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... Chapter Commander's Commo Check

November was a great month, leading off with our guest speaker, Joe Galloway, co-author of the book "*We were soldiers once...and young*". It was a riveting first-hand account of an historic and bloody battle in the central highlands of Vietnam. We deeply appreciated Joe sharing his harrowing experience with us.

We had an awesome **Dallas Veterans Day Parade**. Many Dallas Chapter Companions are involved in the planning and execution of that annual event. Three cheers to those who made this year's parade a memorable one. The tribute to our WW II veterans - and their place of prominence in the parade - was inspiring as well as touching. Thanks to all for your dedicated efforts and formidable participation.

It is time again for our **Annual Christmas Party**. So far, we have over 100 members and guests signed up. We are looking forward to another memorable holiday evening with our fellow Companions. We sincerely appreciate the support of our sister Dallas area chapters, who will be joining us. Let me provide an overview of some of the activities planned for this event:

- ☺ **Posting of the colors** (by Marsh Middle School students)
- ☺ **Live Entertainment** (provided by Brian Piper of the Brian Piper Trio)
- ☺ **Drawing** for a bountiful holiday party basket (Tickets at check-in)
- ☺ **Commemorative Coins and chapter shirts** (on display, for sale, or to order)

All proceeds from sales go to support children of fallen military warriors. Please support these worthwhile charitable and caring efforts, and remember to bring a **Toys for Tots** present. (Unwrapped gifts for children, ages 3-10)

Permit me to briefly mention an effort undertaken by Senior Vice Commander in Chief, John Hayes. John is working with the Girl Scouts of the North Texas Council on two GSA **Gold Award** projects. First to collect items for hospitalized veterans and deliver them to patients at the Dallas VA Hospital. The second is to support the USO's "Greet the Troops" program at DFW Airport. Our thanks to John for his mentoring efforts & to the Girl Scouts for their focus on our military.

From the Chamberlin family to all Dallas Chapter Companions, their families, and all other friends of the Military Order of World Wars, we wish you a very **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**.

Christopher Cringle (aka, Chuck)

Lt Colonel, US Army (Ret)
Dallas Chapter Commander



Three Texas Aggies - our Commander, the Governor of Texas, & Companion Larry Patterson



Christmas Supper, 1800 hrs, 6 Dec 10 @ Doubletree Hotel
Staff Meeting, 1300 hrs, 1 Dec 10 @ Commander's Quarters

We were soldiers once...and young

Joe Galloway knew the danger of going into the Ia Drang valley. He had seen the body bags come back with each returning airlift. The battle of the Ia Drang saw 2 Medals of Honor, 3 Distinguished Service Crosses, and 43 Silver Stars awarded. Joe Galloway was there. He answered a call that few men understand and fewer still heed. He did not hesitate to move toward the sound of the guns. It's simply what true warriors do.



Joe has been called "the greatest combat correspondent of our generation"

Texas Society of the Dames of the Court of Honor

"Noblesse Oblige Award"

Dallas Chapter Commander **Chuck Chamberlin** received an award from the Texas Society of the **Dames of the Court of Honor**. The ladies of the Society are descendents of commissioned officers of American wars. Their goal is to perpetuate, honor and revere the memory of their ancestors' military service and to perpetuate a sorority among lineal descendants of valiant officers of one or more of the early American wars.



Chuck receives the award from Society President Barbara Baylis

Congressional Commendation

US Congressman recognizes Excellence.

Dallas Chapter Perpetual member **Larry Patterson** received a Certificate of Commendation from US Congressman Michael C. Burgess (R/TX). The citation noted his distinguished military career and included highlights of his outstanding civil service. Larry is a recipient of the

Minuteman Award from the Texas National Guard.



