



# Dallas Military Order News



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Unveiling the portrait of the late Congressman, Col (USAF) Sam Johnson, in the Hall of Heroes at the Collin County Courthouse. The ceremony was a Joint effort led by the Seidel Chapter of the Air Force Assn and the Dallas Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars. L to R: Paul Hendricks, Ken Cordier, Fred Aurbach, Jeff Butcher, Barry Brown, LTG John Campbell, Sam's daughter Beverly, Paul Brown, Jamie Malakoff, Chuck Daniels, Joe Cordina, Bob Gehbauer, and Don Munson. (By special request, all briefly unmasked for the photo)

### This Month's Program:

### Bidding Farewell to an "Annus Horribilus"

One of the brightest highlights of any other year would be the Dallas Chapter's annual Christmas Banquet, in the Main Dining Room of the Park City Club. Our Banquet had grown, each year, for the past decade and has, in the past, attracted over 120 members and their guests for a memorable evening of gastronomical delights and amicable camaraderie.

But this is 2020. 😞

The current surge of this *inflicted* pandemic will dampen the mood and attendance of our annual extravaganza. Nevertheless, we wish to **all** Companions - the Happiest of Holiday seasons.



"Our "Toys for Tots" tradition has collected over 1,500 toys and animals.

**All Companions who plan to attend are encouraged to bring a toy, game, or stuffed animal for a small child. Do not wrap your present - that allows for determination of appropriate age and gender distribution, during a Christmas party for kids, to be held later in December.**



### The Commander's Corner:

### Christmas – God's gift to us all

Once again, Thanksgiving is in our rear-view mirror, and the Christmas season has begun to reveal itself. The Black Friday sales advertisements have been coming to us by mailer, television, radio, and internet, and by just about any other method that the commercial world can think of.

It has been a year that has challenged every American, no matter where you live, what you do, or who you are. And, it has challenged us in ways that we could not have dreamed. Our lives have taken turns that we did not see coming.



Did you ever imagine that you would walk into a bank, wearing a mask? Have people in stores taking your temperature before you could enter? Staying in your home for weeks at a time, and waving though your window to neighbors, as they took a walk.

Or would you believe what was to take a few weeks to mitigate is still ongoing months later? Or, that the question of your constitutional rights and protecting the population would come into conflict?

If put to a vote, I am willing to bet that most are ready for 2020 to be behind us, just like Thanksgiving. And it is the uncertainty of our future that is causing us concern. But can you imagine how much greater our concern would be if we did not have our friends, families, neighbors, fellow Companions, and the hope and joy that comes to us each year at Christmas. God's gift to us is the hope and joy everlasting that comes because we have a Savior.

And the angel said unto them, "Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people"



Yes, "Fear not", for regardless of the challenges we face, we have the hope and joy of a

Savior, born to each of us, for everlasting life. When you look back at the last few months through those eyes, your forward visions become much better!

One last thought; there are many among us that have been hurt severely by their inability to provide for their families, this year. Loss of income has been staggering for far too many. Our local food bank in Allen, has seen the number of families they are helping go from 1,200 last year, to 12,000 this year.

Please consider sharing the joy and hope this year by helping someone in greater need. With over 50 Food Banks in DFW, I am sure you can find one remarkably close to you.

*Merry Christmas,*



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

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Homeland Security:



## The Department of Homeland Security

In 2002, the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) was created, as a response to 9/11. The Homeland Security Act of 2002 combined 22 different federal departments and agencies into an integrated Cabinet level agency. DHS has consolidated multiple agencies and functions into a department which includes more than 240,000 employees. It oversees approximately 187 federal agencies and departments.

DHS is tasked to secure our nation from multiple threats. Its mission is to coordinate "counter terrorism and homeland security threats; secure US borders and approaches; secure cyberspace and critical infrastructure; preserve and uphold the nation's prosperity and economic security; strengthen preparedness and resilience; and strengthen the integrated relationships between and among headquarters offices and operational components to optimize the department's efficiency and effectiveness."

