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Best Large Chapter **in the Nation**

April 2019



Some wimpy golfers felt like this year's Golf course was too tough. For that, and other reasons beyond our control, this year's Golf Tournament has been cancelled, which places pressure on us to support the chapter's fundraising effort by seeking direct donations to sponsor students at our five **Youth Leadership Conferences** and other activities throughout FY 2020.

This month's Program, April 2019

"America's 21st Century Army"

General Gordon Sullivan, the 32nd Chief of Staff of the United States Army, had to cancel his trip to Dallas to attend a funeral with his family.



GEN Gordon Sullivan, former Chief of Staff of the Army

GEN Sullivan sent his sincere regrets and has promised to make it up to us at his earliest opportunity. Meanwhile he asked the number two man in his office, Mr. David Cotter, to fill in for him.

Mr. Cotter briefed us on General Sullivan's efforts to build a National Museum at Fort Belvoir, VA, to honor *The US*

Army. The site has been approved and the architectural designs are undergoing final review.

We are enormously disappointed that GEN Sullivan could not be here, as planned. We trust you understand the exceptional circumstances that caused his last-minute cancellation.

Click [HERE](#) to view the latest video briefing by our Founder: "General John J. Pershing".

Next 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*), agreed to 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) to 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](#)

The Commander's In-Box

Mark Your Calendars



I urge all Companions to support **“OPERATION PATRIOTIC LEADERSHIP”** to raise the funding necessary to cover the Chapter’s projections for the 2019 Youth Leadership Conferences (YLC). We need every Companion to commit to supporting at least one (1) YLC student to accomplish our mission. If you absolutely cannot afford to send one, then at least donate some amount.

Today’s youth *will be* tomorrow’s leaders. Our *Preamble* challenges us to support them. No contribution is too small.

- The MOWW National Commander-in-Chief LTC John Hollywood, will attend the Region VIII Conference, **Saturday, 7 Apr 19**, at the Omni Dallas hotel.
- 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**.
- Companion Marc Liebman will be interviewed by Jim Blythe on the Alliance 4 the Brave network on **Saturday, 20 Apr 19** at 10:00 a.m. To listen to the interview, you can tune in to KBDT (1160 AM) or go to the website (www.alliance4thebrave.com) and click on the box with the KBDT 1160 logo and you can listen on your computer or smart phone .

James B. Blunk
Dallas Chapter Commander



Military Book Club

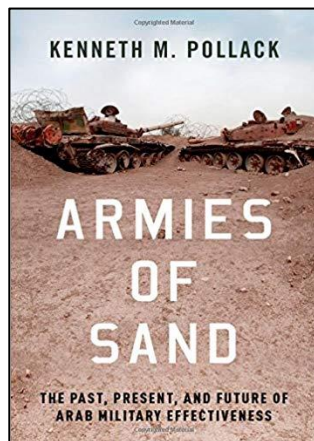
Endless Middle East Wars

Author Ken Pollack has written a must-read book detailing the Past, Present, and Future of the military effectiveness of the armies of the Middle East.

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

Since the Second World War, Arab armed forces have lost numerous wars that by all rights they should have won. Scholars and military experts have offered various explanations for this anomaly. Pollack assesses these differing explanations and isolates the most probable causes.

All Companions are invited to attend the Book Club’s meeting at **Prestonwood** Country Club, next Friday at 0715 hrs.



Guest Speakers

Speaker Programs Just Keep Getting Better

2 Apr 19 – GEN Gordon Sullivan, US Army (Ret)
“Training Today’s Army for Tomorrow’s Conflicts”

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”

Officer of the Month

Chapter salutes Dallas' Finest Officers in Blue

On 14 Mar 19, Past Chapter Commander *Emeritus Paul Brown* presented Senior Corporal Paul Farr (8102) our Outstanding Service Citation for his selection as Dallas Police Department’s Officer of the Month.

Officer Farr has been a member of the Southwest Division for 17 years. In his current capacity as Military Liaison for the Department, he has assisted hundreds of



Corporal Paul Farr.

DPD officers and civilians in obtaining GI Bill benefits and financial assistance. He helped to establish the Military Veterans Award which recognizes their honorable military service.