L to R, Larry Patterson, his wife, Caryn, and US Congressman Michael Burgess

Christmas at the Doubletree

Join the officers and ladies of the Dallas Chapter as we celebrate the joy of the Christmas season. Bring family members & friends, and share the true spirit of the holiday season. We urge all who attend to bring an unwrapped toy, game, or gift for a child (ages 3-10). All gifts will be donated to support the annual "Toys for Tots" program. We wish you and your family a very

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Next Six Months' Programs

Speaker Programs Just Keep Getting Better

6 Dec 10 – Annual Christmas Banquet

Formal Dinner, Entertainment, and "Toys for Tots"

4 Jan 10 – Maj. Gen. James L. Williams, USMC (Ret)
former Commanding General, 4th Marine Division

1 Feb 10 – Rear Admiral Jim Eckelberger, USN (Ret)
Update on strategic US national defense issues

1 Mar 10 – Brig General Roger Bultman, USA (Ret)
Former Chief of Staff, Headquarters, MOWW

5 Apr 10 – Career Ambassador Ryan Crocker
Dean, Bush School of Government & Public Service

3 May 10 – Mr. William Farmer, Raytheon Engineer
Expert in military surveillance equipment

Boy Scouts of America

Eagle Scout Courts of Honor

John Hayes represented the Dallas chapter at the Eagle Scout award ceremony of **Troop 890**, in Dallas, on November 6, for Alexander Sessions, son of Dallas Chapter **Perpetual Companion**, US Congressman **Pete Sessions (R/TX)**.



Three generations of Sessions and Senior Vice CINC, Silver Beaver John Hayes

Dallas Chapter Adjutant **David Darelus** presented an MOWW Eagle Scout award Certificate to Justin Garcia, of **Troop 51**, in Frisco, during Court of Honor ceremonies at the First Presbyterian church on November 13. Justin is the third Eagle, this year, from Troop 51.



David Darelus presents the award to Eagle Scout Justin Garcia

Happy Birthday

November Birthday Boys (& Girls)

One year older; a whole lot wiser

2 December	LTC Paul Bauereis
2 December	CDR Michael Healy
3 December	CPT Willard (Ben) Brown
3 December	CPT Paul Sermas
4 December	MR David Merton
6 December	COL (Ch) Wesley Geary
7 December	LT Joe Applewhite
13 December	MR Jacob Paleschic
13 December	MRS Dorothy Traynor
14 December	COL Louis McMenemy
16 December	LT Robert Betts
17 December	MR Jeffery Stevens
21 December	LTC James Blunk
21 December	LTC Chuck Chamberlain
21 December	COL Ron Forest
23 December	LT Kermit Gable
24 December	LTC Gary Hoebeke
24 December	COL Ron Barker
24 December	COL (Ch) Ralph Smith
25 December	MAJ Buck Werner
27 December	LTC Erich Schleier
28 December	LTC Russell Hooper
31 December	COL Steve Minear

Girl Scouts of America

Two Scouts opt for Veterans projects



Wes Gross briefs the Girl Scouts of the Northeast Texas Council

When the Directors of the Northeast Texas Council of Girl Scouts asked members of the Dallas Chapter for advice, they were looking for new and creative ideas to challenge the Girls who must pursue projects worthy of the prestigious Gold Award, the highest level of Girl Scouting.

Two girls, Alexis Musso & Lauren Baskett, of Troop 633, have chosen support of military veterans to be the focus of their projects.

Coppell students learn about Veterans Day

Veterans visit local schools on 11 November

Ron Forest joined 17 other veterans who were invited to come to Coppell Middle School to relate their military experiences and explain the need to remember the sacrifices of the men and women who dedicate their lives to ensure that this will continue to be the land of the free and the home of the brave.



Ron Forest teaches Middle School students lessons from the Cold War

Girl Scouts of America

Gamma Phi Beta hosts Plano Girl Scouts

What was John Hayes doing at Southern Methodist University, on 6 Nov 10, surrounded by more than two dozen young ladies? He was a guest of Byrna Garrison, of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority at SMU. Byrna and her sorority hosted Girl Scouts from Troop 59, in Plano. The Scouts had come to learn about



John Hayes, GSA advisor and mentor, visits SMU's GPB sorority house

programs they could pursue as they advance in Scouting and higher education. Byrna was one of the 140 Girl Scouts who received Gold Award certificates, last year, from the Dallas Chapter of MOWW.