DHS has other responsibilities including: biodefense, security of ports of entry, detection and investigation of child pornography, contraband, drug trafficking, human trafficking, money laundering, domestic and international intelligence activities within the FBI, future generation security technology, investigation of transnational criminal organizations monitoring and intelligence, logistics, and transportation security.

Although DHS is the federal department responsible for homeland security, much of the nation's homeland security activity remains *outside* of DHS. The CIA, DOD, and FBI are not part of DHS. The Department of Health and Human Services is not part of DHS but has a significant role in the medical preparedness and response to homeland security and. The Federal Emergency Management Agency *is* under DHS. It has responsibility for preparedness, response, and recovery from natural and man-made disasters.

Homeland *security* implies the coordination of civilian components of this effort, whereas homeland *defense*, refers to its military component. The US Northern Command, (USNORTHCOM) is the primary military defender against an invasion of US territory. This command provides military support for non-military authorities in the US to protect the territory and national interests of the US, Puerto Rico, Canada, Mexico, and the Bahamas. USNORTHCOM's area of responsibility includes the air, land, and sea approaches to these areas. There are multiple organizations which comprise Homeland Security *and* Homeland Defense. The National Guard, FEMA, ICE, USCG, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency, Federal Protection Service, Citizenship and Immigration Services, the Secret Service, the Transportation Security Administration, the Civil Air Patrol, and the 14 agencies of the intelligence community (IC) are also part of homeland security.



# KNOW YOUR PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF

## LTC Charles S. Chamberlin, US Army

**Chuck Chamberlin** is the immediate Past 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 Engineer-

ing 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 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, Ft. Knox, KY; and as a Signal Company Commander in the 10<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group in Bad Tolz, Germany and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## Captain John Hayes, US Air Force

John Hayes was the Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the World Wars in 2014.

He is a 1967 graduate of Southern Methodist University, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree. While an undergraduate, he was the Corps Commander of the Arnold Air Society (the Air Force Senior ROTC National Honor Society).



He received a commission in the US Air Force and served on active duty from 1967-1972. He qualified as a pilot in 1968.

John was a C-141 (Lockheed *Starlifter*) aircraft commander at Charleston Air Force Base, SC, and an EC-47 (Douglas *Electric Goon*) Chief Flight Examiner, Instructor Pilot, and Supervisor of Flying at Phu Cat Air Force Base, RVN. He flew 166 combat missions over Vietnam, then resigned his commission.

Following his military service, John became a Braniff and US Airways airline pilot from 1972 to 2005, retiring as a Captain with 24,000 flying hours.

John was the Commander of the Dallas Chapter of MOWW in 2006, and then Commander of Region VIII.

He has also been the Chairman of the Greater Dallas Veterans Day Parade, which is the largest in Texas and one of the largest Veterans Day Parades in the nation.

For many years, he was the Director of the Southwest Youth Leadership Conference at Texas Wesleyan University.

Among his many other awards and decorations, he is the proud recipient of the *Silver Beaver*, the highest honor that can be bestowed on an individual by the Boy Scouts of America. John was an Eagle Scout and is the proud father of an Eagle Scout. His son's Eagle project can still be seen in a picturesque grotto at the Dallas – Fort Worth National Veterans cemetery in Grand Prairie.

John is a recipient of both the Silver and the Gold Patrick Henry Medals. He has been the Military Liaison for US Congressman Kenny Marchant since 2010. Kenny chose not to run for reelection, this year allowing John to finally take a break, travel, and enjoy a life of leisure.

John and his wife, Mary, live in Dallas, TX.

