



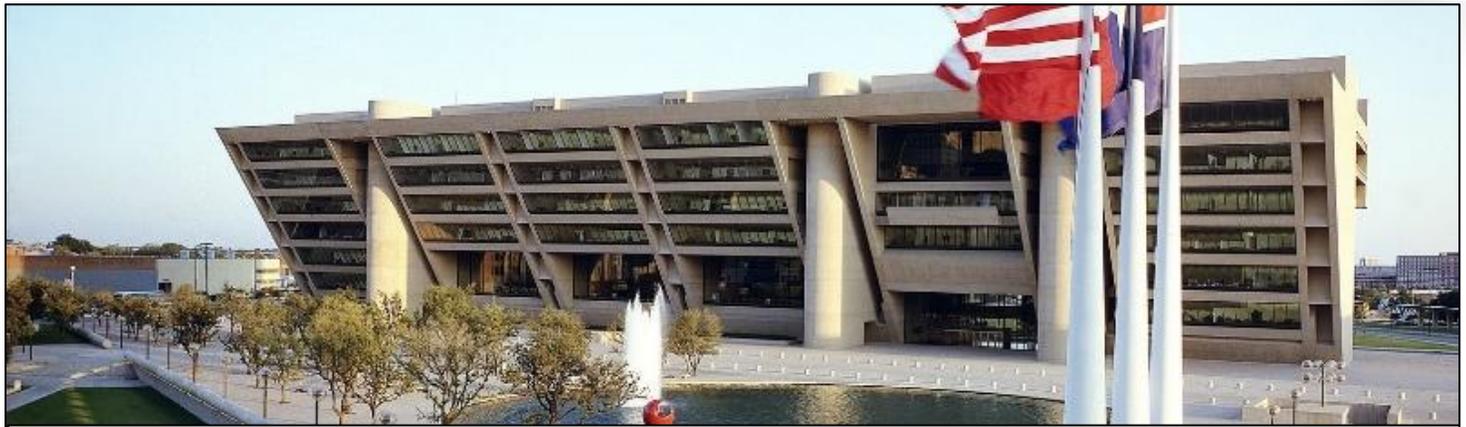
# Dallas Military Order News



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Dallas City Hall, the scene, in June, of a large gathering of citizens demanding changes in Law Enforcement.

## This Month's Program: Law Enforcement

### Human Trafficking and Child Abuse

Kenda L. Culpepper is the District Attorney for the County of Rockwall. After graduating from Texas A&M University in 1989, she received her Law degree from Southern Methodist University. Following graduation, she joined the Dallas County District Attorney's Office, where she was a prosecutor from 1992 to 1995. She received extensive trial experience in those years as she was in the courtroom almost every day throughout that tenure.



Kenda Culpepper, DA

In 1995, she went into private practice and became Board Certified in Criminal Law. She became a partner at the Dallas firm of Milner and Finn, and, in 2004, she and former Judge Jim Pruitt created the law firm of Culpepper & Pruitt with offices in both Dallas and Rockwall Counties.

In November of 2008, Kenda was elected as the Rockwall County Criminal District Attorney, the first woman in that office in the history of North Texas. She handles almost all the criminal prosecutions in Rockwall County. She has been reelected, five times, to subsequent four-year terms.

Ms. Culpepper has been named by Texas Monthly as a *Texas Super Lawyer*; by D Magazine as one of the *Best Lawyers in Dallas*; and by Forbes as one of *America's Most Influential Women*.

## Independence Day message (Commander's Corner)

### America has no Royalty, but we do have Nobility

While most of the thoughts regarding *Independence* expressed in this article are mine, some of the thoughts are inspired by or paraphrased from, a recent Medal of Honor Museum article.

Independence Day is upon us. Our forefathers fought battles centuries ago, to free us from the oppression of Kings and Queens. America has no kings or queens, but we do have Nobility, and we need to value their contribution to society as role models.



SFC Charles Morris, MOH

America's nobility are – **Veterans**. Their titles range from private to general, seaman to admiral. Their premier titles are KIA, WIA, POW and MOH. Unlike royalty, these titles were not inherited; they were earned, by every new generation, against all enemies, foreign and domestic, through their blood, sweat and tears, the holy trinity that secures our freedom.

It has been said that if love is to survive, it must be expressed. The same is true of Patriotism, and Independence. As love is to life, patriotism is to the life of our nation, and **Independence** is a result of that patriotism. And, it is in danger. Until the United States of America, no democratic society has survived for more than 200 years. America is now approaching 250 years. We will not, we cannot, survive without patriots.

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We see alarming signs of declining pride in America among our youth. Far, far less than a majority are extremely proud



to be an American. A source of our declining pride in America may be the dismal state of our basic knowledge of who we are as a nation. Most of our youth cannot pass a quiz on basic American history. You cannot love who we are if you do not know who we are.

