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Dallas Military Order News



Best Chapter Newsletter in the Nation

December 2019



Despite threats of rain, temperatures in the low 30's and a 40-knot wind, the Dallas Veterans Day Parade came off without a hitch. Passing the Reviewing Stand at City Hall are members of the 500 strong Coppell Cowboys Band, one of 124 units who celebrated the nation's Veterans.

This Month's Program, December 2019

Dallas Chapter Christmas Holiday Gala

We are approaching the Holiday Season and to celebrate, we are planning a Holiday Gala to end all Galas, on Tuesday evening, **3 Dec 19**. We will commence at **1700** hrs with a Social Hour and Silent Auction to be followed by Supper at **1800** hrs. The highlight of the evening will feature a very Special Entertainment program.

The evening is Formal. So, Ladies, get out your finest dresses and Gentlemen dust off your Dress Blues, Tuxedos or Best Business Attire. I urge you to make your reservations early because the Park City Club capacity is 180 persons and we expect a capacity attendance.



The evening's entertainment will feature the famous *Liberty Ladies USO Show Troupe*, who will sing and dance to Christmas Songs that everyone loves.

Finally, please remember that we are asking you to bring at least one unwrapped toy (<\$25) to go under the Christmas Tree.

This year, the gifts will be divided between Roger Staubach's *Allies in Service* – to aid families recently separated from Military Service who do not have money for toys for their children and to Jerry Jochum's *SF Assoc.* - for children of the Vietnamese Montagnards, who were forced to flee Vietnam because they had fought alongside US Special Forces.

Next Month's Program, January 2019

To Educate, Inspire, and Honor

Our speaker in January will be **CDR Hank Coates**, the CEO of the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) in Dallas and a former 22-year veteran of the U.S. Navy.

His military and civilian background has brought him to the leadership position of this unique organization, which is formed (like MOWW), with an international presence and an inspirational vision.

The CAF mission of "Educate, Inspire, and Honor" aligns with all MOWW programs, notably the efforts that are currently underway by the CAF to build a National Aviation and Education Center is an outstanding example of their support for Youth and Military History Education.



The National Aviation and Education Center will leverage amazing equipment and living history to educate and inspire young people while honoring all veterans and all those who sacrificed to support their service.

Plan on attending on Tuesday, 7 January 2020, to hear the remarkable story of the Commemorative Air Force and consider bringing your children and grandchildren.



Commander's Corner

MY FELLOW COMPANIONS. Today, I want to talk with you about the conditions precedent and requirements for the award of the prestigious designation of "*Chapter Commander Emeritus*".

At the end of a Commander's Term, all Chapter Commanders are required to submit an entry, based on the past year's performance to compete for the General of the Armies John J Pershing Award as **Best MOWW Chapter** in the Nation.

The Dallas Chapter Bylaws provide that the title of *Chapter Commander Emeritus* may be awarded only to an individual who was in command of the Chapter during the period for which the Chapter earned the Best Chapter Award. If this condition is met, the Bylaws also require that this Title shall be awarded only if confirmed by two-thirds of the elected staff at a regular Staff Meeting.

The Dallas Chapter was not selected by the National Award Committee as the **Best Chapter** for FY 2018-19, nor did it place in any of the runner-up positions. However, the Dallas Chapter did receive Awards in four Outreach program areas:

CONGRATULATIONS to these Companions for their outstanding performance in these areas:

Best Scouting Program Award
(Chairperson: Hereditary William Farmer)

Best Patriotic Education Program Award
(Chairperson: Col. Cliff Way)

Best Information & Publicity Program Award
(Chairperson: LTC Don Munson)

Best Chapter Newsletter Award
(Chairperson: LTC Don Munson)

2nd Best ROTC Program Award
(Chairperson: LTC Russell Hooper)

Wreaths Across America Because of your generosity, we exceeded our primary goal of funding 100 Christmas Wreaths to be laid at Veteran's Headstones in the Dallas Ft Worth National Cemetery - by funding **165** wreaths. The Wreaths will be placed on **Saturday, 14 Dec 19**, and you are urged to volunteer. Better yet, bring your children or grandchildren to the Cemetery for a patriotic teaching moment by kneeling at a headstone with them and laying a Wreath.

