000 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas, TX 75211) on 15 December at 11:00 am. If you arrive earlier, you can assist in laying the wreaths.

For more information contact Barbara Butcher at 972-333-0924 or mightymathmama@gmail.com



Guest Speakers

Speaker Programs Just Keep Getting Better

6 Nov 18 – Prof. Sara Overall, Univ of North Texas
“The War to End All Wars”

4 Dec 18 – Annual Dallas Christmas Banquet
“Keeping the Faith in trying times”

9 Jan 19 – Capt Jeff Butcher, US Army (Ret)
“Retirement Planning and Charitable Giving”

5 Feb 19 - Capt Tom Meyer, US Navy (Ret)
“The US Nuclear Submarine Fleet”

5 Mar 19 – Officer Nick Novello, Dallas PD
“Dallas is in Big Trouble”

9 Apr 19 – Col Thomas Halley, Lockheed-Martin
“The Navy F-35C Joint Strike Fighter”

Officer of the Month

Chapter salutes Dallas' Finest Officers in Blue

On 18 Sep 18, Dallas Past Commander Capt Paul Brown presented Dallas Police Senior Corporal **Steven Ulas** (#9541), our Outstanding Service Citation for his selection as DPD's *Officer of the Month*.

His exceptional performance during 10 years as a member of the Northeast Division Crime Reduction Team, led to hundreds of arrests, the impounding of



tons of drugs and narcotics and the recovery of countless stolen vehicles.

He has received dozens of awards and citations for his work as the coordinator of off-duty officers, who serve the Lake Highlands Public Improvement District.

Senior Corporal Ulas is a distinguished example of why the Dallas Police Department continues to be considered one of the finest in the Nation.

Attention Chapter Staff:

The Chapter Command and Staff meeting will be held in the Frontier of Flight Museum Conference Room, on Thursday, 22 Nov 18, at 1:30 p.m.

KNOW YOUR COMPANIONS

LTC Charles S. Chamberlin, US Army (Ret)

Chuck Chamberlin is currently the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the World Wars. He is a 1960 Distinguished Military Graduate of Texas A&M University, receiving a BS degree in Industrial Engineering and was commissioned as a Signal Officer in the United States Army. He holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Farleigh Dickinson University.



During his 20 years on active duty Chuck served as a Platoon Leader in the 101st Airborne Division, Ft. Knox, KY; and as a Signal Company Commander in the 10th Special Forces Group in Bad Tolz, Germany and 5th Special Forces Group, Republic of Viet Nam.

He was a Distinguished Graduate of the Signal Officers' Career Course, Ft Gordon, GA, which led to his assignment as a Tactical Officer at the US Military Academy at West Point. From there he became an Exchange Officer assigned to the US Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, CO.

Chuck returned to Viet Nam as MACV J-6, serving as the Signal Battalion XO and Division Signal Officer in the 9th Infantry Division. Following graduation from the US Command & General Staff Course, Ft Leavenworth, KS, he was assigned as an Emergency Action Officer in the National Military Command Center (NMCC) in the Pentagon. He then assumed Command of the Signal Battalion of the 2nd Infantry Division, in the Republic of South Korea.

His final assignment was as a Branch Chief in the Defense Communications Agency, Ft Meade, MD.

Chuck retired in 1981 and became a telecommunications executive for the next 28 years, spending half of that time as the company's Vice President.

He is a Past Commander of the Dallas Chapter of MOWW and has been the Chair of the Council of Area Commanders. He is a recipient of both the Silver and the Gold Patrick Henry Medals.

Chuck and his wife, Adele, live in Fairview, TX.

COL Jeffrey W. Gault, US Army (Ret)

Jeff Gault was born in Kansas City, MO and grew up in Dallas. He attended the US Military Academy at West Point, with a BS degree in Engineering and a commission as a Field Artillery officer.



He was a Platoon Leader and later Battalion S-3, in Mainz, Germany, after which he became Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General of Allied Forces Central Europe, in the Netherlands. While there, he met and married, Rose, his wife of over 40 years.

Jeff commanded a Battery in the 31st Air Defense Artillery, was a Professor at the US Military Academy, was Brigade Operations (S3) and then a Battalion Executive, in Würzburg, Germany. After Staff duty in DCSOPS in the Pentagon, he commanded the 4th Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery in Baumholder.

Upon graduation from the Army War College, Jeff deployed to Saudi Arabia as the Deputy Commander of the 11th Air Defense Artillery. He controlled all Patriot missile defense operations in the Kingdom during Operation Desert Storm. He later commanded all deployed forces in Saudi Arabia and Bahrain during Operation Southern Watch.

He then served as the Garrison Commander of Ft Bliss, TX, the Army's largest installation. In his final assignment, Jeff was the Chief of Staff of Ft Bliss, until retiring in 1999.

