

DALLAS
VETERANS
DAY COMMEMORATION

NOVEMBER 11, 2008



SALUTING

THOSE WHO ARE SERVING
THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED &
THOSE WHO HAVE
MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE



HONORING ALL OUR FALLEN BRETHEREN IN KOREA

"Although no sculptured
marble should rise to their memory,
nor engraved stone
bear record of their deeds,
yet will their
remembrance be as
lasting as the land
they honored"

Daniel Webster

MGEN Richard Mulberry
RADM Bob Smith

The Armistice Day Story

At 11:00 AM, November 11, 1918, the guns of World War I fell silent across Europe and Armistice Day was born. Eight years later a Presidential Proclamation invited people to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies. In time it was changed to Veterans Day and became the focal point for official national Veterans Day ceremonies.

Musical Prelude	Brass Quintet, ANG Band of the Gulf Coast Reflections Home School Choir
Master of Ceremonies.....	Bill Melton
Presentation of the Colors.....	Marine Color Guard
Flyover	F/A-18 Hornets from Marine Air Group 41, JRB/NAS Fort Worth
Massing of the Colors	DISD Junior ROTC Cadets
Invocation & Blessing of the Colors	Rev. Dennis Wilkinson, Lt. Col. USAF (Ret.)
Pledge of Allegiance	Col. Ken Cordier USAF (Ret)
Rifle Salute	Lone Star Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America
The National Anthem	Mrs. Jennifer Ciobanu
Laying of the Wreath	Brig. Gen. Timothy Boddie, Jr. USAF (Ret), SGT Kermit Gable USA, SgtMaj Ruben Pereida USMC (Ret.)
TAPS	TSgt Richard Bullock, Bugler, USAF (Ret.)
Missing Man Formation	T-38s from the EuroNATO Joint Pilot Training Wing, Sheppard AFB Texas
Retire the Colors	DISD Junior ROTC
Welcome Comments	Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert
Remarks	Honorable Thomas P. Pauken, Chairman Texas Workforce Commission
Guest Speaker Introduction	SGT Kermit Gable
Military Guest Speaker	Brigadier General Timothy Boddie, Jr. USAF (Ret.)
Benediction	Rev. Dennis Wilkinson, Lt. Col. USAF (Ret.)
Music	Brass Quintet, ANG Band of the Gulf Coast
Vintage Military Aircraft Flyover	Commemorative Air Force
Veterans Day Parade	Parade Passes in Review in front of City Hall

Parade Reviewing Party

Officers

Non-Commissioned Officers

Army	MG Jerry Icenhower	MSG (P) John D. Milsap
Navy	RADM Robert Smith III	CMC James Blevins Jr.
Marine Corps	Lt. Gen. Richard Carey	SgtMaj. David Jobe
Air Force	Brig. Gen. Francis Hendricks	CMSgt Jeffrey Helm
Coast Guard	CDR Dale Klosterman	CPO Walter Fryer
Merchant Marine.....	Captain Robert Keslinke	

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CHAIRMAN - SGT Kermit G. Gable



Former Sergeant Kermit G. Gable Jr. was born in Allentown PA and raised in Milford CT. He enlisted in the Army Reserves in 1981, 5 days after his 17th birthday as a junior in high school under the Army's split option training program. He finished two years at Southern Connecticut State University before deciding to enter the Army full time. Opting for an Army Aviation career, Kermit graduated first in his class from the Army's Aircraft Electricians School. Serving most of his active duty career at Fort Polk LA, Kermit completed his education with a degree from Northwestern Louisiana State University. Leaving active duty in 1989 to enter the civilian workforce Kermit was quickly called back to active duty with the invasion of Kuwait and the onset of Desert Storm. Here he served as a Black-

hawk crewmember flying five combat missions. His awards include the Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Components Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. In Kermit's professional career he has worked in the insurance & financial services industry since leaving active duty. He is a Certified Financial Planner™ with IPS Advisors here in Dallas. Kermit is actively involved in the support of the military and veteran community. Most notably he serves as an Ombudsman and area chair for the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve as well as serving as the Executive Vice President for the North Texas Chapter of the Association of the United States Army. Kermit resides in Richardson with his wife Gail and their two dogs.

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER



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November 11, 2008

Greeting to my fellow veterans and citizens of Dallas and the Metroplex.

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the eleventh annual Dallas Veterans Day ceremony and Parade. This event is to honor our veterans, those who have served, those who are serving and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice so that we in the United States of America can maintain the freedom and liberty that is so precious to each one of us.