CONGRATULATIONS to each of you for your generosity and to CPT Barbara Butcher for her outstanding performance as the Chapter's Chairperson for this Project.



Paul W. Brown
Dallas Chapter Commander Emeritus

Guest Speakers

Speaker Programs Just Keep Getting Better

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

7 Jan 20 – CDR Hank Oates, CEO, Commemorative Air Force
"CAF Mission & Youth Development Programs"

4 Feb 20 – Lieutenant Caroline (Jet Girl) Johnson, US Navy
"Breaking the Glass Ceiling -- at Mach 2"

3 Mar 20 – Col. Ken Cordier, USAF (Ret)
"Memories of the Hanoi Hilton"

Officer of the Month

Chapter salutes Dallas' Finest Officers in Blue

On 14 Nov 19, Chapter Commander **Paul Brown** presented Sergeant John Nash (Badge 6386) our Outstanding Service Citation for his selection as Dallas Police Department's Officer of the Month.

John has served with distinction for 29 years, currently in the Fugitives Unit, as a front-line Supervisor conducting operations to apprehend violent fugitives who have been involved in murder, robbery, aggravated assault, and aggravated sex crimes. He and his unit cover the most dangerous aspects of police enforcement. In 2018 alone, his unit arrested 896 hard core felons. By his superb leadership and brilliant decision-making, Sergeant Nash is an outstanding example of why the Dallas Police Department is one of the finest in the nation.



Remember to come and participate in Wreaths Across America at the DFW National Veterans Cemetery, Saturday, 14 December 2019. Plan to arrive before noon. There will be a large crowd from all across the Metroplex.

KNOW YOUR COMPANIONS

LTC James Megellas, US Army (Ret)

Lieutenant Colonel James (Maggie) Megellas was honored on Veterans Day by his selection to be a Grand Marshal of the Greater Dallas Veterans Day Parade.



LTC Megellas, a Dallas Chapter Perpetual Companion, is the most decorated officer in the history of the famous 82nd Airborne Division.

Maggie was awarded the Distinguished Service

Cross, the nation's second highest award, as well as two Silver Stars, two Bronze Stars (for Valor) and two Purple Hearts, in addition to a chest full of other US and International awards. Major General James Gavin, [then] Commanding General of the Division, personally presented him with the *Orange Lanyard of the Military Order of Wilhelm*, an honor bestowed by the Royal Dutch Ministry of War.

His most notable battles were the beach landings at Anzio, in the Italian mountains near Naples, his parachute jump into Holland during *Operation Market-Garden* and the Battle of the Bulge.

It was during combat operations in Holland that Maggie led his unit in the famous crossing of the Waal River, under heavy German machine gun fire, in broad daylight, that he was cited for the heroism that led to his receiving the Distinguished Service Cross. The incident was reenacted in the movie: "*A Bridge Too Far*", with actor Robert Redford portraying Maggie.

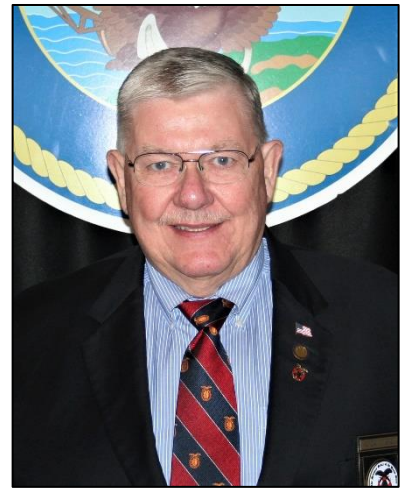
For his leadership and heroism in capturing the town of Herresbach, Belgium, then Lieutenant Megellas was recommended to receive the Medal of Honor. His book, "*All The Way – to Berlin*", provides a vivid account of his incredible experiences.

Maggie is now **103** years young. Nevertheless, well into his 90's he visited with paratroopers of his old unit, the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, in Afghanistan. He stopped in Holland on his way home, to speak to the City Council and citizens of Herresbach, who showered him with praise and gratitude.

Maggie, a national treasure, lives in Colleyville, TX.

First Lieutenant David Iverson, US Army

David Iverson is a graduate of the University of South Dakota. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Transportation Corps and was assigned to Headquarters, Army Material Command in the Management Information Systems Directorate in Washington DC. He then served four years in the Army Reserves as a mobilization officer assigned to HQ, Army Material Command.



