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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Well, we made it through another Holiday Season and hopefully everybody had a good time. Now we can look forward to the next six months.

December was a good month. The Christmas Party was highly successful; with over 100 attending. Everybody enjoyed *The New Andrews Sisters*.



I was somewhat disappointed in the Hotel. They were late in the set-up and the service left something to be desired. The dinner was good, although some folks were served cold food - or not served at all. I think we made up our minds that when we switch venues, they will not be a candidate. I will appoint a committee to find a different location for our June Installation Banquet.

Another highlight activity in December was the Snowball Express. Eighteen Dallas Chapter Companions were on hand at DFW airport to greet the families when they arrived throughout the day and an equal number returned to help them book the correct flight when they departed. There were over 1,700 kids and their families, so it was a lot of high fives and handshakes throughout the day. It was tiring for these old bones, but pure fun. To share the joy and excitement of the young children as they arrived was worth being tired. It was a sobering thought to realize that every family we greeted had lost a father, mother, sister, or brother. It is inspirational to see how courageous the young mothers are. It is true, "Freedom is not free". All the families that we talked to said they had a great time and thanked us for our help. I hope we can do it again, soon. Plan to be with us, you'll be glad you did.



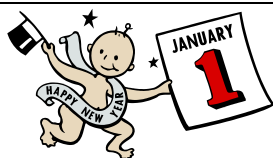
One last thought, we will be talking at the January Meeting about another round of *Boxes for Soldiers*. See the details on page 2, in this month's newsletter.

That's it. I'm glad we are all safely back together from holiday gatherings and I look forward to getting back to business.

William T. Fox

Dallas Chapter Commander

Remember it is better to serve than to be served



Chapter Lunch, 1130 hrs, 3 Jan 12, @ Park City Club
Staff Meeting, 1300 hrs, 3 Jan 12, @ Park City Club
Ops Staff Meeting, 1400 hrs, 18 Jan 12, @ Cdr's Qtrs

Great way to ring out the Old Year

Our Christmas Banquet grows larger every year and this year set another new attendance record. Hats off to Chuck Chamberlin, our *twelfth* Commander Emeritus, for earning the Best Chapter award, last summer. And thanks to the generosity of all of you, our fourth annual "Toys for Tots" campaign has now collected more than **750** Christmas gifts for needy children.



Bill Fox reads the Chapter Commander Emeritus citation

Companions in Combat

SitRep from Kandahar

Dallas Chapter Companion First Lieutenant Kermit Gable is serving with the US Army Reserves. In 2008, he was the Chairman of the Dallas Veterans Day Parade. Today, he is the Executive Officer of the 689th



Engineer Company, stationed in northern Afghanistan. Kermit's unit is responsible for road clearing operations in support of the convoys that provide essential supplies to the troops in his area of operations.

In-bound to Afghanistan aboard a C-130

Supporting the Troops

Boxes for Soldiers Redux

Commander Bill Fox has announced his desire to revitalize our *Boxes for Soldiers* program to support the troops of the 689th Engineer Company.



A typical day: armed to the teeth and passing out candy

Kermit's troops conduct regular missions in the nearby villages within their Province. Among the many ways in which the unit helps to improve the quality of life in the villages is to give school supplies to children in the elementary and middle schools.

Please help us to help Kermit's men with their goodwill efforts. Bring some consumable school supplies, which we will box and send to Afghanistan. While you are at it, please drop in a few of the items that *you* enjoyed receiving when *you* were deployed. Uniforms may have changed, but troops are the same. They still enjoy anything you send that they can eat, drink, read, or listen to, to help them to forget how far they are from home.

New Face of a Disabled Veteran

B.C. Fleming is one of a new generation of Combat Warriors. He tells the story of his injuries with a wit and humor that belies his years of pain and suffering. B.C. has turned what could have been a tragedy into a life affirming story of perseverance and victory. In his own words: "What happens to you in life isn't nearly as important as



what you choose to do with what happens to you in life."