This year we are observing the 55th anniversary of the cessations of hostilities of the Korean War. While we owe so much to the men and women who served, fought and sacrificed their lives against enemies who would take our freedoms from us we must also pay homage to the families of these men and women who have also endured so much to support this great country. Lastly let us not forget we are a country at war and we are paying a special tribute to those who are serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. They are protecting us from terrorist aggression and helping bring democracy to parts of the world where it has never been known.

On behalf of the Dallas Veterans Day Parade Committee, I would like to thank the city of Dallas along with the Office of Special Events and the many municipal volunteers who have contributed immensely toward the success of this annual ceremony and parade.

I also want to thank my fellow members of the Dallas Veterans Day Parade and their tireless These volunteers are the backbone of the Dallas Veterans Day Parade and their countless support and countless hours are given selflessly to make this event a success. I'm very proud to be a member of such a fine group of dedicated patriots.

Thanks must also be given to the Greater Dallas military community. The area National Guard, Reserve and active military units have provided great support to make this parade a success. A special thanks needs to be given to Dallas County Schools along with the Independent School District. Without the support of both the DCS and the DISD the participation of the DISD JROTC units and DISD Bands would not be possible. I also need to acknowledge the participation of our many civic and patriotic organizations that round out our parade every year that without them our parade would be incomplete.

Finally, on behalf of our committee, I recognize the Greater Dallas Business community and civic leaders for their generous financial support. Your funding is what makes the Dallas Veterans Day Parade possible. We are most grateful for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Kermit G. Gable Jr.
 Chairman, 2008 Dallas Veterans Day Parade

"Saluting those who are serving, Those who have served, and Those who have made the ultimate sacrifice"
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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR/CITY OF DALLAS



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Veterans Day began with the armistice of World War I, thus making this the 90th anniversary of that solemn event; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Dallas are indebted to the courageous men and women who placed their lives in harms way for our country; and

WHEREAS, Dallas also pays special tribute and honor to the men and women who fought in Korea as this year marks the 55th Anniversary of the Cessation of the Korean Conflict; and

WHEREAS, Dallas offers gratitude, respect and honor to the military families who have been asked to sacrifice one or more of their family members to a situation fraught with danger and uncertainty; and

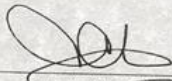
WHEREAS, Dallas honors the men and women serving in Afghanistan under the code name "Operation Enduring Freedom" and in Iraq under code name "Operation Iraqi Freedom" for their brave, committed fight against local terrorism in those regions and terrorism all over the globe; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Dallas Veterans Foundation will produce an appropriate ceremony on Veterans Day 2008, which is designed to honor and salute those who are serving, those who have served and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOM LEPPERT, mayor of the city of Dallas, and on behalf of the Dallas City Council, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2008 as

VETERANS DAY

in Dallas, Texas.



Mayor, The City of Dallas



HONORED KEYNOTE MILITARY SPEAKER

Brigadier General James Timothy Boddie, Jr.



General Boddie was born in Baltimore, Maryland and received his Bachelor's degree from Howard University in 1954. He is a graduate of the Academic Instructors School, Squadron Officers School, the Air War College, a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and Auburn University where he earned a Master of Public Administration degree in 1975. Receiving his commission through Air Force ROTC at Howard University, he entered primary pilot training in March 1955. He then went to basic pilot training at Laredo AFB, Texas, earning his pilot's wings in March 1956 and was assigned to the 560th Strategic Fighter Squadron at Bergstrom AFB, Texas. In May 1957 he went to Nellis AFB for gunnery and weapons training and in 1957 he transferred to Wheelus Air Base, Tripoli, Libya as an instructor pilot. In May 1961 he was Commandant of Cadets at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. In June 1965 he joined the 4453rd Training Wing, Davis-Monthan AFB. Volunteering for combat in 1966, he joined the 12th Tactical Fighter Wing, Cam Ranh Bay Air Base, flying 201 F-4 combat missions. Returning to Davis-Monthan AFB in 1967 he commanded the

F-4 Weapons School, then went to Randolph AFB as chief of the Flying Status Branch. In 1975 it was on to Headquarters TAC, Langley AFB as chief of the Maintenance Standardization and Evaluation Division. In 1976 he was named deputy commander for operations, 347th Tactical Fighter Wing, Moody AFB and in June 1978 to the 51st Tactical Fighter Wing, Osan Air Base, Korea. In 1980 He was deputy director of operations and planning, Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He retired from the USAF in July 1983. After retirement, he joined the Link Flight Simulation Corporation as its Washington, D.C. office manager for Air Force activities. His decorations include the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, the Vietnam Campaign Medal and many other decorations. General Boddie (Tim) is married to the former Matyve Dwigginns of Tuskegee, Alabama, and they reside in Plano, Texas and have five adult sons.



