



# Dallas Military Order News



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## This Month's Program, January 2018

### Buckle Up; This Year is off to a Roaring Start

Our Guest Speaker is the quintessential "man who needs no introduction". Former Department of Veterans Affairs, Director of the National Cemetery System, and Perpetual Companion of the Dallas Chapter, Captain **Allen Clark** has taken pen in hand and is writing Volume 1, of what may become a trilogy of books.



Volume One is tentatively titled: "**Soldier's Blood and Bloodied Money**". It deals with arms merchants, politicians, media, international bankers, and their involvement in our wars. This first book will consist of the warfare waged between good and evil; and then, relate some little-known facts, beginning with the American Revolution and proceeding to the *Banker, Banana, and Oil* wars, in Latin America (including a description of the manner in which Dwight Eisenhower achieved his meteoric rise in rank to five-star General of the Armies).

Allen graduated from West Point in 1963 and served in Vietnam as a Military Intelligence officer, assigned to the Fifth Special Forces Group, involved in covert operations against Cambodia. On June 17, 1967 he was severely wounded at *Dak To* Special Forces camp, in the Central Highlands.



He spent the next 15 months in hospitalization for treatment after amputation of both of his legs below the knees. He was awarded the Silver Star for Gallantry in action, a Purple Heart, Bronze Star for valor, Air Medal, and the coveted Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Allen was a Special Assistant to Texas Governor Bill Clements and served in the Administration of President George W. Bush. In 2011, he was named *Outstanding Veteran of the Year* by the Texas Disabled American Veterans association.

## The Commander's Corner

### Happy New Year

Can you believe 2017 has come and gone? We have a great year planned for 2018. As you can see in the adjacent article, our Guest Speaker for January will be Dallas Chapter's own **Allen Clark**. He will bring us up to date on research that he has conducted which has led to his third publication. Although Allen professes to be cutting back on his peripatetic travels, he still has more irons in the fire than any five other men.



In February, our speaker will be **Alex Mena**, a motion picture director who will be speaking about the making of the B-29 movie, "Crew 713." You won't want to miss that. In fact, you may want to bring some guests. It promises to be an interesting meeting.

We will also be gearing up to present JROTC and ROTC awards to outstanding high school and college cadets, this spring. We give awards to cadets at almost 60 high schools, as well as 27 awards to Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine cadets at five universities. This is a big undertaking and we invite you to get involved in helping to present the awards to these outstanding cadets.



We'll also need several Companions to interview potential students to attend one of the 5 Southwest Youth Leadership Conferences held in Texas and Oklahoma, this coming summer. I urge you to get involved in working at one of these conferences.



And don't forget, our Senior Vice Commander, MG Gary Bunch is putting together the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Patriots Golf Tournament to raise funds to cover the cost of sending students to YLCs, as well as to pay for the aforementioned awards. I want to encourage each of you to get involved in these fun-filled chapter activities that help us accomplish our mission.



**THESE 14 COMPANIONS BECAME PERPETUAL MEMBERS OF THE DALLAS CHAPTER IN 2017**



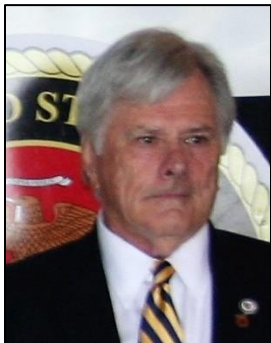
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*Capt, USAF (Plano)*



*William Pry*  
*1LT, USA (Dallas)*



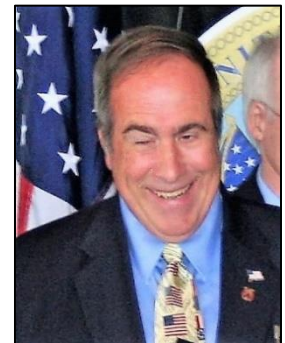
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*Capt, USAF (Ovilla)*



*Gilbert Bernabe*  
*LTC, USA (Sherman)*



*Curtis Frisbie*  
*Capt, USMC (Dallas)*



*Jack Coleman*  
*MAJ, USA (Dallas)*



*Charles Daniels*  
*LT, USN (Allen)*



*Scott Murray*  
*HPM (Dallas)*



*Mark Munson*  
*HPM (Alexandria, VA)*



*Terry Brown*  
*HPM (The Colony)*

**HPM = Hereditary Perpetual Member**

**AND PLEASE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO THESE  
20 REGULAR COMPANIONS WHO WERE INDUCTED IN 2017**



