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These were the Top Students from the 2019 Texas Youth Leadership Conferences (YLC). The Dallas Chapter sponsored nearly 60 students, of whom these twelve were chosen as the Best of the Best. Two of these twelve were selected as the "Number One Student" at their respective YLC: John Marta (far left), who attended the YLC at Texas Wesleyan University; and Hector Natividad (2<sup>nd</sup> from right), who attended the YLC at Texas A&M University. The Luncheon drew a crowd of 136, to include School Principals, Advisors, families & friends.

*This Month's Program, October 2019*

## ***"The Heroes of Roberts Ridge"***

Lt Gen John Campbell, USAF (Ret), will present a comprehensive briefing and visual presentation about the evolution of the armed *Predator* and how it saved American lives in the "Battle of Roberts Ridge". Last summer, two Medals of Honor were awarded for action on Roberts Ridge. Lt Gen Campbell will tell the story of that battle, and why it took 15 years to recognize those heroes. He will explain how an innovation in modern warfare saved lives and resulted in the award of those medals.



LTG Campbell retired from the Air Force after a 32-year career. In his last military assignments, he served as Commander, 31<sup>st</sup> Fighter Wing, Aviano, Italy; Commander, 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, Tyndall AFB, FL; Deputy Director of Operations, Joint Staff, the Pentagon; and Associate Director of Central Intelligence, CIA, Langley, VA.

Prior to his Washington assignments, he served as an F-15 and F-16 fighter pilot and commander, including assignments in Saudi Arabia, Germany, and Italy. He is the recipient of the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Air Medal, and CIA Distinguished Service Award, National Reconnaissance Distinguished Service Medal and National Security Award.

Today, General Campbell serves on numerous boards and community organizations. He has been an ardent supporter of MOWW and has spoken to multiple groups of YLC students.

*Next Month's Program, November 2019*

## ***"Soft Power" – A Non-lethal Air Force Mission***

Most Americans have seen on TV the US Air Force's lethal application of airpower around the world with precision airstrikes against our enemies. Guided, manned and unmanned weapons are exceptionally devastating! Americans are also familiar with how our AF is quick to respond globally whenever natural disasters strike like hurricanes, tidal waves, fires, etc. What most Americans don't realize is how their AF uses non-lethal airpower to influence world events. These applications of air power have global reach and are very effective. Our November Presentation by Brig Gen Steve Roser, USAF (Ret), will tell the story of a successful, non-lethal application of airpower during the fall of Iran in 1979.



Brig Gen Roser retired from the United States Air Force in 2009 after serving 29 years, during which time he held numerous command and staff positions. He is a command pilot with over 4,000 hours of flying time in both rotary and fixed wing aircraft. He was the Wing Commander of Bolling AFB, Charleston AFB, and Travis AFB. His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross and three Air Medals earned in combat during the Vietnam War, flying the CH-3E.

In 1999, he and his wife were selected for the O'Malley Award as the Best Wing Commander Couple in the Air Force. He was inducted into the Order of the Sword in 2000, the only Brigadier General in AMC to be so honored.

## Commander's Corner



**Timely Response to Calling Committee.** Having talked to Companions on the Calling Committee, I have detected an issue about Companions not responding to the Calling Committee. It is *essential* that we have an accurate head-count for the luncheons. If we *underestimate* attendance, there will not be enough seats. If we *overestimate*, the Chapter will have to buy the excess lunches not eaten. We do not pad the luncheon costs and cannot afford that result. Moreover, the Companions on the Calling Committee volunteer their time to either call or e-mail to get that headcount. I find it hard to believe that fellow Companions would not cooperate by timely advising whether they are coming to the luncheon. So, let us tighten up on our Reservation System for the good of the Chapter. I hope I will see each of you at future luncheons. Help us to hit that goal of a minimum of 95 individuals attending luncheons, starting with next Tuesday to hear Lt Gen Campbell's presentation on Drones in today's warfare.