HONORED CIVILIAN SPEAKER

Honorable Thomas P. Pauken, Chairman Texas Workforce Commission



Tom Pauken was born in Victoria, Texas and grew up in, and graduated Jesuit High School, in Dallas. He received his undergraduate degree from Georgetown University and his law degree from Southern Methodist University Law School. He served as vice president of a venture capital company, president of a radio station and associate director of the White House Fellowship Program. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in March 1967, with basic training at Ft. Bragg, NC and went through an intelligence program at Ft. Holabird, MD. He then attended the Defense Language Institute in El Paso receiving a Direct Commission as a Second Lieutenant. In 1969 he served for a year in Vietnam as a Province Intelligence Officer for the 525th Military Intelligence Group in Chau Doc, then joined the Joint Intelligence Command headquarters of MACV, analyzing the strategic and political aspects of the war. He served on President Reagan's transition team and on the White House staff in the Counsel's office in 1981, that same year he was named by President Reagan as Director of ACTION, an independent federal agency,

serving until 1985. As the Director of ACTION, he established the Vietnam Veteran Leadership Program (VVLP) helping fellow Veterans with employment or lingering problems. ACTION is the predecessor agency to today's AmeriCorps. He also helped lead the implementation of First Lady Nancy Reagan's Just Say No to Drugs program. Tom was elected Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas in 1994, and was re-elected for a second term in 1996, serving in that position until 1997. In 2007 he served as Chairman of Governor Perry's Task Force on Appraisal Reform and in March 2008 was appointed Chairman of the Texas Workforce Commission. With the support of Gov. Rick Perry he also set up the Texas Veterans Leadership Program run by returning veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan to help their fellow veterans make a successful transition to civilian life. Tom is the author of a book entitled The Thirty Years War which is the story of the other side of the '60s generation a book "for those who really want to know what happened in the '60s." He and his wife Ida reside in Dallas and have seven children and nine grandchildren.



CO-GRAND MARSHAL

Major General Richard Mulberry

Major General Richard Mulberry was born in 1920, and grew up on a tobacco farm in Sadieville, Kentucky where he graduated high school. A 1941 graduate of The University of Kentucky, he entered the Naval Aviation Cadet Program and was commissioned a Marine Corps Second Lieutenant and Naval Aviator in August 1942. Assigned to VMSB-243 Squadron, September 1942, he flew in the Pacific Theatre in 1943 and 1944, flying over 150 anti-submarine missions and 50 bombing and strafing missions. In 1945 General Mulberry joined a Carrier Air Group preparing for the Japan invasion. From 1946 through 1951 he flew with three fighter squadrons in the Marine Reserve, including VMF-112 in Dallas. Returning to active duty in 1951 he flew over 50 combat missions during the Korean conflict flying over North Korea. Returning to Dallas in 1953, he rejoined VMF-112 Marine Fighter Squadron as Commanding Officer, later being promoted to Colonel. He joined Marine Air Reserve Group 19 as Assistant Wing Commander of the Fourth



Marine Air Wing and served from 1969 through 1973. He was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General in 1969 and Major General in 1971 in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. During his Marine reserve assignment he served on a special mission in Vietnam for the Commandant of the Marine Corps in 1970. In 1981 he was appointed, for a four year term by President Ronald Reagan, to serve as Inspector General of the Department of the Interior. Among his many decorations, are: the Distinguished Flying Cross w/two stars, Air Medal w/eleven gold and silver stars, Korean Combat Medal, Presidential Unit Citation. General Mulberry retired in 1978 and lives with his wife Jane in Dallas. Active in many civic, veterans and military organizations, he was past President of the Dallas Navy League, past Commander of the Dallas Chapter MOWW and past Commander American Legion Post 581. He has served on the Veterans Day Parade committee for many years and also serves, almost on a full time basis, as a volunteer at the Frontiers of Flight Museum at Dallas Love Field.