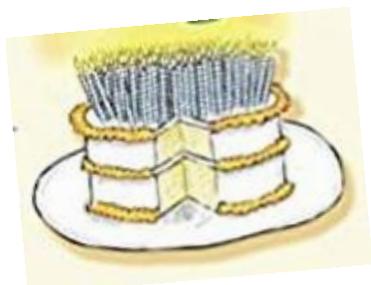
During his military career, Jeff earned master's degrees from the University of Oklahoma, Middlebury College in Vermont, and from the US Naval War College in Newport, RI. Subsequent to his retirement, Jeff worked in the aerospace industry with the Boeing Company in Washington, DC, and later with Raytheon in Dallas.

Currently, Jeff is the Chief Executive Officer of the Army Scholarship Foundation, a nationwide non-profit which provides academic scholarships to children of active duty military families. Jeff remains married to Rose, who retired from government service as a Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force. They have three children and two grandchildren. .

Happy Birthday, Companions

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

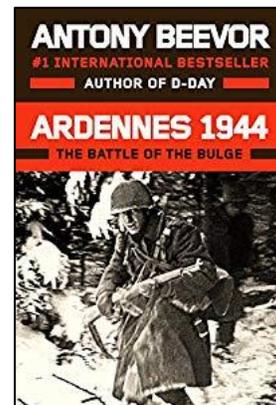
- 1 November HPM Angela Ward
- 2 November COL Earl Buys
- 3 November LTC Earl Dunnington
- 5 November HPM Georgeann Moss
- 6 November LT Brent Berarducci
- 7 November Lt Col David Portillo
- 7 November COL Anthony Wood
- 8 November HPM Steve Boatman
- 9 November LT Raymond Adams
- 9 November MG Gary Bunch
- 9 Nov CPT Ronald Williams
- 11 Nov  HPM Joseph Latimer
- 11 Nov Lt Col Kerry Pedigo
- 14 November CW3 James Hume
- 14 November MAJ Cedric Ingram, Sr
- 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
- 23 November MAJ Jimmy Cox
- 24 November ENS (Dr) Evan Blakely, Jr
- 25 November HPM Janie Paleschic
- 25 November CAPT Rollie Stevens



Patriotic Education

The Battle of the Bulge: Ardennes, 1944

A handful of former military personnel continue to share their mutual interest and pleasure, each month, by meeting, informally, to discuss a selected book of the month. There is no fee to participate (and the doughnuts are jelly-filled). If you wish to attend – please contact Companion Bob Epstein at macabee1948@gmail.com.



The November meeting will cover #1 International Best-seller, “ARDENNES 1944, The Battle of the Bulge”, by Antony Beevor, who is also author of the bestseller: “D-Day 1944”.

Coffee and pastries will be served. You are encouraged to recommend your own favorite book for future roundtable discussion. November meeting will be at:

Canyon Creek Country Club (625 West Lookout Drive), Richardson, Monday, 14 Nov 18, at 7:15 a.m.

Scouting

On track to exceed last year’s record

Dallas Companion Bill Farmer never back down from a challenge. Last year, he received a National Citation for his efforts on behalf of the MOWW programs that support Boy and Girl Scouts of America. He is on pace to exceed last year’s awards presentations.



**Timothy Royal
Troop 406**



**Trevor Pyka
Troop 303**



**Joshua Smith
Troop 531**



**Christian Monson
Troop 406**



**Karl Schnard
Troop 76**



GSA Troop 4685 Picnicking in Frisco

Chapter Activities in the month of October



Upgrading to Perpetual, Major Todd Manning receives his lapel pin from his Sponsor, CWO5 Quint Avenetti



New Perpetual Companion COL Jeff Gault receives his lapel pin while his Sponsor, COL Woody Alexander monitors, approvingly



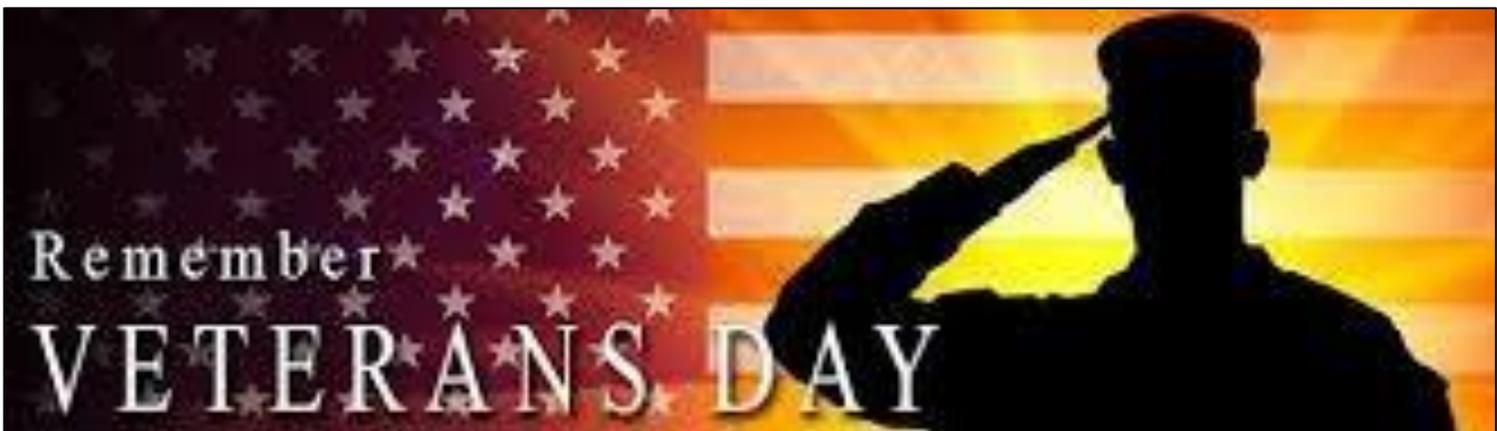
National Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Chuck Chamberlin sponsored our newest Regular Companion, Lt Col Don Saddler