**Georgeann Moss**  
*Hereditary (Sunnyvale)*



**Bob Dragone**  
*Maj, USAF (Dallas)*



**Jon Jackson**  
*LT, USN (Dallas)*



**Kirk Bell**  
*Capt, USAF (Plano)*



**John Belvin**  
*Capt, USAF (Whitney)*



**Ashleigh Sillivant**  
*Hereditary (Coppell)*



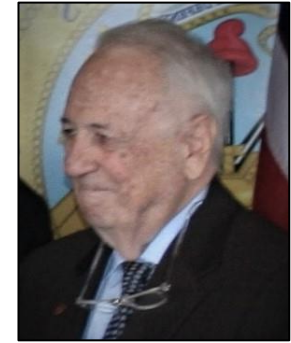
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**Brent Berarducci**  
*LT, USN (Dallas)*



**Bennett Cervin**  
*Col, USAF (Dallas)*



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*CPT, USA (Dallas)*



**Chris Talcott**  
*COL, USA (Argyle)*



**Jonathan Mueller**  
*Hereditary (Allen)*



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*MAJ, USA (Mesquite)*



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*ILT, USA (Dallas)*



**Jamie Malakoff**  
*CPT, USA (Dallas)*



**Bill Skeeters**  
*LT, USN (Dallas)*



**Ken Bierman**  
*Maj, USAF (Frisco)*



**Joe Lynch**  
*CW3, USA (Rockwall)*



**Marc Liebman**  
*CAPT, USN (Savannah)*

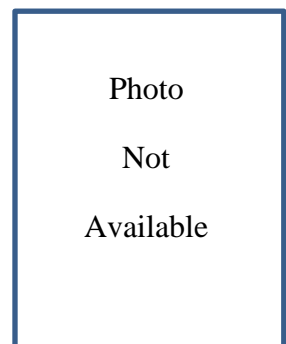


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**Lou McMenemy**  
*Lt, USAF (Shallowater)*

# Happy Birthday, Companions

## One Year Older; A Whole Lot Richer

1 January	LT John Payne
2 January	CPT Allan Backof
8 January	Lt Col Jack Bond
8 January	CPT John Wagner
9 January	MAJ John Van Buskirk
9 January	CPT Weldon Estes
10 January	CDR Jerry Rucker
11 January	LTC Stonell Greene
12 January	CPT Boyd Branch
12 January	COL Virgil Williams
13 January	LT Paul Brewer
15 January	COL Jon Allen
16 January	LTC King Moss
20 January	CPT Richard Wegner
21 January	LTC Randolph Ward
22 January	CPT Steven Poole
23 January	MAJ Richard Farr
23 January	LTC Charles Winder
24 January	LCDR James Bailey
26 January	MAJ GEN Wm Gossell
28 January	MR Walter Applewhite
31 January	MR Joe Applewhite
31 January	COL Joe Sasser



**Notice: Next Commander's Staff Meeting will be held Thursday, 18 January 2018 at 1:30 p.m. (1330 hrs) in the Park City Club, 5956 Sherry Lane, Suite 1700, Dallas, TX**

## Speaker Programs Just Keep Getting Better

**3 Jan 17 - Robert Sarver, Team Leader, SEAL Team 3**  
*"Confronting ISIS - Special Ops in Action"*

**7 Feb 17 - Robert Caltabiano, Chief, Secret Service**  
*"Life in the Presidential Secret Service"*

**7 Mar 17 - Milton Bearden, former Agent, CIA**  
*"Black Ops: The Life of a Covert Agent"*

**4 Apr 17 - Michael Cox, Dir, Center for Global Mkts**  
*"American Capitalism - Who is Right?"*

**2 May 17 - Clint Bruce, CEO, Trident Response Group**  
*"National Security in the Age of Terrorism"*

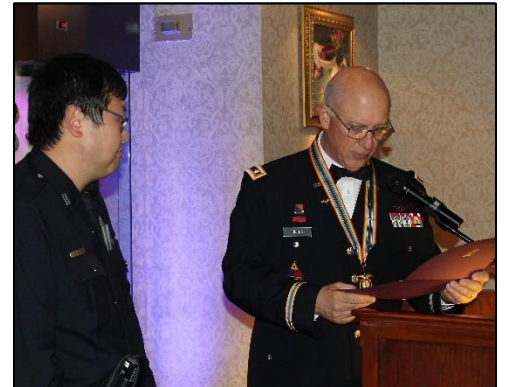
**6 Jun 17 - Capt Paul Brown, Chapter Commander**  
*"Installation of FY 2018 Commander & Staff"*

### Officer of the Month

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

On 5 Dec 17, Chapter Commander, LTC Jim Blunk, presented Officer **Soo Nam** (#10206), our Outstanding Service Citation for his selection as December's Dallas Police Department *Officer of the Month*.