CO-GRAND MARSHAL

Rear Admiral L. Robert Smith

Admiral Smith joined the Navy at 17 years of age as Seaman Apprentice in 1947. He entered Navy Flight Training in February 1949, winning his wings in September 1950. He then joined Fighter Squadron V-52 in late 1950. He flew 132 combat missions during two deployments to Korea: The first, 1951-1952 on the U.S.S. Valley Forge and the second in 1953 on the U.S.S. Boxer. After the fighting stopped and the U.S.S. Boxer returned, his squadron, VF-52 did the flying in the Paramount movie "The Bridges at Toko-Ri" with LTJG Smith flying the part of LT Harry Brubaker (actor Bill Holden). Afterward, he graduated from the Naval Test Pilot School, and was assigned to fly experimental aircraft. He was then assigned to the NROTC unit at Georgia Tech, and, while there, completed degrees in Bachelor of Aeronautical Engineering and an MS (AE) with highest honors. In 1963 he was a finalist in the third Astronaut selection,



the Apollo Group. Admiral Smith has had six tours as Commanding Officer, including a fighter squadron, two Naval Air Station units and several senior staff units. He was Commander, Naval Reserve Readiness Region Eleven, Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico, from 1981 to 1984. Admiral Smith served 39 years in the Navy and Naval Reserve. Since release from active duty, he has been employed with several aerospace companies and has been most active in veterans and military organizations. He was founding Chairman of the Greater Dallas Veterans Foundation. Admiral Smith has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, six Air Medals and the Navy/Marine Commendation Medal with "V" device (valor), for his Korean service and the Legion of Merit (two awards) together with many other unit and service medals. He is married to Carnella DeLuca and they have one daughter. Admiral Smith resides in Dallas, Texas.

1953

On our cover is a picture of the Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C. At first, you see nineteen soldiers on patrol among scrub Juniper bushes suggesting the rugged Korean terrain. The ponchos each has on only hint at the miserable weather they faced. The soldiers at the front of the patrol represent the first soldiers sent to Korea. Many were ill-equipped and ill-trained, yet they persevered. They endured foul weather, rugged terrain, and poor equipment, in addition to 54 divisions of communist Chinese soldiers. Originally designed to have 38 statues to represent the 38th parallel the number had to be cut in half due to space limitations. But, the highly polished surface of the "wall of faces" reflecting all nineteen soldiers produce 38 figures in all.

The Korean War encompasses a period of conflict between North Korean and South Korean regimes, with major hostilities lasting from June 25, 1950 until the armistice signed on July 27, 1953. With a long history of conflict and occupation leading up to this "war", both Koreans were attempting to re-unify Korea under their respective governments, with both sides supported by external powers. After many 38th parallel incursions by both sides the North attacked and within days, South Korean forces - outnumbered, outgunned, and often of dubious loyalty to the Southern regime - were in full retreat or defecting en masse to the North. North Korean forces occupied the capital, Seoul, after just three days. However, North Korea's hope for a quick surrender and reunification of the peninsula

evaporated when the United States and other foreign powers intervened. However after just two months the South Korean forces and the U.S. Eighth Army under General Walton Walker had been driven back into a small area in the southeast corner of the Korean peninsula around the city of Pusan. By September, only the area around Pusan - about 10 percent of the Korean peninsula - was still in allied coalition hands.

Meanwhile, supply bases in Japan were pouring weapons, soldiers and American tank battalions in and the North Koreans found themselves undermanned with weak logistical, naval and air support. In order to alleviate pressure on the Pusan Perimeter, General MacArthur, UN commander-in-chief for Korea, got permission for, a brilliant strategic move in an amphibious landing far behind the North Korean lines at Incheon. The landing was a decisive victory, which threatened to trap the main North Korean army. MacArthur quickly recaptured Seoul and the North Koreans, almost cut off, were forced to rapidly retreat. UN forces crossed into North Korea in early October 1950. The Eighth U.S. Army, along with the South Koreans, drove up the western side of Korea and captured the northern capital of Pyongyang on October 19th. By the end of October, the North Korean Army was rapidly disintegrating, and the UN took 135,000 prisoners.

On June 27, 1950, China entered the conflict and on October 8, 1950, the day after American troops crossed the 38th parallel,



2008

Chairman Mao Zedong issued the order to assemble the Chinese People's Volunteer Army and move to the Yalu River (Border between China and Korea), ready to cross into North Korea. The Chinese crossed and made contact with American troops on November 1, 1950.