Brian's website is: www.blowupguy.com

Next Six Month's Programs

Feature Programs Just Keep Getting Better

- 7 Feb 12 – Kelly Shackelford, Liberty Institute**
"Promotion & Protection of Constitutional Freedoms"
- 6 Mar 12 – Clint Bruce, US Navy, SEAL Team 5**
"War on Terror in a Post-Bin Laden World"
- 3 Apr 12 – Sgt Louis Felini, Dallas Police Department**
"Local, State & Natl Law Enforcement Programs"
- 1 May 12 – Mary Lynn Swayze, DFW Honor Flights**
"How a Dream became a Reality"
- 5 Jun 12 – Chapter Installation Banquet**
Formal Dinner, Installation of Officers for 2013"
- 3 Jul 12 – Captain Tase Bailey, USMC ('66-'69)**
"Experiences in Vietnam and serving in the FBI"

Snowball Express

Five Days of Fun for Kids of Fallen Warriors

Few things in life will give you more pleasure than to watch a child's face light up with smiles. Those who came to DFW Airport to join the hundreds of other greeters saw smiles that conveyed boundless joy at the reception they



received. The organization known as the *Snowball Express* organized a week filled with fun and games, rodeo shows, entertainment acts from Broadway & Las Vegas and a host of other events. Click [HERE](#) to watch [videos](#) of the kids who came to Dallas and you will see how easy it is to fall in love with total strangers.

Vice CINC presents a rare award

We have become accustomed to seeing yet another Scout attain the highest award for achievement, the coveted rank of Eagle Scout. But, it is exceedingly rare to present a Scout with an award for Valor. John Hayes made just such a presentation Daniel Maugham of Troop 28, in Colleyville, Texas. Daniel was credited with administering lifesaving CPR to a drowning victim, until professional Emergency Response Teams arrived. The chapter presented Daniel with a Certificate of Commendation and Congressman Ken Marchant recognized his deed with an American Heroism award and added the citation to the US Congressional Record.



Daniel Maugham of Troop 28 receives MOWW award for Valor Daniel Michael

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In Memoriam

Earl V. Dunnington, Jr. (25 Sep 1919 – 27 Oct 2011)

Companion Earl Dunnington, III, honored his father, a World War II veteran, who landed in Normandy with the famous 45th Infantry Division, by sponsoring him to be a Perpetual mem-



ber of the Dallas Chapter. Earl's father passed away, before we could present his Certificate and lapel pin to him. During a pause in the Christmas Banquet proceedings, Commander Bill Fox called Earl to the podium and presented him with a framed copy of his father's Citation, signed by the national Commander-in-Chief.

Happy Birthday **One Year Older; A Whole Lot Wiser**

3 January 1931	COL Homer Schmidt
5 January	MRS Ginny Gross
8 January	LT COL Jack Bond
8 January	CDR Timothy Davis
8 January	CPT John Wagner
9 January	CPT Weldon Nash
9 January	MAJ John Van Buskirk
10 January	CDR Jerry Rucker
11 January	MRS Beverly Hardin
11 January	LTC Stonell Greene
12 January	CPT Boyd Branch
12 January	COL Virgil Williams
13 January	LT Paul Brewer
15 January	COL Jon Allen
16 January	LTC King Moss
18 January	CPT Gene Jameson
22 January	CPT Steven Poole
23 January	MAJ Richard Farr
23 January	LTC Charles Winder
24 January	LCDR James Bailey
26 January	MAJ GEN Wm Gossell
28 January	MR Walter Applewhite
28 January	MRS Joey Munson
31 January	MR Joe Applewhite
31 January	COL Joe Sasser

Christmas Banquet

Don Nguyen makes us proud, again

Dallas Chapter Companion, **Don Nguyen**, opened the evening by leading the assembled guests in singing, *God Bless America* and the *National Anthem*. The emotional impact of those songs is strong enough on their own, but when they are sung by Don, in his perfect baritone, the words send a message that transcends patriotism.



