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The Fox News Report



Companions – This coming Tuesday is one of the most important meetings of the year. We are bombarded every day of the week with bad news; the



Students at the Texas A&M YLC visited the George Bush Presidential Library and then convened in the Oval Office for a "photo op".

Dow Index is down again, unemployment is up; drugs are running rampant and the heat wave may never end. All these things are reported because the news media likes bad news, that's what sells. The future does look bleak --

until we meet the Future face-to-face.

Here it is: This month's program features ten young people that have excelled at either the 2011 Youth Leadership Conferences or the 2011 JROTC Cadet Leadership Schools. Look at them as they step forward to receive the honors they have earned. This group is the "**Best of the Best**". They are ready to advance and face the future unafraid. As they move forward, we will, as old soldiers do, fade away to make room for them.

But before we fade away, we have an obligation to leave our stories for future generations, to let it be known that we were here. It is our duty to pass on our experiences to future generations. All of us have a story to tell; be it funny, sad, inspirational or just factual. What better venue than our own *Officer Review* magazine? So, please send in your story – long or short.

Also, keep in mind the downtown Dallas Veterans Parade on November 11th. Many of our Companions are on the Parade's Planning Committees and they need our support. We talk more about this, next month. I look forward to seeing you at the September 7th Luncheon.

William T. Fox

Remember it is better to serve than to be served

William T. Fox
Dallas Chapter Commander



Chapter Lunch, 1115 hrs, 6 Sep 11 @ Park City Club
Staff Meeting, 1300 hrs, 6 Sep 11 @ Park City Club
Ops Staff Meeting, 1400 hrs, 20 Sep 11, @ Cdr's Qtrs

Kayak Kommando

Jim Dolan is a passionate man. His passions include flying, fishing, kyaking, and caring. Jim is the Founder and President of "Heroes on the Water". Following graduation from the Air Force Academy, Jim has led a life devoted to mixing his love of the outdoors with a passion for sharing his lifestyle with



our military's Wounded Warriors. Jim continues to fly for American Airlines, but every hour that he is not in the sky, he is on the water, exposing troops to nature's greatest rehabilitation center.

Boy Scouts of America

Three Generations soar as Eagles

Every parent takes great pride in attending a Boy Scout



Court of Honor to witness their son receive Scoutings's highest award. Imagine then the pride in the McAuliffe family, which now has three generations of Eagle Scouts.

Dallas Chapter Companion Ed McAuliffe received his Eagle Scout badge in 1943. All three of his three sons followed in their Dad's footsteps, during the decade of the 1970's. And now two of Ed's grandsons have maintained this outstanding family tradition. Both grandsons are members of Troop 976, located in College Station, Texas. Patrick is an Aggie; Mac is an LSU Tiger.

Veterans Day, 11/11/11

Everybody loves a Parade

The theme of the 2011 Dallas Veterans Day Parade will be: "Remembering Pearl Harbor". If you know of a survivor of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, on 7 Dec 1941, please contact one of your Dallas Chapter staff officers and give them a name and phone number. All World War II veterans will be featured in "classic cars" and sports car convertibles, leading this year's parade.

Leadership on Display

Our meeting each September is dedicated to paying tribute to young men and women who represent the future of our country. We salute students who excelled while attending one of our YLC's. Additionally, we



award plaques, medallions, and citations to each of the Outstanding Students from Texas YLC's and JROTC cadet leadership training courses

Top Cadets from the JROTC Leadership Schools conducted throughout the State, during the summer.

Next Six Month's Programs

Feature Programs Just Keep Getting Better

4 Oct 11 – William Farmer, Raytheon Engineer

Raytheon ensures that: "We Own the Night"

1 Nov 11 - ISG Glen Cary, US Army (Ret)

Korean War veteran on "The Forgotten War"

6 Dec 11 – Annual Christmas Banquet

Formal Dinner, Entertainment, and "Toys for Tots"

10 Jan 12 – Clint Bruce, Former US Navy SEAL

"Special Operations in the Global War on Terror"

7 Feb 12 – Kelly Shackelford, Liberty Institute

"Protection of Constitutional Freedoms"

6 Mar 12 – B.C. Fleming, (BlownUpGuy)

"One Soldier's Encounter with a Suicide Bomber"

Patriotic Education

Training the Navy Sea Cadet Corps

MOWW and the Navy League share more than just a



Park City Club meeting place. Two of our members serve as adult advisors to the cadets of the Forrestal Squadron. The Sea Cadets were featured recently at a meeting of the Navy League, which is headed this year by Companion Don Munson.

Cadets receive last minute instructions prior to the ceremony

which is headed this year by Companion Don Munson.

