



Dallas Military Order News

Merry Christmas



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Best Large Chapter in the Nation

December 2018



Veterans Day 2017 witnessed a visit to Dallas by the Chief of Staff of the Army, General Mark Milley, but on Veterans Day 2018, the weather failed to cooperate. With predictions of ice, snow, and 40 knot winds, the Parade was cancelled for the first time in 15 years. Dignitaries convened at Dallas City Hall to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the End of World War I with Consul General representatives from England, France, Canada, and Italy.

This month's Program, December 2018

Christmas Banquet: Social Event of the Year

If you have not yet submitted a completed Reservation Form to (bill.coleman@php-agent.com), please do so NOW. The Park City Club needs our "Headcount" in order to set up the proper number of tables and prepare the proper number of meals.

(The Form is on Page 7 of this Newsletter).

Our Christmas Banquets are traditionally packed house affairs, since these holiday gatherings include wives, special guests, invited dignitaries, and festive entertainment.

Please bring a gift for an underprivileged child (ages 4-10). We ask that the gifts be "unwrapped" (to allow *Santa Claus* to determine age and gender appropriate recipients).



The elegant Park City Club will once again host our Black Tie Christmas Banquet for the Officers and Ladies of the Dallas Chapter and their Guests, with the Dallas skyline illuminating the horizon.

Commander's Christmas Greetings

Christmas: Faith, Family, & Fellowship



Your Staff and I are planning for this year's Christmas Banquet to be the pinnacle of a year of outstanding achievements.

Our evening will begin at 1700 hrs, with a social hour, followed by a Call to Dine. After our traditional opening ceremonies, we will be serenaded by a wonderfully gifted chorus of young men and women from Rockwall High School, singing songs of the holiday season.



Among numerous Distinguished Guests for the evening, we will honor the Dallas Community Police Appreciation Council (DCPAC) Officer of the Month. A host of fellow Dallas Police officers will also attend. Please extend best wishes to these men and women in Blue who so richly deserve our admiration and support.

Merry Christmas, one and all. Remember that He is the reason for the season. My wish is for all of you to enjoy Health, Wealth, and Happiness throughout the coming New Year.

Please bring an unwrapped toy or animal for a child who will otherwise miss out on the magic of Christmas.



To cherish the memories ...

A Special Time (and Way) for Remembering

Wreaths Across America is a program to honor and remember veterans by laying memorial wreaths at National Cemeteries throughout the United States.

The Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery activities will begin on **Saturday, 15 December 2018**. All Companions are invited to attend the 11:00 a.m. ceremony at Dallas-Ft. Worth National Cemetery (2000 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas, TX).



If you wish to lay a wreath, plan to arrive as early as 9:00 a.m.

Tens of thousands of wreaths will be laid in cemeteries throughout the nation.

You can also participate by *sponsoring* a wreath, which may be purchased, on-line, (for \$15.00) at: <http://www.dfwreaths.com/>. This website is specifically for the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. You may pay by cash or check to Dallas Companion Barbara Butcher. Make your check payable to “*Wreaths Across America*”.

For more information contact Barbara at **972-333-0924** (or send her an email at: mightymathmama@gmail.com)

Fundraising

Attention All Golfing Fanatics

Plans are already underway to organize and conduct our *2nd Annual Patriot's Golf Tournament* fundraiser. Last year's effort resulted in a Net Profit in excess of \$20,000, which enabled us to send a record number of students to our MOWW Youth Leadership Conferences – and still have a few shekels to support Scout & ROTC programs.



The event is fun and profitable, but it requires many hours of volunteer participation. Please contact the Chair of this year's Golf Committee, Senior Vice Commander, LT (USMC)

Tommie Williams and offer to help in some capacity.

You can reach Tommie at **972-955-8571**. He is awaiting your call. *Call now*. Don't make him come and get you!

Plans are to assemble for a Kickoff Breakfast meeting at the Prestonwood Country Club on Friday, 15 Dec 2019, at 7:30 a.m. Do it; you'll be glad you did.