Attention Chapter Staff:

The Chapter Command and Staff meeting will be held on Thursday, 21 Apr 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 John Michael Wallace, US Army (Ret)

John “Mike” Wallace grew up in Denver, CO. He received a commission as an Infantry Officer from the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he majored in International History.



He attended the Infantry Officers Basic Course and the US Army Ranger School. The next 5 years included leadership positions in the 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry, at Fort Stewart, GA; and in the 3rd Infantry Regiment (the Old Guard), at Fort Myer, VA.

In 2000, Mike joined the Texas Army National Guard and held a variety of positions to include Company Commander, Battalion S3, Battalion Executive Officer, Brigade S3, Division G3, and most recently as the J5 for HQ, Joint Texas Forces. He currently commands the 56th Infantry Brigade Combat Team of the Texas Army National Guard, in Fort Worth, TX.

COL Wallace deployed to Kuwait as a Company XO and later mobilized for the first US-Canadian *Noble Eagle* exercise. He deployed twice to Iraq as a Company Commander and once to Afghanistan.

Mike’s military education includes the Infantry Officers Career Course, the Command and General Staff College, US Army War College, Joint and Combined Warfighting School, Airborne School, and Air Assault School. He has also earned a Master of Strategic Studies degree.

COL Wallace’s awards and decorations include the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, numerous campaign medals, the Combat Infantry Badge, and several federal and state awards to include the Order of St. Maurice. He is a lifetime member of the Texas National Guard Assn.; the Infantry Assn; and the Military Order of World Wars.

Mike works as the National Sales Director for a Simi Valley (CA) retirement benefits company. He resides in Allen, TX with his wife, Debbie, and three boys, JT (14), Max (12) and William (8).

LTC Russell Hooper, US Army (Ret)

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 and was commissioned as a Field Artillery Officer. He completed the Officer Basic Course at Fort Sill, OK. His first assignment was in Germany with the 3rd Battalion, 79th Field Artillery (Lance), 42nd Field Artillery Brigade.



Russ returned to Fort Sill to attend the Officer Advanced Course. Upon completion, he assumed command of Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Battalion, 75th Field Artillery Brigade. He commanded this unit during deployment in support of **Operation Desert Storm**. Upon his returning stateside, he served as Assistant Plans and Operations Officer for III Corps Artillery, Fort Sill, OK.

LTC Hooper was then assigned as a FORSCOM trainer for the Louisiana National Guard’s 256th Mechanized Brigade. He was assigned as the XO of the 1st Battalion, 141st Field Artillery (self-propelled 155mm cannon, PALADIN). He commanded the Battalion for the next four years. After a brief tour as the Assistant G-3, Operations, he was assigned to the Joint Forces Command Headquarters-Louisiana. 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 the 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.

Happy Birthday, Companions!

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

- 5 April COL John Moffett
- 6 April LT Bill Pry
- 6 April Maj Howard Roberts
- 7 April LtCol Gregory Dowell
- 7 April MG Keith Thurgood
- 10 April Capt Ed Fitzmaurice
- 10 April COL Robert Gill
- 11 April CAPT Barry Brown
- 12 April Capt Kirk Bell
- 13 April LTC Robert Davis
- 16 April Capt Earl Barnette
- 18 April MAJ Paul Divis
- 18 April CPT Lee Drain
- 20 April MR Chris Rajala
- 20 April MR John Rajala
- 20 April MR Lamar Richardson
- 21 April Col Mark Kipphut
- 22 April LTC Woody Alexander
- 24 April LTC Michel Minear
- 26 April LTC Jesse Bullard
- 26 April COL Alan DiMiero
- 26 April COL William Lee
- 26 April Lt (JG) Win Padgett
- 27 April LTC Christopher Carney
- 27 April MAJ Paul Rittmuller
- 29 April LTC Gilbert Bernabe



A small sampling of the 200 Eagle Scouts of Circle 10 and the Lone Star Council, who have received MOWW Citations from Dallas Perpetual Companion Bill Farmer (last month) commending them for achieving Scouting’s highest rank.