Wreaths Across America

DFW National Cemetery, 11 Dec 10

On Saturday, December 11, 2010, for the 19th consecutive year, Morrill Worcester, owner of Worcester Wreath Company, Harrington, Maine, will again donate approximately **20,000 wreaths** to be placed on graves at Arlington National Cemetery.



Cloyde Pinson helped to open the DFW National Cemetery

Florists across the country have followed his example and it is now a nationwide event, duplicated at DFW and other National Cemeteries throughout the country.

Please plan to join your Dallas Chapter Companions who will assemble at the DFW National Cemetery at 1100 hrs 11 Dec, for a commemorative ceremony. Dress is casual.

It was another *fantastic* year for your Chapter

Hats off to the Companions of the Dallas Chapter who were inducted in 2010!!!



Cedric Ingram
Regular



RADM David Robinson
Regular



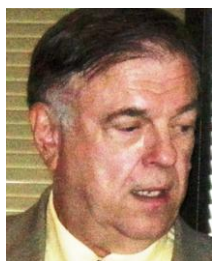
William Ferrill
Perpetual



James Megellas
Perpetual



Andy White
Perpetual



John Byrns
Perpetual



Steve Minear
Regular



Actual photo
not available

Michel Minear
Regular



Donna Starnes
Regular Hereditary



Ian Barton
Perpetual Hereditary



Mike Christians
Regular



Don Saddler
Regular



William Skeeters
Regular



James Walsh
Regular



Ron Reedick
Perpetual



Bruce Bailey
Regular



MG Mike Marchand
Regular



Jack Bond
Perpetual



Alan Backoff
Regular



Barry Brown
Regular

That's right. There are more. I told you it was a Great year!!

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Jesse Bullard
Regular



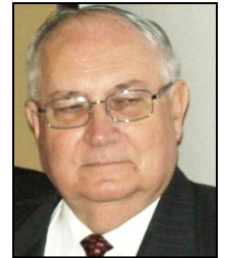
James Karel
Regular



Peggy Shuman
Regular Hereditary



Ben Brown
Perpetual



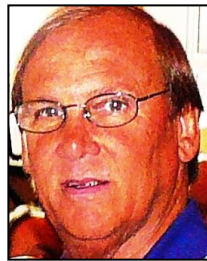
Travis Langford
Perpetual



Virgil Williams
Perpetual



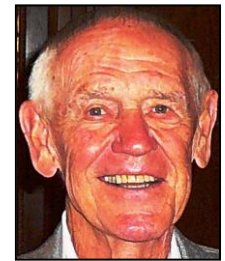
Les Dahlheimer
Regular



Robert Elwell
Regular



Woody Alexander
Perpetual



Lloyd Cole
Regular



Erich Schleir
Memorial

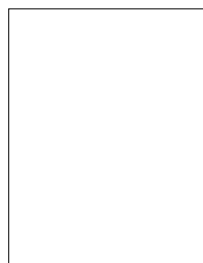


John Thompson
Memorial

The following former Officers have submitted applications, but have not yet been inducted:



MG Harvey McCarter
(To be inducted)



Lannie Hughes
Perpetual (TBI)



Jerry Prader
Perpetual (TBI)

KNOW YOUR CHAPTER COMPANIONS

Colonel Jon Allen, US Air Force (Ret)



Colonel Jon Allen was born in London, England, in 1931. He entered the United States Air Force in 1952. He attended electronics training at Keesler AFB, MS and primary and advanced electronics training at Ellington AFB, in

1954. He served as a Military Air Transport Service (MATS) navigator, instructor navigator and flight examiner, in C-54s and C-121Cs at Charleston AFB, SC, until 1957. He also served as principal public affairs officer for Charleston AFB. He has 2,330 hours flying time.