Guest Speakers

Speaker Programs Just Keep Getting Better

4 Dec 18 – Annual Dallas Christmas Banquet
“*Keeping the Faith in trying times*”

9 Jan 19 – Capt Jeff Butcher, US Army (Ret)
“*Retirement Planning and Charitable Giving*”

5 Feb 19 - Capt Tom Meyer, US Navy (Ret)
“*The US Nuclear Submarine Fleet*”

5 Mar 19 – Officer Nick Novello, Dallas PD
“*Dallas is in Big Trouble*”

2 Apr 19 – Col Miguel Howe, Bush Institute
“*Engage: Pressing Policy Issues*”

7 May 19 – Chief Justice Carolyn Wright, 5th District C/A
“*The Pathfinder Award: Women in Law*”

Officer of the Month

Chapter salutes Dallas' Finest Officers in Blue

On 1 Nov 18, Dallas Past Commander Capt Paul Brown presented Dallas Police Sergeant **Steven Williams** (#8849), our Outstanding Service Citation for his selection as DPD's *Officer of the Month*.

His exceptional performance during 12 years as a member of the Northeast, and later the North Central, led to 35 Commendations and awards.



Since 2016, he has been the Supervisor of the most high-profile unit in the Department, training 1,000 officers and 400 investigators in the use of Body-Worn Cameras.

Sergeant Williams is a superb example of why the Dallas Police Department continues to be considered one of the finest in the Nation.

Former Commander Paul Brown presented our Certificate of Commendation to Dallas Police Sergeant **Steven Williams**

Attention Chapter Staff:

The Chapter Command and Staff meeting will be held at Munson Manor (1000 Basilwood, in Coppell), on Thursday, 20 Dec 18, at 11:30 p.m.

KNOW YOUR COMPANIONS

LT Tommie Williams, US Marine Corps

Lieutenant Tommie Williams was born in Shreveport, LA, and grew up in Jefferson, TX. He attended North Texas State University and graduated with a BS degree in Biology.



After graduation, Tommie completed Officers Candidate School in Quantico, VA, and was commissioned as a Second

Lieutenant in the US Marine Corps. He completed Infantry Basic training at Quantico and specialty training as an Air Support Control Officer at Twenty-Nine Palms, CA. He was then assigned to Marine Air Support Squadron 3 in Orange County, CA. While on active duty, he earned a master's degree in Human Resources Management at Pepperdine University.

After active duty in the Marine Corps, Tommie spent 22 years in Supply Chain Management with McDonald's Corporation, in both domestic and international assignments. A highlight of his career was serving as Logistics & Supply Chain Manager for a zone that included the Middle East and Eastern Europe. During his tenure in this position, he traveled extensively throughout the zone and contributed to opening of the company's first restaurants in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Egypt and Dubai.

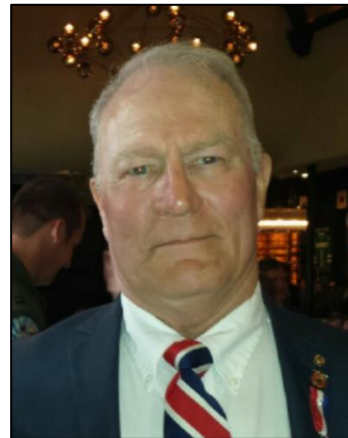
He was then promoted to Director of Logistics, where he performed strategic level management of McDonald's relationships with suppliers and distributors in North America. After a corporate restructuring, he was promoted to Senior Director of Supply Chain Management for the Northeast Division of the company.

He resigned from McDonald's to pursue his goal of entrepreneurship. He invested in a Miller Coors distributorship, in Oklahoma City, and is, currently, co-owner of the business.

Tommie and his wife, Velisse, and their three children, live in Frisco.

HPM Philip A (Pat) Teipel, US Army

Pat Teipel distinguished himself by serving as the Chairman of this year's Dallas Veterans Day Parade Planning committee.



Pat is a native of Dallas. He graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School and promptly joined the Army, following in the footsteps of his father and his grandfathers.

In 1972, he enlisted as a Medic and volunteered to serve in Vietnam. During basic training at Fort Ord, CA, he suffered an injury that prevented his deployment to combat. He completed active duty service and became a member of the Texas State Guard.