**Wreaths Across America** It is unacceptable that Veterans' grave sites (especially those who gave their lives defending our Country) might not have a Christmas Wreath laid at their headstones. For this reason, on 3 September, our Chapter launched "**Operation Christmas Wreaths**" to do our part in assuring that each headstone at the Dallas Ft. Worth National Cemetery will have a Christmas Wreath this December. YOU are urged to volunteer to take your child or grandchild to the Cemetery on 14 December to teach patriotism, by kneeling at the headstone and laying a Wreath. Also, YOU are urged to buy *at least one* Wreath for \$15 or three Wreaths for \$30. CPT **Barbara Butcher** has been designated as the Chapter's Chairperson for this Project. Barbara will be at the 1 October Luncheon to take your donation and/or volunteer registration, or YOU may send her an e-mail at [mightymathmama@gmail.com](mailto:mightymathmama@gmail.com) to volunteer to lay a Wreath and get the necessary information for 14 Dec 19. Also, you may mail your check to:

CPT Barbara Butcher  
7 Chisolm Trail  
Lucas, TX 75002

**Please support this Project. Let us show our respect for our deceased Veterans.**

I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, 1 October, for camaraderie, a good Lunch, and a great Speaker.

**Paul W. Brown**  
Dallas Chapter Commander

## Guest Speakers

### Speaker Programs Just Keep Getting Better

**1 Oct 19 – Lt Gen John Campbell, USAF (Ret)**  
*"Employment of Predator Drones in Afghanistan"*

**5 Nov 19 – Brig Gen Steve Roser, USAF (Ret)**  
*"Evacuation of Americans during Iran Revolution"*

**3 Dec 19 – Capt Paul Brown, Dallas Chapter Commander**  
*"Annual Chapter Christmas Banquet"*

## Officer of the Month

### Chapter salutes Dallas' Finest Officers in Blue

On 10 Sep 19, Chapter Commander *Emeritus Paul Brown* presented Officer Yvette Gonzales (Badge 9519) our Outstanding Service Citation for her selection as Dallas Police Department's Officer of the Month.

She has served with distinction while a member of Northeast Patrol Division, especially by endearing herself as a coach and mentor in the Dallas Police Athletic League. She has a special gift of compassion for fellow officers wounded in the line of duty, frequently taking time to comfort them during extended hospitalization and recovery. During the Christmas season, she can be found delivering gifts to underprivileged children in her community. Officer Gonzales is an outstanding example of why the Dallas Police Department is one of the finest in the nation.



## Companions Down

### Keep them in your thoughts & prayers

LTC Walt Capps (1933-2019)  
Walt Capps' wife, *Josie*, reminds us that the funeral service will be on Monday, 7 Oct 19, at the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, 421 Custer Rd., Richardson, TX.

Elizabeth Muse  
Ralph Muse's wife, *Liz*, has fallen and broken her hip. Call and wish her a speedy recovery.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
Walton "Walt" Harold Capps  
June 16, 1933 - September 4, 2019

Funeral Service  
Monday, October 7, 2019  
9:30 a.m.

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany

Reception following the service in Founders Hall  
Interment at the DFW National Cemetery

11000 P.M.  
(Bus transportation will be provided from Epiphany to the Interment)

# KNOW YOUR COMPANIONS

## LTC Walton H. Capps, US Army (1933-2019)

LTC Walton (Walt) Capps, USA, (Ret) graduated from the University of Missouri in 1954 and was commissioned in Air Defense Artillery.



After entering active duty, in Feb 1955, he was assigned to Ft Sill as an instructor. He soon became fixed and rotary wing qualified as a pilot.

In 1959 he was assigned to US Forces in West Germany and flew in support of V Corps Artillery for most of that tour. He was still stationed in Germany

during the Berlin Crisis and participated in exercises in preparation to repel an invasion through the Fulda Gap.

Walt attended the Advanced Course at Ft Bliss, Texas, and remained there after graduation to serve as a Battery Commander. His unit received orders to proceed to Homestead, Florida to provide Air Defense coordination in preparation for the Invasion of Cuba. Fortunately, Russia chose to withdraw, thus defusing the Cuban Missile Crisis.

After Fort Bliss, Walt was ordered to Viet Nam and was assigned to be the logistics officer (S-4) of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Battalion in Pleiku. His was the first American base to be attacked in force, during the early stages of the war.

During the Tet ceasefire on 7 Feb 1965, his unit suffered nine killed and approximately 130 wounded out of an authorized unit strength of about 230 persons.