Happy Birthday

One Year Older; A Whole Lot Wiser

1 September		CPT Weldon W. Nash, Jr
1 September		Capt W. Bruce Woody
2 September	1926	COL Emmor G. Martin, Jr
5 September		WO Billy W. Franklin
6 September		COL Gerald K. Fennell
7 September		Ms Kathleen L. Bullock
8 September		COL Benjamin R. Bierer
8 September		LTC Jerry B. Jochum
8 September		LT Derrick W. Watson
10 September		Mr Spencer J. Adams
11 September	1928	Capt John R. Crocker
13 September		COL Gary D. Jackson
16 September		COL Donald G. Lincoln
16 September		LTC George R. Nelson
16 September		CPT Robert E. Sanders
17 September		Mr John R. Warterfield
18 September		LTC Kenneth Boatman
21 September		Capt Robert M. Dickson
21 September		Mr Aaron K. Schmidt
24 September		CDR Vernon E. Pringle, Jr
25 September		CW3 Earl V. Dunnington, Jr
25 September		CW2 C. W. Parker
27 September		Mr Robert M. Roberts
28 September		Mr Christopher G. Neumeier
29 September		Mr Andrew Warner
30 September		CPT James Grogan

Membership

Six more Companions apply to be Perpetual

Capt. William Felini (USMC) has been our Chapter Treasurer since July 2009. Recognizing that we could not keep our bookkeeping straight without him, he has upgraded to **Lifetime** membership. Thanks, Bill, for your vote of confidence. Now reconcile those books!



Capt. Wallace (Ben) Brown (USAF) has been a Companion of the Dallas Chapter since July 2010. When it came time to send in his annual dues, Ben opted to extend his commitment for Life. Upon completion of his final payment, Ben will become our **201st** Living Perpetual member.



CPT Peter Kurt Maurer (USA) applied to join the Dallas Chapter on 12 August. Pete will become our **202nd** Perpetual member.

LT Thorwald James (Jim) Hansen, (USN) applied to join the Dallas Chapter on 3 August. Jim will become our **203rd** Perpetual member. Are you detecting a “trend”? You betcha. And it’s a good trend, too.

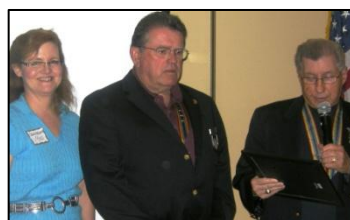
LT James Edward Willis (USAF) has been attempting for several months to arrange a date for the meeting in which he will be inducted. Jim will be Number **204**.

LT Lewis E. Willis (USA) is the twin brother of James Willis. Both were born on 2 Feb 36. Jim lives in San Angelo; Lewis lives in Duncanville. Lewis brings the total of Perpetuals to **205**.

CWO3 Earl Victor Dunnington, Jr (USA) is the sixth applicant that we hope to induct during our September meeting. Earl is a World War II Infantryman, who came ashore on the beaches of Normandy in 1944 and served for 20 more years.

Hats off to one of our Chapter’s Finest

LTC King Moss was unable to attend the National MOWW Convention, in Montana, so past Chapter Commander Chuck Chamberlain presented his Award in the presence of his family, friends, and admirers at our August Luncheon.

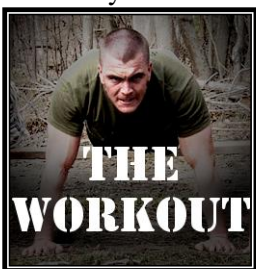


King was awarded the **Citation for Distinguished and Exceptional Service** by the National Commander-in-Chief. There is not enough room in this Newsletter to enumerate all of the ways in which King contributes to the success of our Chapter. Congratulations, King!!

In Memoriam

Charles Armstrong (1978-2011)

You may remember that the speaker we originally had scheduled for the 2 August MOWW meeting was LtCol Chuck Armstrong, USMC (Ret). One week before the meeting, Chuck was rushed to the hospital, where he died the following day from a brain tumor. Chuck Armstrong was a fitness fanatic and a legend in the US Marine Corps. He was once listed in the *Guinness Book of World Records* for completing the most “pull-ups” in a single work out session.



KNOW YOUR CHAPTER COMPANIONS

Capt. Emil Kapcar, US Army Air Corps

Captain Emil Kapcar was born in March 9, 1921. Emil joined the US Army Air Corps in 1942 and was subsequently trained as a pilot to fly B-24 bombers. He was assigned to the European Theater of Operations.



From February to June 1944, he flew 30 combat missions. On one of his earliest missions, he destroyed an aircraft plant in Gotha, Ger-

many. During the mission, Emil's 701st Bomb Group lost 13 of 14 planes. When he landed, there were 120 bullet holes in his fuselage and a 20 mm cannon had disabled his nose turret. Emil says: "*Divine intervention brought me home.*" Following the mission, his Group received the Presidential Unit Citation and French Croix de Guerre, with Palm.

Later in the war, bomber formations of the 701st included escort fighters from the 9th Air Force. Over 2,000 bombers crossed the English Channel, every day, in groups of 24 or 36 planes, separated by 2 minute intervals. As a result of extremely high casualty rates, plus the fact that he had *survived* his first 5 missions, Emil became a Lead Pilot. The rate of casualties continued to be so high that Emil received his Captain's bars -- *before* his First Lieutenant's bar arrived.

Major Jimmy Stewart, who was a pilot in 445th Bomb Group, 8th Air Force, briefed Emil before every combat mission and debriefed him upon completing the missions.