Pat had a career with the City of Dallas spanning more than 35 years. He continued his education in various colleges, while working in the City of Dallas in the Street Department, Building Services Electrical Division; Housing and Neighborhood Services Division; Code Enforcement; Water Utilities; and finally, in the Office of the City Manager.

In 1997, Mayor John Evans (a USS Arizona Pearl Harbor Survivor) urged Pat to join the Dallas Veterans Day Parade Foundation. He was a member of the first Dallas Veterans Day Parade in 49 years.

Upon his retirement in 2004, he was awarded the Congressional Man of the Year Award for his exemplary service to the City. In 2007, he was awarded a Silver Patrick Henry medallion by the Dallas Chapter, Military Order of World Wars and in 2008 was made a *Perpetual* Companion of the Order. In 2016, he was awarded the MOWW Outstanding Service Award.

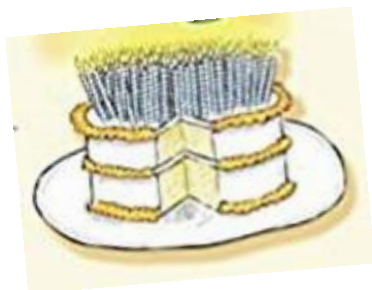
Pat is a Board Member of the Dallas Retired Employees Association Executive Committee and the Dallas Community Police Awards committee for the 24 suburban cities of the Greater Dallas area.

Pat and his wife, Cynda, have been married for 41 years. They have two daughters, Leia Turner and Meagan Jeane, and a son, Paul Bandiera. . .

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 HRM Mary Hayes
- 24 December HRM Ron Banks**
- 24 December COL Ron Barker**
- 24 December COL Gary Hoebeke**
- 24 December COL Ralph Smith**
- 26 December COL Jonathan Magee
- 27 December MAJ Robert Dragone
- 28 December LT Tom Williams
- 29 December LTC Russell Hooper
- 31 December COL Steve Minear



Patriotic Education

The Bridge Too Far: Arnhem, 1944

A handful of former military personnel continue to share their mutual interest and pleasure, each month, by meeting, informally, to discuss a selected book of the month. There is no fee to participate (and the doughnuts are jelly-filled). If you wish to attend – please contact Companion Bob Epstein at macabee1948@gmail.com.

The December meeting will cover #1 International Bestseller, “ARNHEM: THE BATTLE FOR THE BRIDGES”, by Antony Beevor, who is also author of the bestsellers: “*D-Day & Ardennes*”.

Coffee and pastries will be served. You are encouraged to recommend your own favorite book for future roundtable discussion. November meeting will be at:

Canyon Creek Country Club (625 West Lookout Drive), Richardson, Monday, 14 Dec 18, at 7:15 a.m.

Scouting

Companion Down – but not out!

Dallas Companion Bill Farmer is recovering from *Open Heart Surgery*. He is home resting and continuing to show off during his rehab therapy sessions by exceeding expectations.

Bill continued to represent the Chapter at Eagle Scout Award ceremonies up until the day before his surgery.

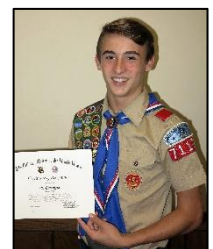
Anyone wishing to carry the load for Bill by covering upcoming Eagle Courts of Honor will be greatly appreciated. Bill is not passing the baton, just looking for a brief respite and a little help.



**Garry Woomer
Troop 23**



**Jacob Ernest
Troop 406**



**Clark Packard
Troop 7112**



**Logan Cuthbert
Troop 909**



**Reese Stewart
Troop 406**

Chapter Activities in the month of October



2018 Veterans Day Parade Chairman, **Pat Teipel**, presented a majestic Eagle trophy to Wayne & Karen Plunkett. Karen ran the Command Center for the past 14 years, assisting hundreds of City Hall volunteers.



Commander LTC **Jim Blunk** presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Professor Sara Overal, our Guest Speaker in November. Sara is a staunch supporter of numerous veterans' organizations.