This decline in patriotism based on a lack of pride and knowledge of America could prove disastrous in any crisis. Our youth need to understand the wonders of our country if we are to survive. As we veterans age, the need to teach Patriotism does not decline, just the opposite, it becomes more and more important and critical! Our stories may be the oldest, but they are also the most poignant and insightful for our youth.

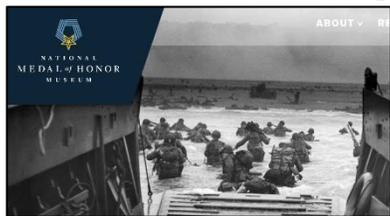
### The highest form of patriotism is service to our youth.

The MOWW Patriotic Education Foundation and the Youth Leadership Conferences are a nexus for expressing patriotism and talking to one another about our nobility. They are a classroom for teaching patriotism to our youth, to convey the importance of courage and sacrifice in their lives and the life of our nation. YLC is a great program, but it cannot be alone, there are still more programs that MOWW can, and should support.



We have museums on wars, on services, on branches of service, on battles and campaigns. Two of the best are right here in the metroplex. The Commemorative Air Force Museum here in South Dallas, and soon to open, the National Medal of Honor Museum will be next door, in Arlington, Texas.

MOWW needs to support what these organizations can teach our youth as well. Members of the Commemorative Air Force, including its CEO, are already members of the Dallas Chapter of MOWW. We need to take advantage of this for our Patriotic Education efforts. The **National Medal of Honor Museum** will encompass all wars from the Civil



War on, all services, all branches all functions, all religions, and all races. In the future, we will be investigating ways to teach our youth through involvement

with the Medal of Honor Museum as well.

Expanding our efforts in Patriotic Education will identify and tie the individual values that win on the battlefield to the education of those who will win the future of America. These museums are, and will be, a vault for our values. They will focus on the values of valor.

Visitors to these museums will learn that veterans not only defended our country, they helped design, develop, and enrich it. What they did in combat pales before what they did for America. Museum visitors will learn that physical courage can win a battle, but moral courage can change the world.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn warned about the danger of a nation “amputating its memory, and of silent generations growing old and dying without ever talking about themselves, either to each other or to their descendants.”

Theodore Roosevelt said: “The lives of true heroism are those in which there are no great deeds to look back on, the little things well done go to make up a successful and truly good life.” These quotes tell us that it is not just the highest proclaimed military leaders that inspire our youth, it is actually each and every one of us who actually build the patriotism, and hence the Independence of our great nation.



Our youth’s patriotism will be the foundation upon which lasting independence will be built. We **MUST** do everything, as veterans, that we can to grow that Patriotism. Please join me in the coming year, as we endeavor to build long term relationships with our local Veteran and Museum resources, for the sake of our youth and country.

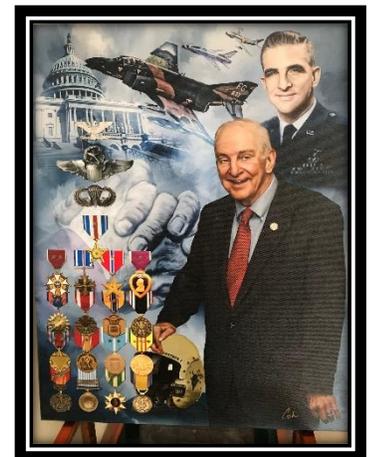
Yours in Patriotism and **Independence**,

Chuck Daniels, LT, USNR (Fmr)  
Commander, Dallas Chapter  
Military Order of the World Wars

### In Memoriam: Col Sam R. Johnson, USAF (1930-2020)

The Dallas Chapter is pleased to announce that MOWW National Headquarters has accepted the request from the chapter to induct the *late* Congressman and US Air Force Colonel Sam R. Johnson, as a Perpetual (Memorial) Companion of our Chapter. National HQ graciously agreed to waive the fee that traditionally accompanies this procedure.

Later this summer, the Dallas Chapter of MOWW will join the *Seidel Chapter* of the Air Force Association in paying tribute to Representative Johnson by hanging an oil portrait and commemorative plaques, honoring Sam’s life and his contributions to Texas, in the *Hall of Heroes*, located in the main corridor of Collin County Courthouse.



# KNOW YOUR INCOMING OFFICERS

## LTC Russ Hooper, US Army (Jr Vice CDR)

Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Russell L. Hooper is a



native of Palestine, TX. He graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University as a Distinguished Military Graduate. He was commissioned as an Artillery Officer and completed the Officer Basic Course at Fort Sill, OK. His first assignment was with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 79<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery (Lance), 42<sup>nd</sup> Field

Artillery Brigade in Germany.

