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Installation of the Incoming Commander and Staff for FY 2020. (L to R) LTC Don Munson, CPT Jamie Malakoff, HPM Pat Teipel, LTC Russ Hooper, LT Chuck Daniels, and Col Mark Kipphut. Standing at Attention, far right, awaiting his Oath of Office, is our new Chapter Commander, Capt Paul Warren Brown. Paul commanded the chapter in FY 2017 and is a Chapter Commander Emeritus.

This Month's Program, July 2019

"America: Our Country - with a Will to Win"

Pete Sessions has served his country for much of his adult life.

In 1993, he left his job with Southwestern Bell to run for Congress against incumbent **John Bryant**. He toured the district with a trailer full of horse manure, claiming that the current Administration's health care plan smelled worse than the manure. He won the next 11 elections.



Then Commander John Hayes inducted Pete Sessions into the Dallas Chapter in 2007. Senior Vice Commander Wes Gross prepares to present Pete with his Perpetual membership Citation

In 2004, he defeated 13-term, **incumbent** Martin Frost. At the time, it was considered the most expensive U.S. House race in the nation and featured a claim by Frost that in college Pete was involved in a streaking incident, which probably won Pete an avalanche of votes.

In 2010, Pete ran the National Congressional Committee when the GOP gained a stunning **63** seats in the House.

In 2016, Pete ran against NFL linebacker, Collin Allred. Allred spent nearly \$5.8 million, while Pete raised and spent nearly \$4.9 million. It was another "most expensive race ever".

Pete is a native Texan. Texans don't quit. It is highly unlikely that we have seen the last of his Public Service.

Next Month's Program, August 2019

"Texas: Our State - a Model for the Nation"

Texas Senator Robert Lee Hall (R, Dist. 2) will speak on his efforts to create greater energy security in Texas by protecting the Texas Energy Grid against Elector-Magnetic Pulse (EMP) attacks.

Sen. Hall graduated in 1960 with honors from Chamberlain High School in Tampa, Florida. He is an Eagle Scout.

In 1964, Hall received a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina.

Upon graduation, Bob received a commission in the US Air Force. At The Citadel, he was cited in *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*.

His first assignment on active duty was developing Minuteman missiles, at Norton AFB, CA. In 1975, he resigned his commission at the rank of Captain.

His legislative ratings are A+ (100%) from Texans for Fiscal Responsibility, Texas Faith and Family Values, and Texans for Right to Life.



State Senator Robert Hall represents District 2, which includes north-east Dallas and large parts of the counties of East Texas.

Commander's Corner

MY FELLOW COMPANIONS. If you missed the June Installation Dinner, you missed a wonderful evening. Your staff officers conducted an outstanding Memorial Ceremony for our 5 Fallen Companions, ending with a moving rendition of “Taps”. The Installation Ceremony conducted by Past CINC, Capt. John Hayes, was an impressive military ceremony to witness (see the photo on page one).



Your new Staff has been installed and now is running “Double Time” to provide you with a Great Year for our Chapter to continue the vision of our founder, General of the Armies John J. Pershing.

Now, I ask you to respond by *participating*. Our average attendance at luncheons has dropped from over 90 to our current average of 65. In FY 2017, I made a deal with the Park City Club to provide us with the MAIN Dining Room for our meetings - in exchange for maintaining our high attendance. The Club normally requires a minimum of 100 attendees, or else, groups must use the smaller Dining Room. The smaller rooms are not conducive to Speakers or Visual Presentations.

The Club has lived up to its end of the bargain, but we **HAVE NOT!** The Club cannot be asked to continue to do so indefinitely. **SO, IT IS UP TO YOU.** When you took the Oath as a Companion, you swore to support our Chapter. The Marine Corps says it only needs a “few good men”. Well, your Chapter needs each of you to be one of those good men. We need each of you to be a “**GOOD COMPANION**”. So, please make your reservations on time and show up (if you don’t show, we must pay for your lunch and, up to now, we have never charged you).

This year the Meetings will commence at **1200** hrs and end no later than 1300 hrs. The Buffet Line will open at 1130 hrs, if you want to come early.

I hope to see you on Tuesday for camaraderie, good lunch, and a great Speaker.


