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Best Large Chapter in the Nation

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Singers from Rockwall HS serenaded us with novel renditions of Christmas carols and fun sing-alongs

This Month's Program, January 2019

The Commander's Corner

Off to another Roaring Start – **HAPPY 2019**

JANUARY: Looking forward (and back)

The New Year promises to be another heart-pounding, pulse-pumping, roller-coaster ride in today's volatile stock market.

January is named for the Roman god, *Janus*. Mythology tells us that Janus had two faces; one for looking ahead to the future; the other looking back at the past.

Our Guest Speaker will be the inimitable *other* half of the formidable Captains Butcher team. Financial Analyst, Companion **Jeff Butcher** has volunteered to help steer us through the storm with some professional insights and profound observations.

As we begin another New Year together, let me invoke the spirit of Janus and give you a brief review of our past six months and a few observations about our next six.

Along the way, we have imposed on him to discuss in some detail several of the many ways in which Companions of a certain age may wish to consider investing, protecting, or spending their retirement nest egg.



CPT Jeff Butcher

First, I am pleased and proud to report that we continue to lead the nation in meeting the high standards that we have set for ourselves.

Our programs in support of Eagle Scouts and Gold Award Girl Scouts is off the charts. We continue to increase the number of students we sponsor at our Southwest Youth Leadership Conferences. And, we continue to be a staunch supporter of *Dallas' Finest* through our monthly participation with the Dallas County Police Appreciation Committee (DCPAC), as well as other First Responders.

Companions may rest assured that his presentation is not a sales pitch or an offering. It is strictly analytical and informational. Whatever financial decisions or course of actions you decide to take are entirely up to you.

Looking ahead, we are now gearing up for Awards season at our local area high schools and universities. Each year, we reach out to more than 60 high schools and 5 colleges (that collectively represent 9 senior ROTC programs covering all four of the Armed Forces). We do not "Mail-in" the award Certificates. A chapter representative is present at every award ceremony to emphasize the sincerity of our support of these outstanding young men and women.

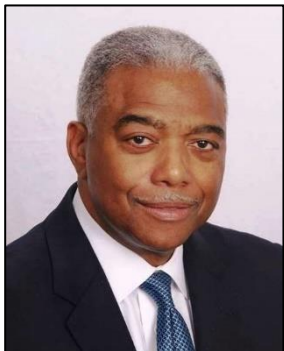
In particular, Jeff will discuss the often-misunderstood specifics of what can - and cannot - be done with required minimum distributions (RMD). Yes, *Virginia*, there can be an appreciable "up-side" to that mandatory reduction from your tax-deferred Individual Retirement Account(s) (IRA).

That takes manpower. Be prepared to step up, when requested, to volunteer to assist in one -or more - of these self-satisfying and inspirational opportunities.

Bring your pen and paper. Take copious notes. And, pepper Jeff with questions. His intent is to share his extensive expertise, in order to assist you in making prudent, wise, and well-informed decisions.



**THESE 14 OFFICERS BECAME PERPETUAL COMPANIONS
OF THE DALLAS CHAPTER IN 2018**



Tommie Williams
LT, USMC (Frisco)



Jeff Gault
COL, USA (Dallas)



Lynn Buckner
MAJ, USA (Sunnyvale)



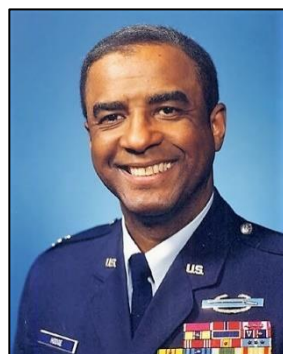
Marc Liebman
Capt., USN (Savannah)



John Belvin
Copt, USAF (Whitney)



Keith Griffiths
LT, USA (Plano)



Ralph Hodge
Col, UAF (Fort Worth)



John Wallace
COL, USA (Allen)



Jim Small
LTC, USA (Frisco)



Michael Menefee
LtCol, USMC (Arlington)



Todd Manning
MAJ, USA (Rockwall)



Xavier Herrera
CWO3, USMC (Burleson)



Dennis Sheridan
CPT, USA (Trophy Club)



Jack Hall
LT, USA (Dallas)

**PLEASE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO THESE
8 FORMER OFFICERS WHO WERE INDUCTED AS
REGULAR COMPANIONS IN 2018**



Marshall Miles
MAJ, USA (Dallas)



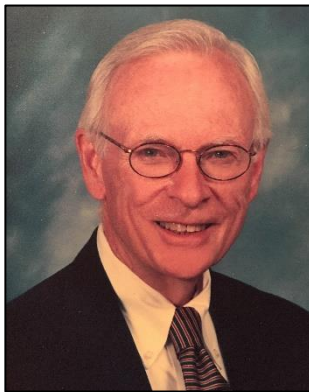
Barbara Butcher
CPT, USA (Lucas)



Jeffrey Butcher
CPT, USA (Lucas)



Don Crusius
LT, USAF (Addison)



Jack Coleman
Lt, USN (Dallas)



Ira Archer
CPT, USA (Dallas)



Don Saddler
Lt Col, USAF (Fairview)



Gerald Vokolek
LTC, USA (Plano)