**Happy Birthday, Companions**

**“People who have the most birthdays – live the longest”** 😎

- 1 December Lt Col Al Johnson
- 2 December LTC Paul Bauereis
- 3 December CPT Paul Sermas
- 4 December HPM David Merton
- 7 December LT Joe Applewhite
- 9 December MAJ Marshall Miles
- 11 December RADM Cub Amos
- 12 December MG Willard Latham
- 13 December HPM Jacob Paleschic
- 16 December LT Robert Betts
- 17 December HRM Jeff Stevens
- 20 December LT Jon Jackson
- 21 December LTC James Blunk
- 21 December LTC Chuck Chamberlin
- 21 December COL Ron Forest
- 21 December HPM Mary Hayes
- 21 December Maj Terry Thorsen
- 24 December HRM Ron Banks**
- 24 December COL Ron Barker**
- 24 December COL Gary Hoebeke**
- 28 December 2LT Brandon Hern
- 28 December LT Tommie Williams
- 29 December LTC Russell Hooper
- 31 December COL Steve Minear



**Speaker Programs Just Keep Getting Better**

**1 Dec 20 – Chuck Daniels, LT, US Navy (Fmr)  
“Annual Christmas Banquet”**

**5 Jan 21 – BG Tom Kula, former CG, SW Div, ACE  
“Leadership and the JROTC Program”**

**2 Feb 21 –Dr. Stephen Holt, Dallas VA Health System  
“80 Years of caring for Military Veterans”**

**2 Mar 21 –Speaker - TBD  
“Global Threats to National Security”**

Park City Club Luncheon Guidelines for December

Companions are asked to adhere to Club guidelines.

- 1) When entering the building, wear your mask.
- 2) Maintain social distancing in the elevator.
- 3) Upon entering the Club, allow the Staff to take your temperature.
- 4) Remain masked while socializing.
- 5) Remove your mask when seated for dining.
- 6) Happy a Happy Holiday season



**Continue to respect others by maintaining appropriate “Social Distancing”.**

*A vaccine is on the horizon. Let us not give in to the frustration of these many months of isolation and quarantining. Please continue to observe safe practices whenever you leave the privacy of your homes. Let us resolve to stay safe during the Holiday Season. This will be a New Year’s Eve for the ages as we bid **Farewell** to the worst year in recent memory.*

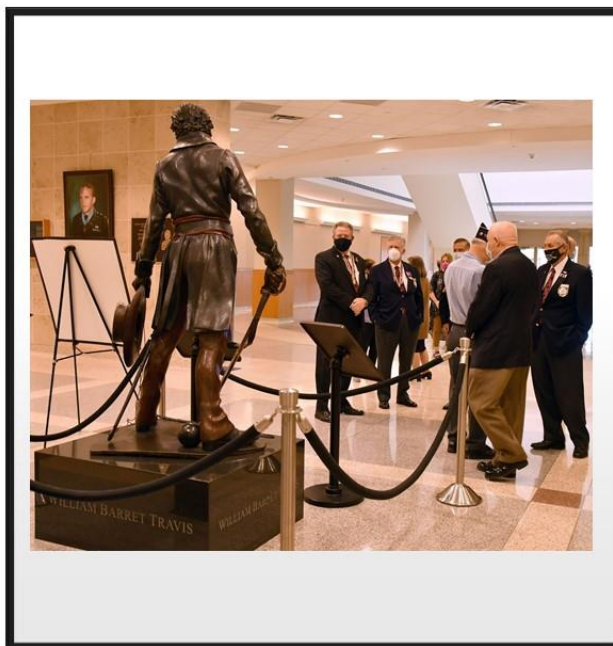
**Humor in Uniform – Holidays Edition**



**Everyone** loves a letter from Home



# NOVEMBER LUNCHEON PHOTOS



(clockwise from top left) Chapter Commander **Chuck Daniels** presents our Certificate of Appreciation to COL JP Hogan for his stirring presentation. Companions gathered in the Hall of Heroes in Collin County to witness the unveiling of the tribute to Congressman (Col) Sam Johnson. Chuck is seen making the opening remarks and thanking the four other veterans' organizations who made the Joint Event happen. Later in the month, several MOWW Companions (Ed Elder, Gene Pugh, Doug Gagliano and Don Munson) joined their Special Forces brethren at DFW Veterans cemetery in Grand Prairie, to honor the passing of Command Sergeant Major Gene Vance

## *Last Month's Guest Speaker*

### **The End of the Beginning – Korea, 1950**

Using maps and photos, Colonel J.P. Hogan demonstrated a brilliant grasp of the actions that led to the near US disaster in the opening phase of the Korean War.