After 11 months at Ft Rucker, he was sent back to Viet Nam. This time with the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Air Wing, at Danang. He was there during 1968 Tet Offensive, at which time Walt was the only Army officer in the Wing. He was tasked with assisting in plans for the relief of US Marines in the city of Hue and later, from the combat base in Khe Shan.

Upon his return, he was again assigned to Ft Rucker where he was Chief of the Curriculum Division, which controlled all the aircraft, money, programs of instruction, and program development for the Aviation School. His last tour was at Headquarters TRADOC, where he was Chief of the Training Literature Branch.

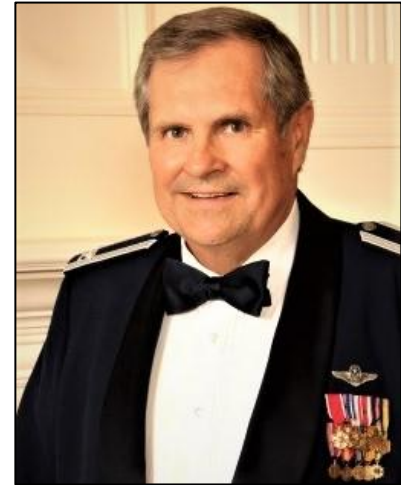
For the next 32 years, Walt sold houses in the Greater Dallas Area and immersed himself in every aspect of Dallas Chapter Outreach activities. In 2005-2006, Walt served as the Dallas Chapter Commander, for which he was designated a Chapter Commander *Emeritus*.

Walt's wife, Josie, lives in Dallas. .

## Col Richard L. Hamer, USAF, (Ret)

Col Richard (Ric) Hamer is a native Nebraskan and a 1963 graduate of Beatrice High School (In 2014, Ric received the Beatrice HS *Hall of Fame* Award).

He graduated from Peru State College with a BS degree in Business Administration. In 1968, he received an MBA degree from the University of Nebraska majoring in business organization and law. He is also a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College and the Air War College.



In 1969, Col. Hamer received his commission from Officer Training School and served in the Air Force for over 30 years. He is a veteran of the Viet Nam War, with over 200 combat missions, flying as a B-52 Radar Navigator. Some of his Air Force assignments include B-52 bombardment squadron operations officer, commander of aircraft avionics maintenance and aircraft organizational maintenance squadrons. In a final assignment he was Director of Combat Plans at Headquarters, Strategic Air Command. Also served as Air War College course director and Base Commander, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama.

Col. Hamer retired from active duty in 1999 and has been the Director of Business Development and General Manager for a property management company in the Dallas area ever since. He is currently retired from *paid* employment. He is a past Director of the Greater Dallas Military Foundation and was the Chairman of the Dallas Military Ball, in 2012 and 2016.

He is the former President of the Seidel Chapter of the Air Force Association and past Chairman for the Texas Aerospace Education Foundation. He is also Vice President for Aerospace Education for the Texas-Oklahoma Region of the Air Force Association.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements, he received the Air Force Association's Texas Member of the Year Award in 2012 and the Air Force Association's Chairman Citation, in 2017.

Col. Hamer believes in giving something back to the community by serving with non-profit organizations that make a difference in young peoples' lives, which is what motivated him to become a Companion in the Dallas Chapter of MOWW.

Ric, and his wife, Carolyn, live in Frisco, TX.

# Happy Birthday, Companions!

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



1 October	Lawrence L. Anderson
1 October	LT Thomas E. Hartin
2 October	MS Gayle D. Westapher
7 October	MR Clifford D. Way, Jr
10 October	Capt John B. Belvin III
10 October	CAPT Scott O’Grady
11 October	RADM Bob Smith
12 October	Col Joseph L. Cordina
12 October	Capt John M. Hayes
12 October	Capt James M. Malakoff
12 October	MR Kenneth A. Mayfield
12 October	MR Scott Morris
12 October	LCDR Larry Wilcock
14 October	COL Clifford D. Way
16 October	LCDR Ben J. Petrick
16 October	LTG Ricardo Sanchez
18 October	CPT Jeffrey D. Butcher
18 October	Lt Col William H. Whitten
21 October	MRS Tracy K. Fisher
22 October	LtCol Mike W. Menefee
23 October	CHAP Mark R. Johnston
24 October	MAJ David A. Kidd
25 October	Capt David Pickett
27 October	HPM Joanne Epply-Schmidt
28 October	LTC Michael S. Christians
28 October	MRS Catherine Hogan
29 October	MAJ James Hamlin, Jr
31 October	MR Jeremy Moore
31 October	COL Larry Patterson

## To cherish the Memories...

### Operation Christmas Wreaths

As Paul said, in his Commander’s Corner, we are making plans to join the national effort to lay a wreath on *every* Veteran’s headstone during the Christmas holidays.