Colonel Allen served as an active reservist for 27 years, including four years as Commander, New York Public Affairs Reserve Squadron and eight years in the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, from which he retired in 1984, as a Colonel.

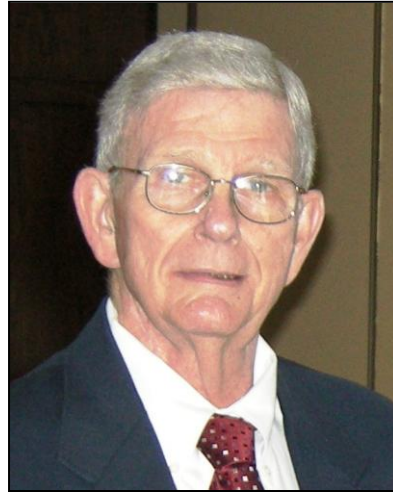
He is a graduate of Yale University, the USAF Air Command and Staff College, Air War College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF), located at Fort Lesley J. McNair, the home of the National Defense University.

Colonel Allen was a newspaper reporter and editor (1957-1961), then a public relations executive with a major airline, a mining company and three petroleum companies, from 1962 to 1989.

He is the author of four books and numerous articles. His writing has earned an Aviation & Space Writers Association Award and the Freedom Foundation Honor Medal.

Jon, and his wife, Monique, have two children and six grandchildren. Jon is a life member of Air Force Navigator Observer Association, Air Force Public Affairs Agency, Military Officers Association of America and the Reserve Officers Association. He has been a member of the Dallas Chapter of MOWW since December 2009.

Lt. Colonel George R. Nelson, US Army (Ret)



Lieutenant Colonel George Nelson graduated from Sam Houston State University, in Huntsville, Texas, in 1958. He was a Distinguished Military Graduate of the Army Reserve Officers Training Program and was commissioned as a Second

Lieutenant in Field Artillery.

George retired in 1979 after 21 years of active duty service in a variety of field artillery and aviation assignments. He had assignments in the Continental United States (CONUS), Germany and Vietnam.

During the first of his two tours in Vietnam, he was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile). In his second tour, he served with the 25th Infantry Division. He compiled 1,000 hours of combat flying time, in both helicopters and fixed wing aircraft.

George earned two awards of the Distinguished Flying Cross, eighteen awards of the Air Medal and four Bronze Stars. He is a Master Army Aviator with over 3,000 hours of flight time and in an historic first time ever, he participated in ferrying eighteen Army CV-2B (Caribou) aircraft to Vietnam, via the Pacific Ocean.

The highlight of his career occurred when he commanded the unique Infantry/Ranger Air Cavalry Troop of an Airmobile Combat Brigade, at Fort Hood, Texas. This unit, consisted of 30 Army Rangers, 12 UH-1H helicopters, 6 motorcycles, and numerous other unique vehicles and weapons. George was proud that a Field Artilleryman was selected to command this truly distinctive elite combat unit.

George, and his wife, Carolyn, have five children, eleven grandchildren and three great grandchildren (*so far*).

The Chaplain's Corner



Comrades in Arms



Chaplain (Dr) Weldon Estes'
Words to live by

"Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." Ephesians 6:11

Admiral Nimitz, as he stood on the battleship Missouri, in Tokyo Bay, on September 2, 1945, after Japan capitulated and the war was done, presented a marvelous address. He was, at that time, commander of all the naval forces in the Pacific.

Nimitz closed his wonderful address 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 there, ordered rows of white crosses. I walk among those fallen comrades, soldiers, sailors, and marines, and I read their names." Then, he named a long list of men, ordinary, American boys. He said finally, "They fought together. Comrades in Arms. They died together. And now, they sleep together in death. This day our victory, our triumph 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 people, locked together in a common determination, brothers and sisters in the Lord.

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