Scouting

On track to exceed last year’s record

Dallas Companion Bill Farmer sits on the boards of the Circle Ten and Lone Star Scout Councils.

During a Banquet in March, Bill awarded our Citation to 200 new Eagle Scouts (Troops are in parentheses):

Scott Perez (23), Hunter Green (75), Orion Foster (76), Winston Lagergren (148), Andrew Martin (333), Arron Blocker (360), Preston Baumgartner (406), William Potter (496), Cody Ward (498), Cam Tackman (531), Travis Strader (533), Dom Nunez (1123)

Information & Publicity

Click on the link to check out these Websites

www.moww-dallas.org – This is an updated version of the Dallas Chapter Home page for information pertaining to Chapter members, chapter activities, and the many “extra-curricular” events sponsored by the Dallas Chapter. (Portions of this website are still being revised).

www.moww2019.com – This *new* MOWW 2019 Convention website has been created to expedite registration and provide information on tours and local activities to be held in Simi Valley, California.

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.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 11 November.



Chapter Activities in the month of March



LTC Jim Small was inducted as Perpetual Companion at our March Luncheon. Jim served in the Army from 1973-1997. He and his wife, Susan live in Frisco. He is already actively serving by interviewing students for YLC. His sponsor is LT Keith Griffitts.



Lt Col Paul Pfrommer has been a devoted Companion of the Dallas Chapter for over 20 years. Each year, Paul chooses to Re-Up as a Regular, rather than becoming a Perpetual. Whatever you say Paul, either way we are proud to have you with us.



LCDR Larry Wilcock served in DIA and Hq, EUCOM before becoming a JROTC Senior Navy Instructor. Larry is now a Perpetual Companion of the Dallas Chapter. He and his wife, Chie, live in Greenville. His sponsor is Col Cliff Way (right behind him).



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

Uppermost among the reasons for that richly deserved recognition is our support of YOUTH Programs.

And, foremost among them is our support of the Youth Leadership Programs that are held each summer.

Chapter Companions are currently interviewing at high schools throughout North Texas to select 80 of the best students.

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.

Many fellow Companions have donated from \$300 to \$1,000 to reach our GOAL. We can do it, but we need your support.

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





Where Are We Going?

April marks a most significant month in the Christian and Jewish calendars, as both faith groups commemorate God's merciful work.

In celebrating *Easter*, Christians commemorate liberation from the bondage of sin through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In celebrating *Passover*, Jews commemorate God's liberating them from their slavery in Egypt.

In every age, people have turned to religion to answer two fundamental questions: where did we come from, and where are we going after death?

We ask the former in order to reveal fundamental truths about our identity and purpose, we ask the latter in order to lift the veil on how to avoid perdition and set out toward salvation.

In this holy month of April, I encourage each of you to examine your beliefs, and to ask yourself if you are truly living your life in accordance with these beliefs. There are no greater issues to consider in this life.

It is indeed God's great mercy that allows us to examine these issues, knowing that He is a forgiving God, who longs to liberate and embrace each of us when we turn to him for forgiveness

Jamie Malakoff
Dallas Chapter Chaplain

Last Month's Guest Speaker

Hardcore makes it happen

Lori Stevens is the Founder of Patriot Paws, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing service dogs – at no cost - to military personnel who suffer from mobility disabilities, in order to restore their physical and emotional independence.

She began as a dog trainer but has since branched out to *training the trainers* in order to deliver as many as 100 service dogs per month to handicapped personnel who need the assistance her dogs provide.

Initially, Lori found a treasure trove of willing and able trainers among the state's prison population. It is a win-win for the inmates, who instantly bond with their four-legged students.

She now has a string of full-time puppy raisers, who provide her with candidates for future service dog training.

And, just this year, she has obtained approval from the Administration to establish *Patriot Paws of Aggieland*, an A&M student organization that adds to her pool of well-trained dogs.



Patriot Paws of Aggieland

Lori brought her current favorite trainee, *Hardcore*, a black Labrador retriever to demonstrate the awesome capabilities of her canine cohorts. *Hardcore* proceeded to open doors, answer the phone, pull a wheelchair and speed-dial emergency numbers with no more than a hand gesture or a verbal command.

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