Dallas Companion Barbara Butcher has volunteered to take the lead in organizing the event for our chapter.



*There are two ways to participate (we hope you will do **both**):*

1. Participate in the laying of the **Laying wreaths at DFW, last December** wreaths, on 14 Dec 19, at 11:00 am, at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. Make it a family outing. Bring your grandchildren and encourage their involvement.
2. Donate \$15 for a wreath (3 for \$30!)



Cash or checks may be given to Barbara Butcher (payable to **Wreaths Across America**) at our October or November luncheons, or mailed to her at:

**Barbara Butcher, 7 Chisholm Trail, Lucas, TX 75002.**

### **Attention Chapter Staff:**

The Chapter Staff meeting will be held on Thursday, 17 Oct 19, at 1:30 p.m. in the Frontiers of Flight Museum at Love Field.

# Chapter Activities in the month of September



Chapter Commander Capt Paul Brown presented plaques to four corporate leaders who assisted our fund-raising drive to support Youth Conferences and this year's chapter activities.



In September, CPT Barbara Butcher recruited two dozen Companions to participate in Operation Christmas Wreaths. She's looking for 24 more.



These Cadets excelled during the summer JROTC Leadership Training programs. (left to right) **ARMY**: Jessica De Los Santos (Adams HS), Marcela Landin (Jefferson HS), Aili Rosen (Mesquite HS), **NAVY**: Ben Butcher (Greenville) **AIR FORCE**: Quinlyn Martin (Denton HS), and Colin Smith (Braswell HS). **Congratulations, Cadets!**



The Top YLC Students are: James Barta (*Plano East*), Edward Jubera (*Wilson*), Jasmine Bellotte (*Greenville*), Nicolas Reyes (*Coppell*), Haley, and her twin sister, Erin Murray (*Richardson*), Benjamin Wang (*Coppell*), Paige Sanders (*Sunnyvale*), Daniel Jungerman (*Plano East*), Aria Morgan (*Garland*), Hector Natividad (*Guyer*) and Maximillian Safranek (*Denton*). These outstanding students will return to their Youth Leadership Conferences next summer, as Youth Counselors, to share their leadership experiences and mentor next year's winners.



**Be Strong and Courageous**

According to Scripture (Jha. 1), God spoke these words to Joshua, three times in succession, when appointing Joshua to lead the people following the death of Moses. Talk about a leadership challenge!

As Companions, we live our lives according to deeply held, deeply noble beliefs, but not all in our society share these beliefs.

We may be tempted to just hate such people, or to simply go along to get along. Appealing as these options may be, they are cowardly ways out.

In Proverbs, we are told “Guard your heart above all else, for everything you do flows from it.”

To hate another person is to allow corrosion into your heart, and to stain what God intends to be holy. That is why Jesus commanded us to love our enemies, and to pray for those who persecute us. (Mt 4:23)

At the same time, we have a responsibility to those among us, and to those who will follow, to stand up for what is right and noble, even in the face of sacrifice and hardship.

May we encourage one another to be strong and courageous leaders, unwavering in conviction and unsullied in heart.

*Jamie Malakoff*  
*Dallas Chapter Chaplain*

**Gold Star Parents honored**

Dallas Chapter Perpetual Companion, Brigadier General **Larry Patterson** was the keynote Speaker at the September luncheon for families who have lost a loved one, killed in action.



These Gold Star Parents are also honored by our chapter, in November, during our *Dallas Veterans*



**Day Parade.** With troops currently deployed in combat throughout the Middle East, and now in Africa, the ranks of the Gold Star parents sadly continue to grow larger.

**Eagle Scout Parents honored**

Companion **Bill Farmer** is now *farmer* Bill Farmer, since he moved into his farm in the country.



**Bill continues to Chair our Scouting program by presenting dozens of MOWW Eagle Scout Citations, each month**

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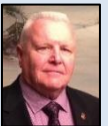
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