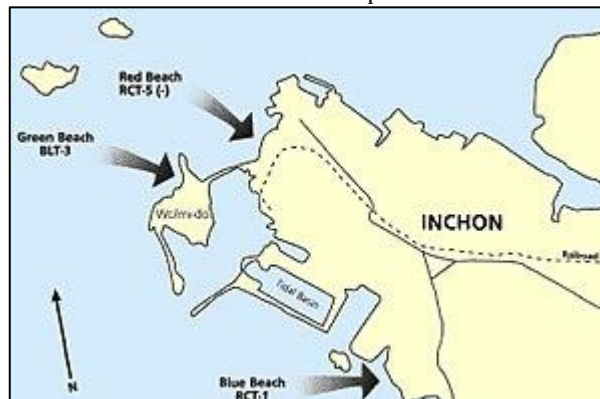
After the surrender of Japan, at the end of World War II, on 15 August 1945, Korea was divided at the 38th parallel into two zones of occupation, that in 1948, became two sovereign states. **North Korean** People's Army forces crossed the border and advanced into South Korea on 25 June 1950.

After the first two months of war, South Korean and US forces on the point of defeat, retreated behind a defensive line known by military historians as the **Pusan Perimeter**.



COL JP Hogan brings history to life

In September 1950, General Douglas MacArthur launched an **amphibious counter-offensive** at **Incheon**, and cut off the North Korean troops in South Korea.



Those who escaped capture were forced back north. Advancing Allied forces **invaded North Korea** in October 1950 and moved rapidly towards the **Yalu River**—the border with China.



## The Best Christmas List

At this time of the year most of us are giving thought to the matter of Christmas gifts.

Instead of focusing on giving gadgets and trinkets, let us think in terms of more important gifts. This Christmas let us:

**Give Love.** Love has been defined as “a persistent, unbreakable spirit of good will.” By the grace of God, each of us can bestow this gift upon every one of our friends.

**Give Kindness:** Kindness is simply love in action. It is courtesy that is sincere.

**Give Understanding:** Put forth an effort to wear the other person’s coat and stand in his shoes.

**Give Encouragement:** Everyone needs encouragement. Everyone profits from encouragement. Everyone can give encouragement.

This Christmas list is by no means complete. God has given us the greatest gift of all. He has given us the gift of his Son, Jesus Christ.

Give careful and prayerful consideration to your Christmas list, this year.  
Have a very Merry Christmas!

*Jamie Malakoff*  
Chapter Chaplain

## Wreaths Across America

**D-FW National Cemetery**  
2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy  
Dallas, TX 75211

**Date:** 19 December 2020

This event draws a large crowd and parking will be difficult. You will need to arrive early and be prepared to walk a long distance from your car. One option is to skip the ceremony and go directly to **Section 99** to participate in the laying of the wreaths.



**Donations for wreaths** may be still be made for \$15 per wreath (or \$30 for 3 wreaths). Cash or checks made out to “Wreaths Across America” may be given to **Barbara Butcher** at our December banquet or mailed to her at **7 Chisholm Trail, Lucas, TX 75002**.

If you choose to make a donation online, please use <https://wreath-sacrossamerica.org/pages/150562>.

**Our goal was to fund 300 wreaths. Congratulations Companions! You have surpassed our goal by more than 100 wreaths.**

**Take a bow.**

**Your generosity confirms that you understand the reason for the season.**

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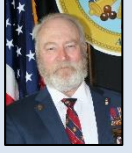
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