Hats off to the **Senior Military Instructors (SAI's)** of those **Top Cadets** who received **Bronze Patrick Henry** Medallions for their outstanding performance during the JROTC Leadership Challenges and Staff training programs, during the summer of 2018.

Front Row (Left to right): Cadets John Chambers (Denton HS), Joshua Flores (Mesquite HS), Greg Sinkfield (John Horn HS), Issac Cabrea (Molina HS), Delorv'a Wilson (Hillcrest HS), and Shelby Davidson (Greenville HS)

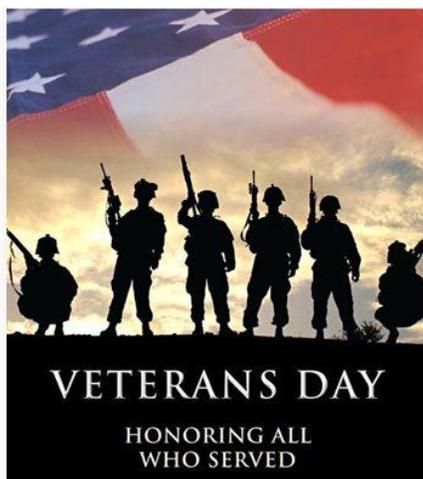
Back Row: Dr Joel Hays (Principal of Denton HS), Lt Col Michael Deal (Denton HS), Dr Bruce Perkins (Principal of John Horn HS) CWO Christine Landers (Hillcrest HS), COL Joe Conley (Molina HS), LTC Jerry Jochum (Director, Mesquite ISD JROTC programs), COL William Lee (Mesquite HS), Dr Heath Jarvis (Principal of Greenville HS), LTC Ernest Burton (John Horn HS), and LCDR Larry Wilcox (Greenville HS).



Two dozen of your fellow Companions have donated hundreds of hours of time, talent, and effort to ensure that this year's Greater Dallas Veterans Day Parade is resounding success, once again. Support their effort by attending the Parade in front of Dallas City Hall. You will be escorted to VIP seating, directly across the street from the Reviewing Stand.

The Parade this year will be held on MONDAY, 12 November, rather than the traditional **11-11-11**, in deference to the City's desire to respect the Sabbath.

In keeping with this year's theme of "**Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of World War 1**", the flyover to start our Parade will be a flight of vintage **Bi-Planes** from the Commemorative Air Force.



Remembering Armistice Day

Though it began as Armistice Day in 1919, November 11 has been celebrated as Veterans Day in the United States since 1954. Many people observe the day with ceremonies and parades that honor the sacrifice and dedication of those who have served in the armed forces of the United States.

There may be no better way to honor a veteran than in prayer. Whether it is offered in a religious service, or privately, or silently as a parade passes by, prayer can connect you, and a veteran to God in a meaningful and productive way.

When you pray, remember to:

- Honor them**
- Understand them**
- Heal them**
- Bless them**

Jamie Malakoff
Dallas Chapter Chaplain

"Honoring the Alliance"

On Monday, 12 Nov 18, Companions of the Dallas Chapter will join more than 40,000 citizens of the greater Dallas Metroplex in commemorating Armistice Day by conducting the Greater Dallas Veterans Day Parade.

November 11th, 2018 marks the 100th Anniversary of the end of "*The Great War*".



The Consul General of France, Honorable **Alexis Andres**, will kick off the Parade and will be the Keynote Speaker for this year's Eleventh-

Hour ceremony. He will be joined by representatives of the governments of the United Kingdom (England, Australia, and Canada), who comprised the original Empires of the World War 1 **Triple Alliance**. We also invited representatives of *Czarist Russia*, but they were unable to attend.

As a prelude to the Parade & Veterans Day ceremonies, the Chapter's Guest Speaker on Tuesday, 6 November, is **Sara Overall**, Professor of Military History (UNT, Collin College, Navarro College).

Be at the November Luncheon on **Tuesday, 6 Nov 18**, as Dr. Overall

takes us on a mesmerizing journey through history and provides her keen insights on the historical connections between the Armies John J. Pershing and the men who turned the tide of the war "*Over There*".



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