Russ returned to Fort Sill to attend the Officer Advanced Course. Upon completion, he immediately assumed command of Alpha Battery, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 17<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battalion, 75<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade. He deployed his unit to Southwest Asia in support of **Operation Desert Storm**. Upon his return, he served as Assistant Plans and Operations Officer, III Corps Artillery at Fort Sill, OK.

LTC Hooper was then assigned as a FORSCOM trainer for the Louisiana National Guard's 256<sup>th</sup> Mechanized Brigade. He was assigned as the Executive Officer of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 141<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery (self-propelled 155mm cannon, PALADIN). He served as the Battalion Commander of this unit for four years.

After a brief tour as the Assistant G-3, Operations, he was assigned to the Joint Forces Command Headquarters-Louisiana. His last assignment was the Maintenance and Logistics Officer at Camp Minden, LA. He retired in March 2006 after 20 years of active military service.

LTC Hooper served for two years as the Senior Army Instructor (JROTC) at Emmett J. Conrad High School, Dallas ISD in Dallas, Texas, then, transferred to be the JROTC Coordinator for the DeSoto Independent School District and the Senior Army Instructor at DeSoto High School.

His military awards include the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal (w/3 OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (w/3 OLC), the National Defense Service Medal and the Liberation of Kuwait Medal.

Russ lives in DeSoto, Texas.

## LT Brandon Hern, US Army (Adjutant)

Brandon Hern was born in Burlingame, CA and was



raised on Whidbey Island, WA. He received his bachelor's degree in Business Administration at Oregon State University, and his MBA Degree at the University of Oregon.

He enlisted as an Infantryman in the Oregon National Guard in 2002. He received a commission

as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the US Army in 2009.

Brandon's first active duty assignment was as an enlisted soldier. He deployed with the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division out of Fort Hood, TX in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II from 2003-2005. He was a 240B Gunner for the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div Rapid Reaction Force (RRF). Brandon received the Bronze Star with Valor for his actions during the Battle of Najaf in late 2004.

His next deployments were as an NCO in a reconnaissance unit in the Oregon National Guard. He did two separate month-long deployments in Mongolia and Japan. After receiving his commission as an Infantry Officer, Brandon was given an infantry platoon out of Charlie Company, 2/162. After graduating as the Honor Graduate at Infantry Officer Basic Course in Fort Benning, GA, Brandon was released from duty having suffered multiple injuries.

Brandon separated from Active Duty at the rank of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, and returned to Dallas, TX, where he began working as an Assistant Vice President at Capital One Bank.

Brandon now runs a Private Equity group that specializes in the syndication and acquisition of multi-family real estate. Additionally, he works for Integrity Mortgage, owns a property management company – Bronze Star Properties – and coaches select baseball.

Brandon and his wife, Andrea, have been married for 7 years and currently live in Dallas. They have two sons: Ethan (13) and Alex (7).

## The National Intelligence Community

by Michael Menefee, LtCol, USMC (Ret)

The US Intelligence Community (IC), consists of 17 different organizations. Nine of them are **not** part of the Department of Defense.

The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) are independent of DoD or any other federal department.



The CIA, the most well-known US intelligence agency, primarily collects *overseas* intelligence, using human assets and foreign agents. The CIA is also involved in paramilitary operations and offensive cyber intelligence operations. The CIA collects intelligence on counterterrorism, nuclear proliferation (as well as other weapons of mass destruction).



ODNI manages and disseminates intelligence products to policymakers, collected from all 17 US intelligence agencies in the Intelligence Community. The other seven intelligence agencies are within federal departments.

The Department of Energy specializes in energy related intelligence ranging from nuclear energy to collecting information on oil drilling and refining. They protect vital national security information and intellectual property against cyber, foreign intelligence threats, and terrorists.



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has two intelligence agencies. The DHS Office of Intelligence and Analysis, is responsible for assessing, identifying, current and future threats to the US using intelligence from multiple sources to protect the homeland.



The US Coast Guard is under DHS for the collection of maritime intelligence, on US ports, rivers, harbors, and drug interdiction.



The Department of Justice also has two intelligence agencies. First, the FBI, which is involved in *domestic* intelligence, counterespionage, and terrorism.



The Department of Justice also heads the Drug Enforcement Agency's Office of National Security Intelligence, which is focused on drug interdiction.

The Department of State's Bureau of Intelligence and Research focuses on analytical intelligence to inform diplomats and foreign affairs officials on potentially hostile individuals and locations.



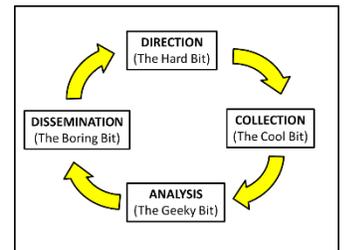
The Department of Treasury's Office of Intelligence and Analysis specializes in countering money laundering, counterfeiting, and illegal activities involving money or economic markets.