Officer Nam is a 7 year veteran who serves as a Community Affairs Officer in the Office of the Chief of Staff. He is a member of the Asian American Outreach Team that regularly supports the Korean Consulate and a large local Asian community.



LTC Jim Blunk presented the MOWW Certificate of Commendation to Dallas Police Officer **Soo Nam** at our Christmas Banquet.

His dedication has resulted in deployment on humanitarian missions to other communities within the United States, as well as to Central and South America.

### Health and Welfare Report

#### **Take the time to give them a call**

LTC Walt Capps is recovering from a transfusion of blood to build his red cell count back up. He is back home and just as grouchy as ever. His Number is: **(972) 234-6006**

Georgeann Moss has the Big "C" in remission and has never looked better. She's back working in her Dream assignment, but the battle isn't over, yet. **(972) 203-9175**

# Closing the Year in Grand Style



The highlight of this year's Christmas Banquet was provided by twenty (20) officers from the **Dallas Police Department (DPD)**. All the officers are members of the **DPD Choir**, who volunteer their off-duty time to entertain at children hospitals and at area shelters that house and feed the homeless. Choir members include representatives from each of the six Patrol Divisions of the Police Department. In the spirit of the season, the Dallas Chapter invited the entire Choir to join us for the Banquet and saw to it that two or more of the City's Finest were seated at each table. The result was a festive evening of shared appreciation, admiration, and mutual respect.



The Woodrow Wilson HS JROTC Honor Guard, led by Cadet **Alexandra Brooks** (an MOWW award recipient) posted the Colors



Past Commander Capt **Paul Brown** and his Chief of Staff, Cathy, were on hand to enjoy the annual Christmas Banquet at the Club.



MG Gary Bunch assists in affixing the **2017 Best Chapter** streamer to our flag. Paul was officially elevated to **Commander Emeritus**.



Officer of the Month, **Soo Nam**, received a plaque from Mr. **Jan Klodner**, President of the Dallas Community Police Appreciation Council



Chapter Commander LTC **Jim Blunk** reads the Dallas Chapter Certificate of Appreciation that he then presented to the DPD Choir



Senior Vice Commander, MG **Gary Bunch**, took the opportunity to enlist volunteers to support our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Tournament.



**WALK THE LIFE OF FAITH IN 2018**

*"Without faith, it is impossible to please God."*

Do you face the year of 2018 with your heart filled with fear? Or, do you face it with faith in the goodness of God to walk with you into the New Year in a victorious manner?

M.L. Hawkins stated it like this: *"I said to the man who stood at the gate: Give me a light that that I may tread safely into the unknown."*

And he replied: *"Go out into the darkness and put your trust in the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."*

*by Chaplain Weldon Estes*

Last Month's Program, Dec 2017

**Gifts that keep on giving**

Christmas is a magical time of year, especially for the very young. We frequently forget that many families cannot afford the gifts that lift the spirits of children and allow them to retain their childish belief and wonder.



That is the motivation that causes us to ask you each year, to remember those less fortunate.

With little or no fanfare, Chapter Companions quietly donated dozens of toys, games, and stuffed animals to the *Toys for Tots* campaign. You can be justly proud to be associated with this Chapter.

Promotion to Flag Rank

**Congratulations, General!**

We are pleased to report that **Colonel Paul E. Owen**, US Army, has been selected for promotion to the rank of Brigadier General.

COL Owen is currently Commander of the *Southeast Division* for the US Army Corps of Engineers, an area that encompasses all or parts of seven states, and is headquartered in Dallas.



The Promotion ceremony will be held on 25 January 2018, in the City Club of Dallas, at 11:30 a.m.

**The Dallas Chapter of MOWW has been cordially invited.**

The ceremony will be hosted by **LTG Todd T. Semonite**, the Commanding General of the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Note: COL Owen assumed his command from Dallas Chapter Companion **BG Tom Kula**.

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