DALLAS CHAPTER COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN		
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It was another *fantastic* year for your Dallas Chapter

These are the Companions who joined the Chapter, in 2011



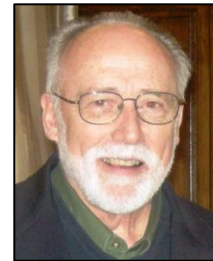
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Don Lincoln, USAF
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Allen



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Dallas



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Dallas



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Coppell



Gerald Fennell, USAF
Plano



James Brown, USA
Cedar Hill

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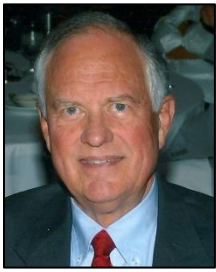
Gene Jameson, USA
Dallas

*To be
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January
2012

Janet Thompson, (USAF)
Arlington

WELCOME ALL, TO THE BEST LARGE MOWW CHAPTER IN THE NATION

THESE COMPANIONS JOINED, AS PERPETUAL MEMBERS, IN 2011



John Wagner, USA
Arlington



Earl Barnett, USAF
Dallas



Alan Backof, USA
Plano



James Hume, USA
McKinney



Jerry Prater, USA
Garland

**AND, THESE JOINED THE CHAPTER, *INITIALLY*, AS REGULAR MEMBERS,
BUT CHOSE TO BECOME PERPETUAL MEMBERS, IN 2011**



Jack Bond, USAF
DeSoto



Earl Dunnington Jr, USAF
Murphy



Jim Patterson, USAF
Garland



Donna Starnes, (USA)
Dallas



Virgil Williams, USA
Cedar Hill



Lewis Willis, USA
Duncanville



Steve Minear, USA
Lewisville



Michel Minear, USA
Lewisville



Bill Felini, USMC
Irving



Travis Langford, USA
Richardson



Jim Hansen, USA
Duncanville



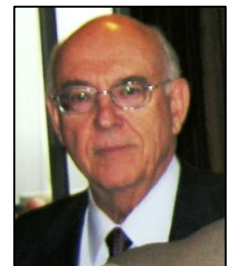
Peter Maurer, USA
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The Colony



James Willis, USAF
San Angelo



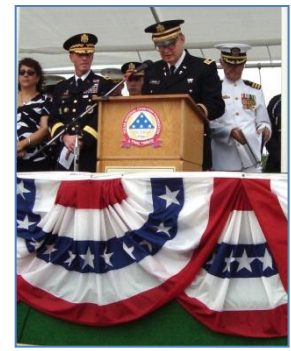
MajGen Harvey McCarter, USAF
Fairview

THANK YOU, ONE AND ALL, FOR YOUR VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN YOUR MILITARY ORDER

The Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain (Capt.) Dr. Weldon Estes

“The Necessity of Forgetfulness”



Memory is one of the most valuable faculties that we possess. Memory can be a great blessing to us. Memory can also be a devil to defeat and destroy us, both in the present and in the future. As we approach the New Year of 2012, there are some things that it would be wise for us to forget.

1. **Forget Past Successes.** We should be grateful for past blessings, but we must beware lest we find ourselves looking backward, rather than forward.

2. **Forget Past Failures.** Peter disappointed his Lord. He was terribly disappointed in himself, yet he experienced the forgiveness of his Lord and he was wise in that he forgave himself of his failures.

3. **Forget Past Grievances.** Do you plan to lug all of your old grievances into the New Year? If we would face the New Year with hope for success, we must forgive past grievances.

4. **Forget Our Fears.** Do you fear tomorrow? Do you fear failure? Do you fear death and eternity? By forgetting these and other things that would hinder and drag us down, we can walk into an unknown tomorrow with God.

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To Bring a Guest!!

THIS DAY IN HISTORY 17 JAN 1991



On January 17, 1991, Operation Desert Storm began. More than 450,000 troops, under the command of General Norman Schwarzkopf, liberated the nation of Kuwait - in 100 hrs.

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