Paul W. Brown
Dallas Chapter Commander

Guest Speakers

Speaker Programs Just Keep Getting Better

2 Jul 19 – Hon. Pete Sessions, Fmr. US Congressman
“America: Our Country – with a Will to Win”

6 Aug 19 – Senator Robert Hall, (TX, District 2)
“The 86th Texas Congress: Leading the Nation”

3 Sep 19 – Capt Paul Brown, Dallas Chapter Commander
“Silver Patrick Henry awards to Top YLC students”

1 Oct 19 – Paul Brown, Dallas Chapter Commander
“Silver Patrick Henry to Top JROTC Cadets”

5 Nov 19 – LTG John Campbell, USAF (Ret)
“Employment of Predator Drones in Afghanistan”

3 Dec 19 – Capt Paul Brown, Dallas Chapter Commander
“Annual Tri-Chapter Christmas Banquet”

Officer of the Month

Chapter salutes Dallas' Finest Officers in Blue

On 12 Jun 19, Chapter Commander *Emeritus Paul Brown* presented Detective Ron Kramer (Badge 7967) our Outstanding Service Citation for his selection as Dallas Police Department’s Officer of the Month.



As a member of the *Investigative Unit* of the Southeast Division, he has been responsible for recovering property valued in excess of \$250,000. His thorough investigations and superior interrogations often lead to multiple arrests and felony convictions. His community involvement includes participation in the Texas Police Olympics and coaching Little League baseball.

Commander Paul Brown presented our Outstanding Service Citation to Detective Ron Kramer. At right is his wife, Stephanie.

Detective Kramer is an outstanding example of why the Dallas Police Department is one of the finest in the nation.

Attention Chapter Staff:

The Chapter Command and Staff meeting will be held on Thursday, 18 Jul 19, at 1:30 p.m. in the Frontiers of Flight Museum at Love Field.

KNOW YOUR COMPANIONS

HPM Peter A. Sessions, Hereditary Perpetual

Former US Representative Pete Sessions will speak on his vision of the United States of America in the future and the current state of our divided Congress.



Pete served in the U.S. House of Representatives for 11 terms, as a member of the Republican Party and is a former chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee. In 2012, Pete was named chairman of the House Rules Committee for

the 113th Congress by Speaker of the House John Boehner. He served as the chairman of the House Rules Committee from 2013 until 2019, when he was defeated for re-election by Democrat Colin Allred, in the November 2018 election.

Pete is a native Texan. He was born March 22, 1955 in Waco, Texas, the son of Alice (née Lewis) and William Steele Sessions, the former director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He grew up in Waco and in the suburbs of Washington, DC. He graduated from Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, in 1978, where he was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. He worked for Southwestern Bell for 16 years and rose to the rank of district manager for marketing in Dallas.

In 2004, the Boy Scouts of America recognized Pete as a "Distinguished Eagle Scout". He holds a position on the Circle Ten Council of the BSA. Both of his sons are Eagle Scouts and are also active in scouting.

In February 1984, Pete married Juanita "Nete" Diaz. In August 2011, they divorced after 27 years of marriage. Twelve months later, Pete married Karen Diebel, a former congressional candidate from Florida.

Pete is a Hereditary Perpetual Companion of the Military Order of World Wars and a member of the Dallas Chapter.

LTC Charles S. Chamberlin, US Army

On 10 August 2019, Chuck Chamberlin will be installed as the *Commander-in-Chief* of the Military Order of the World Wars, during the MOWW National Convention.

Chuck is a 1960 Distinguished Military Graduate of Texas A&M University, receiving a BS degree in Industrial Engineering 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 101st Airborne Division, Ft. Knox, KY; and as a Signal Company Commander in the 10th Special Forces Group in Bad Tolz, Germany and 5th 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 9th 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 2nd 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 Chair of the Council of Area Commanders. He is a recipient of both the Silver and the Gold Patrick Henry Awards for Patriotic Achievement.

Chuck and his wife, Adele, live in Fairview, TX.

Happy Birthday, Companions!

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

3 July	MajGen James Williams
4 July	LTC Terrell Hoebeke
4 July	COL Reynaldo Rodriguez
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5 July	Capt Michael G. Petridis
6 July	LTG Rick Lynch
7 July	COL Rodney P. Reed
7 July	CW4 James E. Tew, Jr
10 July	LT Keith L. Griffitts
10 July	CWO4 Jacques B. Lorraine
11 July	Capt Tomasz Nowak
15 July	COL George F. Germond
15 July	BG Terry L. Holden
18 July	Miss Caroline J. Paleschic
23 July	Lt Col James W. Haskell
23 July	CAPT Marc Liebman
24 July	LT Walter Laidlaw
24 July	MRS Diane L. Schmidt
26 July	LTC Bonnie Sweitzer
27 July	LTC Gerald Vokolek
28 July	MAJ Joseph K. Merton
29 July	Capt W. Lyle Mueller
30 July	COL Raymond L. Foster



Scouting

Bill sets (another) new Scouting record

No person in Texas gives more to Scouting than Dallas Companion **Bill Farmer**. His prodigious contributions to Boy and Girl Scouts, for over fifty years, continues to set new standards. This month, Bill, who is the District



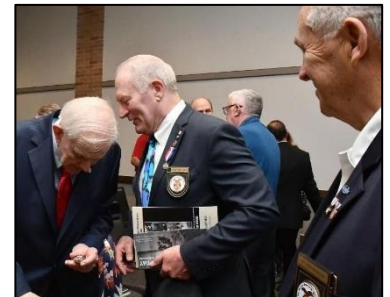
Commissioner for the Brazos Valley Council, travelled to Salt Lake City to attend a BSA Summer Camp. While there, he awarded **146** MOWW Scout Certificates to new **Eagle Scouts** from Texas and Utah, and a host of other Districts.

