



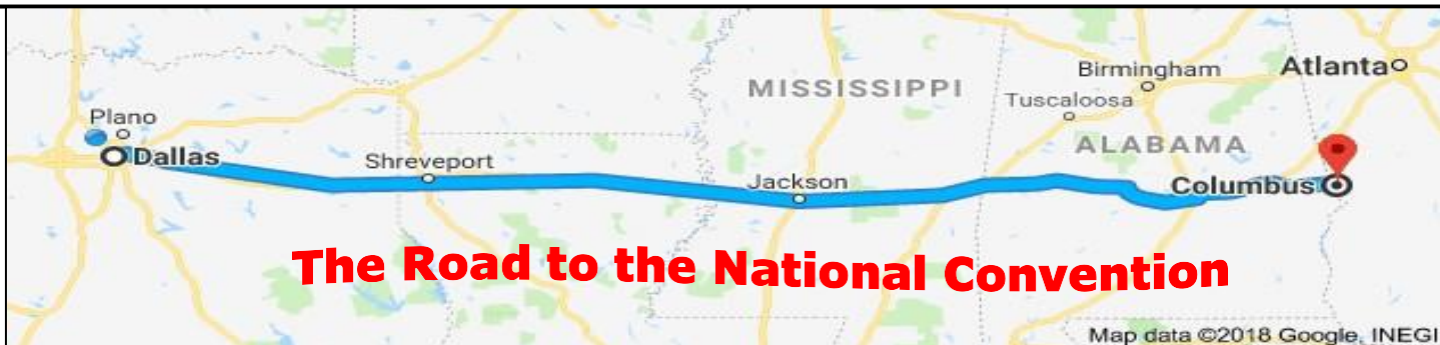
# Dallas Military Order News



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**Best Large Chapter in the Nation**

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Each year, nearly 100 Chapters of the **Military Order of the World Wars** convene to elect new National Officers and plan for the activities of the upcoming year. The Dallas Chapter leads all others in having seven former Commanders-in-Chief of the Order. This year, our own LTC Chuck Chamberlin is in line to become the Senior Vice Commander, which is, traditionally, the final step in preparation for his election, next year, as our eighth Commander-in-Chief. *If the milk is pure; the cream will rise...*

## “Without Blood, Sweat, or Tears”

Commander Lawrence M. (Larry) Kryske, US Navy (Ret) is a professional speaker, certified trainer, and published author. He has over 35 years of worldwide success leading men and developing corporate leaders.

Larry is an internationally respected authority on the life and leadership of Sir Winston Churchill, having served for three years on the Board of Directors of the International Churchill Society. He has shared the speaking platform with Sir Martin Gilbert, who is the Official Biographer of Churchill, during a Leadership Symposium aboard the HMS Queen Mary.



He has presented his signature keynote talk about Winston Churchill, “**Creating Your Finest Hour**”, to over audiences at more than 400 different venues.

He has written four books on leadership and, like Sir Winston, he is a landscape oil painter. He has a BA in Astronomy from the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) and an MA in Applied Science from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California.

According to RADM Scott Hebner, US Navy (Ret), “no one understands Churchill like Larry Kryske. He eloquently captures the basic tenets and simple truths of Churchill’s courageous leadership.”

## “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

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

## 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

**7 Aug 18 – Larry Kryske, 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”**

**8 Jan 19 – Captain Tom Meyer, US Navy (Ret)**  
**“US Navy Nuclear Submarine Fleete”**

### Officer of the Month

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

On 11 July 18, former Chapter Commander Paul Brown presented Dallas Police **Sergeant James Johnson** (#6304), our MOWW Outstanding Service Citation for his selection as Dallas PD’s *Officer of the Month*.

During his 28 years as a Patrol Officer, Auto Theft Investigator, & distinguished member of the Operations Technology Unit, he has been awarded 99 official



Former Commander Paul Brown presented our Certificate of Commendation to Dallas Police Sergeant **James Johnson**

Certificates of Merit for excellence in all phases of law enforcement.

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

### **Attention Chapter Staff:**

The Chapter Commander will convene his Staff on Thursday, 20 AUG 18, at 11:30 a.m., to plan next month’s gathering of High School Principals, Counselors, Parents, and Students, as we recognize the **Top** graduates from this year’s six Youth Leadership Conferences.