After 30 missions, Emil was offered Jimmy's job, but chose, instead, to return to the US to begin training in the newer, larger and faster B-29, for the Pacific Theater. He became President of the Base Instrument Board, which was responsible for training of B-29 instrument pilots and he was chosen to be one of the first two pilots to get checked out in the B-29.

After the war, Emil earned a BS in Industrial Engineering from Penn State University in 1949, and was a General Electric Sales Engineer and General Aviation Aircraft Owner for the next 50 years. Emil is divorced and the father of four children. He recently moved to Texas and is now a permanent resident of Dallas.

Capt. Alan W. Backof, US Air Force

Captain Alan Backof graduated from Texas A&M University, in May 1968 and was commis-



sioned in the Corps of Engineers. Deferred to attend graduate school, he earned his MBA from the Mays School of Business at A&M. Alan attended the Engineer Officer Basic course, in

1971, after which he was assigned as a company Executive Officer, at Ft. Belvoir, VA. Five months later, he was transferred to the Army Reserves. As a member of the 420th Engineer Brigade, he held various assignments ranging from Company Commander to S-3. After 12 years in the USAR, he resigned his commission at the rank of Captain.

Alan began his civilian career with Southwestern Bell Telephone (SWBT). While there, he led a team which put together the North Texas SWBT plan for mandated divestiture. His plan became a model for other Bell System regions. After 17 years with SWBT, Alan joined Sprint, one of the emerging leaders in the newly deregulated long distance industry, and later worked for Sprint International, developing new products and negotiating contracts with foreign telecom companies.

Alan later joined Cellular One/ BellSouth, in the *cellular* telephone industry, as Director of Engineering. He returned to Texas to organize a cellular telecom joint venture with Fluor Daniel. He also worked for DSC and Lifeline Communications as VP of Engineering and Marketing.

After a short stint at early retirement, Alan joined the City of Dallas as Chief Real Estate Specialist. He has been with the city for six years. Alan currently serves as Marshal for the Dallas MOWW chapter.

Alan has been married to his wife, Marsha, for 30 years. They have three children; two are A&M graduates and one is a UT graduate. They have six grandchildren and are happy to report that his Aggies outnumber the Longhorns.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST
**Scenes from the 2011 Youth Leadership Conferences
And JROTC Cadet Leadership Schools**



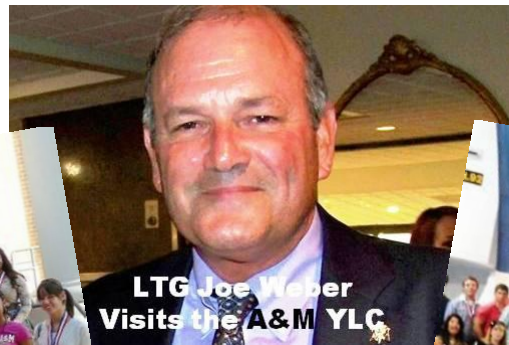
**Admiral Bob Smith
describes our
American heritage**



**In-Processing to receive Dorm
keys and building passes**



**Workshops challenge students
to examine national issues**



**LTG Joe Weber
Visits the A&M YLC**



**2011 YLC at Texas A&M
Leadership Conference**



**2011 YLC aboard the
USS Lexington**



**Army JROTC
Leadership Training**



**Marine JROTC
Leadership Training**



**Air Force JROTC
Leadership Training**

The Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain (Capt.) Dr. Weldon Estes

“WHAT IS LIFE?”

“My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope.” Job 7:6

What is life? Some answers are given in earth's best literature. For example, Hans Christian Anderson wrote, “Life is a fairy tale written by God's finger.” Robert Browning wrote, “Life is probation and the earth is not the goal, but the starting point.” Thomas Carlyle wrote, “Life is a little gleam of time between two eternities.” Henry Thoreau wrote, “Life is like a stroll upon the beach.”

To us who love the Lord and have given our hearts to Him, it is interesting to read what the Bible says about life. Job said our life is like the “sparks that fly upward.” Isaiah wrote that “life is like a flower that fades and like the grass that withers.” Peter wrote, “What is your life? It is a vapor that appears for a little time & then vanishes away.” There is insubstantiality in life. That is undeniable.

There are certainties about life, and Number One is that it is ending. It's certain and inevitable conclusion is that we die – sometimes so suddenly, so tragically. Therefore, as Believers we cast ourselves upon the mercies of God so that God will give us breath and length of days

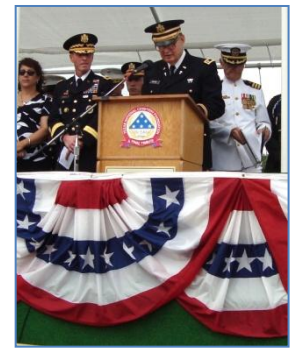
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To Bring a Guest!!



THIS DAY IN HISTORY, 2 SEP 1945



US Navy Admiral Chester Nimitz signs the Japanese *Instrument of Surrender*, formally ending World War II.

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