On active duty, he participated in computer operations reviews of installation software and hardware equipment as well as assessments of computer systems and software productivity. He also participated in logistical studies of numerous stateside US Army depots.

His most interesting experience while serving in the Military District of Washington, came while working on a counter-intelligence operation with the FBI, gathering evidence on a US citizen, who was supplying information to a Russian diplomat.

His civilian career began in Chicago in Information Technology (IT). He continued to work in a variety of IT positions until he retired in 2018. His employment included time with CNA Insurance, IBM, and State Farm.

David also owned an IT Consulting firm for 7 years, consulting on database development and data analytics. At State Farm, he was the Texas Area Lead for State Farm's Military Affinity Group (MAG), an employee resource group, and a Data Architect. After his retirement on December 31, 2018, David was elected to the board of the Greater Dallas Veterans Foundation and is a member of the Veterans Day Parade Planning committee.

In retirement, David is very active in the local church and continues to serve our veterans and numerous national men's ministry organizations.

David and his wife, Maureen, live in Wylie. They have 5 grown daughters and 11 grandchildren. When not involved with family or volunteer activities, he spends his spare time in his workshop wood working, and on occasional hunting trips.

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
10 December	LT John Gibson
11 December	RADM Cub Amos
13 December	HPM Jacob Paleschic
16 December	LT Robert Betts
17 December	MAJ James Meiseman
17 December	HRM Jeff Stevens
18 December	CWO5 Quint Avenetti
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
24 December	COL Ralph Smith
28 December	2LT Brandon Hern
28 December	LT Tommie Williams
29 December	LTC Russell Hooper
31 December	COL Steve Minear



Scouts of America (formerly BSA)

Lone Star Council leads the way

Dallas Companion Bill Farmer continues to sit on three North Texas Scouting Councils: Lone Star, Circle 10, and Longhorn. Each of these three Councils are among the most active and growing Councils in the country. While membership has declined in recent years due to certain controversial policy changes, the Councils of Texas are pushing against the tide.

Demonstrating his deep-seated love of the ideals of Scouting, Bill continues to attend dozens of Scout Troop Courts of Honor, each month, to award new Eagle Scouts with the MOWW Certificate of Achievement. As last year’s statistics reveal, this has resulted in requiring him to prepare, *literally*, several hundred Citations, annually.

A three-finger Scout salute to Bill Farmer, whose popularity with his young charges led to his recognition by the Order of the Arrow for their highest honor, the **Order of Vigil** and given the prestigious Indian name: “*Mikanakawa*” (the Thunderbird).



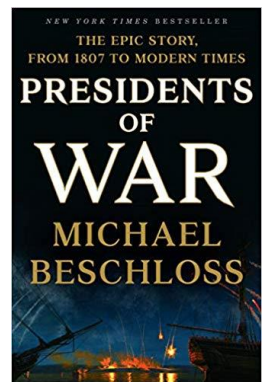
35 young Scouts from the Lone Star Council received their Eagle awards in November. They proudly display Citations from the Dallas Chapter of MOWW.

Military Book Club Seminars

The Power of Wartime Presidents

Dallas Companions are invited to attend the monthly gathering of anyone interested in hearing a seminar on another New York Times Bestseller pertaining to war, international conflicts, and military history.

The group will meet at the Hills of Prestonwood Country Club (6600 Columbine Way, Plano) at 7:15 a.m., on 5 Dec 19. For more information contact: macabee1948@gmail.com.



Attention Chapter Staff:

The Chapter Staff meeting will be held on Thursday, 19 Dec 19, at 1:30 p.m. in the Park City Club

Chapter Activities in the month of November



Chapter Commander Paul Brown presented a Citation to BG Steve Roser, former Wing Commander at three of the largest US Air Force bases in the country



Congratulations to Companion Pat Teipel for Chairing one of the best Dallas Veterans Day Parades in years.



Barbara Butcher brought DAR Regent Carole Campbell to the Luncheon to show our appreciation for the partnership with the DAR, in raising money to purchase Wreaths for Saturday, 14 Dec 19



The Chapter inducted 2 new Perpetual Companions: MAJ Doug Gagliano sponsored LT David Iverson and LTC Don Munson sponsored CDR Kurt Richter



Correction: It was Paul who presented a check **to** Mike Davis, General Manager of the Park City Club, for his support of the *Allies in Service* program and the Club's support of Veterans and their families



Correction: MG Al Zapanta's Guest, Genevieve Collins is a candidate for a Congressional seat, not a City Council seat, as reported. Our apologies.