The Executive Branch of the government, and others, direct strategic questions to the ODNI. These questions could ask the size of an adversarial force, threats and potential threats from an adversary, capabilities of an adversary (weapons, payloads, army, navy, or air force), or probable course of action.



ODNI then determines which intelligence disciplines are needed to answer the questions. These intelligence disciplines are: Counterintelligence, Human Intelligence, Imagery Intelligence, Measurement and Signature Intelligence, and Signals Intelligence. The ODNI then selects the best agency or agencies to gather the information.

The intelligence process begins a cycle of several steps to convert information into confirmed intelligence for decisionmakers. These steps include: **Planning** to determine what information needs to be collected; **Collection** the gathering of information from multiple sources; **Analysis** - evaluating the information collected and determining what intelligence is to be disseminated; and **Dissemination**- distributing the completed intelligence products to policymakers. All 17 agencies provide their intelligence to national command authorities and policymakers who act on it to counter the constant threats our country faces.



# Happy Birthday, Companions

**“People who have the most birthdays –  
Live the longest”**

3 July

MajGen James Williams

4 July

LTC Terrell Hoebeke

4 July

COL Reynaldo Rodriguez



5 July

Capt Michael G. Petridis

6 July

LTC John Bickel

6 July

LTG Rick Lynch

7 July

Capt Richard Arnold

7 July

COL Rodney P. Reed

7 July

CW4 James E. Tew, Jr

9 July

LT Craig Trotman



10 July

Col Jack Bryan

10 July

LT Keith L. Griffiths

10 July

CWO4 Jacques Loraine

11 July

Capt Tomasz Nowak

13 July

HPM Jay Minton

14 July

LTC James Brown

15 July

COL George Germond

15 July

BG Terry L. Holden

16 July

CDR David Ayers

18 July

Miss Caroline Paleschic

20 July

Capt James Coffee

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

28 July

LCDR Jerril Burnett

28 July

MAJ Joseph K. Merton

29 July

Capt W. Lyle Mueller

30 July

COL Raymond L. Foster



## Speaker Programs Just Keep Getting Better

7 Jul 20 – Kenda Culpepper, Rockwall County DA

"Law Enforcement in North Texas"

4 Aug 20 – Dr. Stephen Holt, Dir, Dallas VA Hospital

"80 Years of Helping Military Veterans"

1 Sep 20 – Formal Evening Banquet

"Celebrating the 2021 Commander and Staff"

6 Oct 20 – Tom Clark, Attorney at Law

"The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals"  
and JROTC & SROTC Recognition Program

3 Nov 20 – Caroline Johnson, Capt, USAF (Fmr)

"Backseat in an F/A-18 Super Hornet"

1 Dec 20 – Chuck Daniels, LT, US Navy (Fmr)

"Annual Christmas Banquet"

### Humor in Uniform



### July Luncheon Guidelines

#### Now Hear This!!!

Companions have two options to verify their attendance.

- 1) When contacted by the Calling Committee you must confirm that you are attending.
- 2) If you do not receive a call, you may confirm your attendance to John Wagner at: [jhwagner62@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jhwagner62@sbcglobal.net).

If you cannot reach John by email please call him at :(682) 465-2615 and leave a message, no later than Thursday, 2 July 2020.



*Respect the welfare of others. Maintain six feet of separation and wear a mask, whenever appropriate.*



### If you want to change the world

In his 2014 commencement speech at The University of Texas, Admiral William McRaven said to the graduates, *“If you want to change the world, start each day by making your bed.”*

The war will not be won by making your bed, of course, but it will be won based on a lifestyle that employs daily discipline and places end goals above momentary desires. This discipline starts first thing in the morning.

In Psalm 5, King David put it this way, *“O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.”*

We can tell much about a person based on where they give their first efforts of the day.

May we follow David's lead in approaching God in the morning, giving Him the first fruits of our time.

In doing so, we honor Him and are sure to draw closer to Him.

*Jamie Malakoff*  
Chapter Chaplain

### Companions Down

#### MG Harvey McCarter

We are happy to convey that Perpetual Companion, Maj Gen Harvey McCarter, is recovering from heart by-pass surgery and is rehabbing at home. Marilyn reports that he has decided to postpone his plans to go skydiving.



#### LTC Allen West

Allen is back on the campaign trail, appearing regularly on radio and television shows, supporting conservative candidates at the local, state, and national level.



#### LTC Woody Alexander

Woody's wife, Kathryn, reports that he is *“resting and doing well”* but keep him in your prayers. He is not out of the woods, yet.



#### Pat Teipel

Pat's CAT Scan revealed no abnormalities due to the accident. So, any *cognitive decline* you detect is purely a figment of your imagination.



#### MAJ Bill Coleman

The doctor reported that Bill's kidney complications will require massive doses of beer and pizza.



Reach out and offer **all these Companions** your best wishes for speedy recoveries.

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