Happy Birthday, Companions

One Year Older; A Whole Lot Richer

1 January	LT John Payne
2 January	CPT Allan Backof
2 January	LtCol Jeffrey Hauser
6 January	CPT Gregory Jones
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
16 January	LTC King Moss
16 January	HPM Ashleigh Sillivent
20 January	HPM Mark Munson
20 January	CPT Richard Wegner
22 January	CPT Steven Poole
23 January	LT Skylar Sillivent
23 January	LTC James Small
24 January	LCDR James Bailey
26 January	MAJ GEN Wm Gossell
28 January	MR Walter Applewhite
30 January	CPT Barbara Butcher
31 January	MR Joe Applewhite
31 January	COL Joe Sasser



Speaker Programs Just Keep Getting Better

9 Jan 19 – Jeff Butcher, CPT, US Army
"Charitable Giving in Retirement Plans"

5 Feb 19 - Tom Meyer, US Navy (Ret)
"The US Nuclear Submarine Fleet"

5 Mar 19 – Marc Liebman, Capt. (USN), author
"Sit Rep: North Korea vs. The World"

2 Apr 19 – Miguel Howe, COL, USA, Bush Institute
"Engage: Pressing Policy Issues of the Day"

7 May 19 –Chief Justice Carolyn Wright, 5th Dist. C/A
"Women in Law: The Pathfinder Award"

5 Jun 18 – LTC Jim Blunk, Chapter Commander
"Installation of FY 2020 Commander & Staff"

Officer of the Month

Chapter salutes Dallas' Officers in Blue

On 4 Dec 18, Chapter Commander *Emeritus*, Captain Paul Brown, presented Detective **Jabari Howard** (#8427), our Outstanding Service Citation for his selection as Dallas Police Department *Officer of the Month*.

Officer Howard is a 15-year veteran who serves as a member of the elite "Gang Unit", which led to his assignment to a Federal ATF Task Force. As Director of the Gang Unit Investigator's Assn, he led the team responsible for arresting a mob of violent criminals, known for murders, aggravated assaults, and robberies. Detective Howard is a sterling example of Dallas' finest.



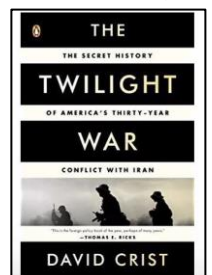
Captain Paul Brown presented the MOWW Certificate of Commendation to Dallas Police Detective **Jabari Howard**.

Military Book Club

The Twilight War, by David Crist (Col, USMC)

Dallas Companion and Prolific author, **Marc Liebman**, will moderate the Open Door gathering of book lovers, who will assemble at the Prestonwood Country Club, on 31 Jan 19, at 0715 to discuss America's ongoing war with IRAN.

Dallas Chapter Companions are cordially invited to attend. (What book would you like to discuss?)



Notice: Next Commander's Staff Meeting will be held Thursday, 17 January 2019 at 1:30 p.m. (1330 hrs.) in the Park City Club, 5956 Sherry Lane, Suite 1700, Dallas, TX

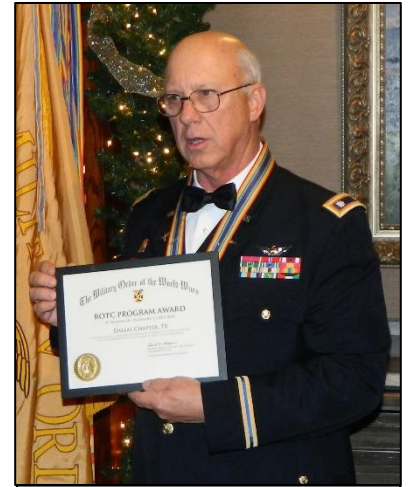
Closing the Year in Grand Style



Senior Vice CINC **Chamberlin** mugs for the camera after awarding Jim Blunk the title of Commander **Emeritus**



Jim affixed the Pershing Award streamer to our colors signifying the Dallas Chapter to be the **Best Large MOWW Chapter in the Nation** for FY 2018



Chapter Commander Jim Blunk announced Dallas' receipt of the National **ROTC Program** award



Jim presented the award for Best **Patriotic Education** Program in the Nation to Past Commander-in-Chief, Colonel **Cliff Way**



Newsletters Editor LTC Don Munson accepted both the Best Newsletter and Best Chapter Info & Publicity Awards, once again.



Jim presented the National award for Best **Veterans Affairs** Program to Past Chapter Commander LT (USN) Walt Laidlaw



Current and Past Commanders **Jim Blunk** and **Paul Brown** shared insights on joys of leadership with Senior Vice Commander **Tommie Williams**



Jim presented the Music Director of the Rockwall Chorus with a Certificate of Appreciation and an early Christmas \$\$\$ for her group



WALK THE LIFE OF FAITH IN 2019

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

Chaplain Jamie Malakoff

Youth Leadership Conferences

Dallas Sponsors a Winner

Sarah Catherine Spivey attended the Texas A&M YLC this year, sponsored by your Dallas Chapter.



She was the **#1**

Student and, as such, qualified to compete in the annual Phoenician Essay contest. Sarah's entry was the second best in the Nation, winning for her a check from MOWW in the amount of **\$1,000.00!**

Sarah will join us on Wednesday, as a guest of the TAMU YLC Director, MG Gary Bunch.

Last Month's Program, Dec 2018

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 a local *Toys for Tots* organization.

In the dozen years during which we have collected toys, your chapter has accumulated a total of 1,094. This year's gifts were distributed by one of our sister charitable veterans' units, the Dallas Chapter of the Special Forces Association.

You can be justly proud to be associated with the goodwill and generosity that your Chapter shares.

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