The Greatest Gift

The prophet Isaiah foretold the giving of God's greatest gift -- His only begotten son. He said, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a child is given." (Isaiah 9:6)

Jesus of Nazareth is the most notable figure in the pages of history. His birthday gave the world a new era, dividing the past from the future at a focal point.

His spirit has given the world its most immortal paintings. His love has inspired the world's masterpieces of art, sculpture, and music. His influence has inspired the world's greatest philanthropies.

More books have been written about Him than have been written about all the Kings who have ruled from earthly thrones.

He is truly God's greatest gift to mankind. Let us celebrate his birth at this season of the year.

*Jamie Malakoff
Dallas Chapter Chaplain*



The Fall of IRAN, 1979

Brigadier General Steve Roser mesmerized the chapter by recounting a little-known incident that occurred during the Fall of the Iranian Monarchy and the takeover of the US Embassy in Teheran.

Acting on minimal clearances and dubious authorizations, he and his crew of a US Air Force cargo aircraft landed at a remote airstrip of Teheran International airport, loaded his plane with more US and Iranian citizens than his crew chief could count and flew below Iranian radar to the nearest NATO airfield in Europe under the warning lights of dangerously low fuel.

It was a classic example of what he calls the "non-lethal" use of the US Air Force to influence crisis events.



Best Wing Commander couple in the US Air Force

Brig Gen Steve Roser retired from the United States Air Force in 1999 after serving 29 years on active duty. He is a command pilot with over 4,000 hours of flying time in both rotary and fixed wing aircraft. His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross and three Air Medals earned in combat during the Vietnam War, flying the CH-3E. He was the Wing Commander of Bolling AFB, Charleston AFB, and Travis AFB.

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.

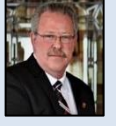
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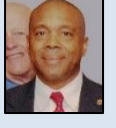
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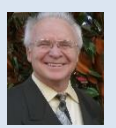
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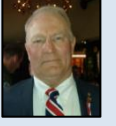
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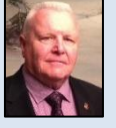
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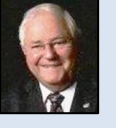
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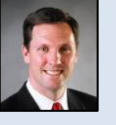
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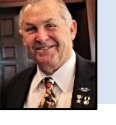
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The Military Order of the World Wars



Dallas Chapter

The Companions and Officers

of the Dallas Chapter

cordially invite

all MOWW Companions and their guests

to attend the

Annual Christmas Gala Dinner & Entertainment

Park Cities Club

5956 Sherry lane, Dallas Texas 75225

In the Skyline Room on the 17th floor

Tuesday December 3, 2019

1700 hours cocktails

1800 dinner

Dress Blue Uniform, Tuxedo, or Business Attire

RSVP with Check by mail to:

[MAJ Bill Coleman](#)

381 Casa Linda Plaza # 148

Dallas, TX 75218

Cut off this Portion and mail with Payment

MOWW Christmas Gala Dinner & Entertainment

Rank & name _____

Spouse's Name _____

Guest name(s) _____

(Qty)

Indicate Choice of Entrée: ___ Petite Tender Beef Medallions & Grilled Shrimp with Mushroom Sauce
 ___ Grilled Atlantic Salmon Filet & Grilled Shrimp with Citrus Beurre Blanc
 ___ Prosciutto Parmesan Chicken Breast - Mushrooms & Sundried Tomatoes

(Please identify how many of *each* choice of Entrée)

Make check payable to Dallas MOWW \$60.00 per person

Total: _____

Mail Registration Form & Check to: MAJ Bill Coleman 381 Casa Linda Plaza #148 Dallas, TX 75218

SEATING MAY BE RESERVED FOR YOU AND YOUR GUESTS FOR THOSE RESERVATIONS THAT ARE RECEIVED ALONG WITH PAYMENT NO LATER THAN MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2019. AFTER THAT DATE, IT WILL BE OPEN SEATING AS AVAILABLE.