Monuments & Memorials

Commemorating D-Day, 6 June 1944

Companions of the Dallas Chapter joined forces with Mrs. Cindy Thomas, granddaughter of a World War II veteran of the invasion of Normandy, to honor Fallen Texans.

A dozen Eagle Scouts from Circle 10 Council each read a brief biography recounting the military unit of a Texan soldier, sailor, airman, or marine who died during the D-Day invasion. Following the ceremony, Dallas Companion Pat Teipel, who is Chairman of this year's Dallas Veterans Day Parade, presented a commemorative coin to US Congressman Sam Johnson.



HPM Pat Teipel presented a D-Day commemorative coin to US Rep. Sam Johnson

Information & Publicity

Click on the link to check out these Websites

www.dallasmoww.org – This is a *new* version of the Dallas Chapter website. It provides information pertaining to members, chapter activities, and the many “extra-curricular” events sponsored by the Chapter.

www.moww.org – This is the Home page for the National Headquarters of the Military Order of World Wars. It provides access to the MOWW store, rosters, Officer Review magazine, and chapter’s newsletters.

www.vetsdayindallas.org – This is the home page of the Veterans Day Parade in Texas (one of the largest in the country) held, every year, on the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month. The Parade is organized and executed, *predominantly*, by Dallas Chapter Companions.

Chapter Activities in the month of June



LTC Blunk presented a Silver Patrick Henry plaque to LTC Russ Hooper for his decades of support of JROTC programs



Capt Paul Brown took the Oath of Office, and thus became the 73rd Commander of the Dallas Chapter



Jennifer Cafferata presented a check for \$1500 to sponsor students attending one of our Youth Leadership Conferences



LTC Blunk surprised CPT John Wagner by awarding him a Silver Patrick Henry for his awesome work with the Call Cmte



Outgoing Commander Jim Blunk paid a heartfelt tribute to Companion Maurine Dickey for her years of devotion to MOWW



LTC Don Munson received a plaque for his many years of work in Youth Conferences, Newsletters, and staff assistance.



Paul's wife, Cathy, invests him with the MOWW neck ribbon denoting his return as our Chapter Commander



Jim concluded the evening by proposing a series of Toasts. His last toast was to the Ladies, whom we adore.

The Chaplain's Message



As far as East is from the West

Each of us falls short of God's glory. Yet, too many of us (myself included!) cast judgement on ourselves or on others for failing to measure up. This shame and judgement are not what God desires.

"For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who worship him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us." (Psalm 103)

In Scripture, God often uses parables from nature to teach spiritual lessons. It makes sense that the natural and the supernatural would parallel one another, since both come from the mind of the same Creator.

Harvests do not come the day after planting. Neither do we grow physically or mentally in a day. In due time, the crop comes, the body matures, and mental faculties develop.

Our spiritual lives are no different. Demanding too much, too soon, of ourselves or others is similar to demanding your body grow to maturity faster than the 20 years nature has allotted.

Our God is not a God of quick fixes or instant solutions. He is a patient God who works very deliberately, deeply, and thoroughly in each one of us. What he wants from each of us is to stay the course in our pursuit of Him, always coming back when we fail, and always looking on others with understanding, as He does on us.

Jamie Malakoff

Dallas Chapter Chaplain

Supporting Tomorrow's Leaders

Hundreds receive Scholarships

Dallas Chapter Perpetual Companion COL [img alt="Portrait of COL Jeff" data-bbox="838 65 900 125"], Lt, US Army (Ret) is the National Chairman of Army Scholarship Foundation.

Jeff and his wife are the driving forces behind the effort to raise \$50 million, each year, which is then distributed to students seeking to complete undergraduate degrees.

This year more than 350 students submitted applications to qualify for one of the no-strings-attached **grants** given by the Foundation.

The single requirement to seek the Scholarship funding is that the student must be the child or grandchild of a military veteran.



Last month, Jeff assembled a house full of AUSA, MOAA, MOWW, USMAA, and other military organization volunteers, who evaluated the applications in order to establish degrees of need and potential, based on a detailed checklist of academic & extracurricular criteria.



Each application was evaluated and reviewed by a minimum of three different retired military officers.

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