# 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”**

- 1 August CPT David Young
- 2 August Mr Ian Barton
- 4 August Mr Paul Epply-Schmidt
- 4 August Lt Col Sid Snedeker
- 5 August CPT James Runzheimer
- 8 August LT Thor James Hansen
- 8 August COL Ralph Hodge
- 8 August CPT Chris Kite-Powell
- 8 August COL Charles Thompson
- 9 August Capt Paul Welch
- 11 August LTC Jerry Betts
- 11 August Mr. Roy Kurth
- 12 August MAJ Doug Gagliano
- 12 August CPT Tom Garriss
- 14 August CPT Edwin McAuliffe
- 14 August Justice Lana Myers
- 14 August Capt William Sweitzer
- 15 August Capt Donnell Griffin
- 15 August CPT Bernard Kenan
- 16 August LTC Fred Holland
- 17 August Capt Stanley Seat
- 18 August Lt David Dewhurst
- 21 August Ms Christine Hogan
- 21 August CPT Peter Maurer
- 23 August Mr. William Farmer
- 23 August Mr. Louis Felini
- 26 August MAJ Roger Guynn
- 26 August Ms. Catherine Moore
- 26 August Capt James Patterson
- 26 August LT Jerry Prater
- 27 August LT Thomas Meyer
- 27 August LTC Don Munson
- 28 August CPT Katherine Stewart
- 31 August Jonathan Lennox



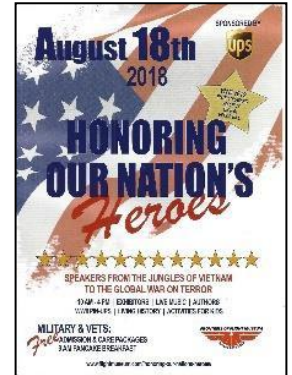
## To encourage the holding of Memorials...

### Honoring our Nation’s Heroes

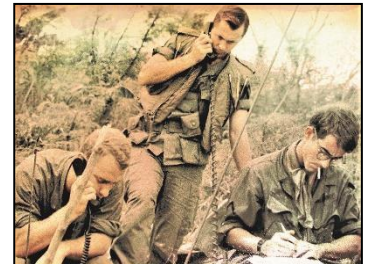
On Saturday, 18 August 2018, the Frontiers of Flight Museum will host an “all-day” event, sponsored by UPS, to honor Veterans from America’s wars.

Speakers from the jungles of Vietnam to the Global War on Terror, live music, WW II pin-ups, activities for kids, and a pancake breakfast for all who arrive at 9:00 a.m.

One lucky WW II veteran will be selected to receive a free ride in “Pecos Bill”, the museum’s classic P-51 Mustang fighter.



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, 24 Sep 18, at 7:15**

Admission is FREE.

## Chapter Activities in the month of JULY



Senior Vice Commander in Chief Chuck Chamberlin (r) presented a Silver Patrick Henry plaque to **MG Gary Bunch** for his many years of Patriotic service to our Chapter



Chapter Commander LTC Jim Blunk (r) presented a Silver Patrick Henry to **Lt Col Kevin Hanford** for his contributions to the successful fundraising project that exceeded expectations



Three more members of the Golf Tournament fundraising committee also received SPH medallions. (l to r) **LTC Russ Hooper**, **LTC Jim Miesman**, and **COL Jim Vineyard**



We also proudly inducted three new Perpetual Companions into the Order. (l to r) **LTC Jim Small**, **COL John Wallace**, and **Lt Col Mike Menefee**. Wellcome aboard,

## The Chaplain's Message



### "Walking with God"

Man was made to walk and talk with God. Man finds his highest possible happiness and his most satisfying sense of achievement as he walks through life in fellowship with his Maker.

Throughout the Bible, we are encouraged to walk and talk with God. "Noah walked with God" (Gen 6:9).

Abraham was instructed to walk with God: "Walk before me and be perfect (Gen 17:1)

God promises to walk among His people "and I will walk among you and will be your God; and you shall be my people". (Gen 26:12).

*It is better to walk in the dark with God, than to walk alone in the light. It is better to walk with Him by faith, than to walk alone in the light". (Gen 5:24)*

*Chaplain Jamie Malakoff*

**Happy Labor Day to each of you!**

## Last Month's Program, Jul 2018

### "Stars come out in Texas"

Our July Luncheon featured Brigadier General **Paul Owen**, Commander of the Southwest Division (SWD), US Army Corps of Engineers.

As the latest in a distinguished line of SWD Commanders, BG Owen attracted a room full of Companions and Guests that included **six flag rank** officers. It was the largest concentration of stars, since we hosted the Commander of the Pacific Fleet.

Several of our Aggie Companions were pleased to compliment BG Owen on being a proud graduate of the "Texas A&M University of the North".

BG Owen's review of his areas of responsibility - spanning all or parts of seven states - highlighted how critical the activities of the Southwest Division are to all citizens of the region.

He provided updates on a number of issues



pertaining to Army installations in Texas, and explained the infrastructure impact of transitioning from the obsolescent US Air Force KC-135 *Stratotanker*, to the new in-flight refueling tanker, the KC-46 *Pegasus*.

His Texas audience was particularly attentive to his detailed presentation on the size, scope, and progress of border security projects, currently underway from California to Galveston.

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