Former National Commander in Chief, Captain (USN) **Rollie Stevens** and Chapter Commander LTC **Jim Blunk**, presented Bronze Patrick Henry Medallions to **Ariana Ramp** (left) and **Robert Bustamante**. Both Ariana and Robert attended MOWW Youth Leadership Conferences during the summer but were unable to attend our Awards Luncheon in October.



National Wreaths Across America Day Third Saturday in December

ALL DALAS CHAPTER COMPANIONS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MEET AT THE DFW NATIONAL CEMETARY ON **WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA** DAY. A 30 MINUTE CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 11:00 A.M.



Together, for Eternity

Admiral Nimitz, Commander of all the naval forces in the Pacific, stood on the battleship Missouri in Tokyo Bay, on September 2, 1945, after the articles of surrender were signed, and presented an emotionally moving address.

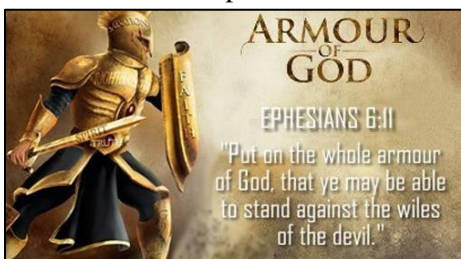
Nimitz closed with these words: *“Close to my headquarters in Guam, in a little green valley, there is a military cemetery. I look out of my window on that little valley and see ordered rows of white crosses. I walk among those fallen comrades, soldiers, marines, sailors, and airmen, and I read their names.”*

“They fought together as Comrades in arms. They died together. And now they sleep together - for eternity. Our victory in battle is the fruit of their dedicated lives.”

That is exactly what God calls us to do in the warfare of the Lord. We are humble, ordinary men and women bound together in a common bond, brothers and sisters wearing the whole armor of God.

“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”

Ephesians 6:11



“Honoring the Alliance”

November 11th, 2018 marked the 100th Anniversary of the end of “*The Great War to end all Wars*”.

The Consul General of France, Honorable **Alexis Andres**, presented the



Hon. Alexis Andres, Consul General of France in Houston

Keynote address for this year’s Eleventh-Hour ceremony. He was joined by representatives of the governments of the United Kingdom (England, Australia, and Canada), who comprised

the Empires of the World War 1 **Triple Alliance**.

Ironically, cancellation of the Parade, due to inclement weather, led to increased publicity by radio, television, and local newspapers.

Each of the major networks (NBC, ABC, CBS, and Fox) covered the Veterans Day activities and featured interviews by Grand Marshal, US Air Force Col. Ken Cordier.



Grand Marshal & Former Dallas Chapter Commander, Col Ken Cordier

At last month’s Luncheon on **Tuesday, 6 Nov 18**, as Dr. Sara Overal took us on a journey through history and provided insights on the historical connections between World War 1 and today’s economic, political and military confrontations.



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The Military Order of the World Wars

Dallas Chapter

The Companions and Spouses

*of the Dallas, North Texas, Pinson and Ft Worth Chapters
cordially invite*

*all MOWW Companions and their guests
to attend the*

Annual Christmas Banquet



at the

Park Cities Club

5956 Sherry lane, Dallas Texas 75225

In the Skyline Room on the 17th floor

Tuesday December 5, 2017

1700 hours cocktails

1800 dinner

Dress Uniform or Tuxedo (formal attire)

RSVP to:

bill.coleman@php-agent.com

Please Bring a Gift for a Child

Mail this portion with your payment

Rank & name _____

Spouse's Name _____

Guest name(s) _____

Indicate Choice of Entrée Prosciutto Free-Range Chicken Breast Deglazed with
Marsala Wine & Sauce of Pancetta, Mushrooms & Sundried Tomatoes

Petite Tender Beef Medallions & Grilled Shrimp Topped with Wild Mushroom Sauce

Grilled Atlantic Salmon Filet & Grilled Shrimp Topped with Citrus Beurre Blanc

(Please identify how many of each choice of Entrée)

Make check payable to Dallas MOWW \$55.00 per person Total: _____

Mail check to: **Bill Coleman 381 Casa Linda Plaza #148 Dallas, TX 75218**