Thousands of Chinese had attacked from the north, northwest, and west against scattered U.S. and South Korean (Republic of Korea or ROK) units and moved deep into North Korea. The Chinese seemed to come out of nowhere as they swarmed around the flanks and over the defensive

positions of the surprised UN troops. In late November, the Chinese struck in the west decimating several South Korean divisions. In the east, at the Battle of Chosin Reservoir, a 30,000 man unit from the U.S. 7th Infantry Division and U.S. Marine Corps, similarly unprepared, was soon surrounded, though they eventually managed to escape from the encirclement, albeit with over 15,000 casualties, after inflicting heavy casualties on six Chinese divisions. In January 1951, the Chinese and North Korean forces struck again. Seoul was abandoned and was captured by communist forces on January 4, 1951. But, the Chinese could not go beyond Seoul because they were at the end of their logistics supply line as all food and ammunition had to be carried at night on foot or bicycle from the Yalu River and they had to retreat. In late January, finding the lines in front of them deserted, UN forces ordered a "reconnaissance in force", which developed into a full-scale

offensive. Planned to proceed gradually, by the time it was completed in early February, UN forces had reached the Han River and re-captured Wonju. The Chinese struck back in mid-February but were repelled. A series of offenses followed and Seoul, in ruins, was re-taken having changed hands four times in a year. A further series of attacks slowly drove back the communist forces, until they reached a line some miles north of the 38th parallel. The decision by UN forces to halt just north of the 38th Parallel, and not to persist in offensive action into North Korea, ushered in the period of stalemate which typified the remainder of the conflict.



The rest of the war involved very little territory change, large-scale bombing of the north, and lengthy peace negotiations, which began on July 10, 1951 at Kaesong and went on for two years, first at Kaesong, and later at Panmunjon. A cease-fire was established on July 27, 1953, by which time the front line was back around the proximity of the 38th parallel, and a demilitarized zone (DMZ) was established around it.



HONORING THE SACRIFICES OF ALL MILITARY FAMILIES

MICHAEL & KELLIE LAW FAMILY

Michael and Kellie Law have two sons serving in the military. Sgt Jessie John Law served in the U.S. Marine Corps 2002 to 2006 and was in the initial Iraq invasion. He deployed to Iraq three times receiving many awards. His favorite award was being voted the "Best NCO," he is now in the Marine Reserve. PFC Matthew Law U.S. Army, served with the 101st Airborne and was deployed in Iraq for a year. He currently serves in the 7th Engineer Battalion at Fort Drum, New York. He is scheduled to be re-deployed to Iraq in June of 2009. "Our family is only one of many that are honored and



proud to have sons serving in our military. There have been times of joy and tears as we watched our sons Matthew and Jessie serve on the front lines. We will always be grateful to the men and women fighting for this great nation, our sons included" said Mrs. Law. She served as co-chair of the Ellis County Military Moms Organization to solicit donations of clothing and snacks to send to the troops serving in Afghanistan and Iraq. Mrs. Law a former Nurse, married Mr. Law in 1991 and joined her husband's business, Lone Star Floor Covering. They also have a daughter Rebecca and a son Samuel.

JOHN & LINDA ROBINSON FAMILY

Linda Robinson has served the past year as the Program Director of the United Service Organization (USO) in Balad, Iraq. While there, Linda also helped start and operate "United Through Reading", a program that sends children's books to families of deployed soldiers along with a DVD of the soldier reading to his or her kids. In 2007-08, Linda filmed and sent over 4500 "UTR" DVDs and books home to military families, impacting more than 11,000 children. Prior to going to Iraq, Linda served as the Administrative Assistant for Special Events and Projects for the USO at DFW Airport. She also served as the DFW Airport Meet and Greet volunteer coordinator from 2005 to 2007. Linda



and her husband, John, are residents of Coppell, Texas and have three grown children; Amy, Alyson, and John Micah. John Micah is a Sergeant in the Texas National Guard and will be leaving on his second tour in Iraq this month. Linda got a "calling" to do that after she was greeting soldiers out at the DFW Airport ever since she sent her own son off to war in Feb 2004. She's always there to greet them "When I came here the first time it was real therapy. It connected me to my son. It made the miles between here to Iraq seem so much shorter" "My heart just about beat out of my chest, I thought that has... that has just got my name over it and I thought I want to do that."

OPERATIONS ENDURING & IRAQI FREEDOM

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM

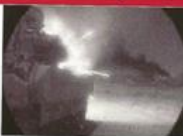
After the September 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the United States entered into a war against global terrorism. Initially, we disrupted their funding through seizure, then, by a military response called Operation Enduring Freedom. Early operations included a mix of land and sea based missile strikes. Objectives included the destruction of terrorist training camps and infrastructure within Afghanistan, the capture



of al Qaeda leaders, and the cessation of terrorist activities. Additionally, military forces would help deliver humanitarian supplies to the Afghans. On Oct. 9th of 2005 millions of Afghans finally got their initial taste of democracy with participation in the first-ever presidential Afghanistan elections. Coalition forces continue to locate and destroy remaining pockets of Taliban and al Qaeda fighters and to search for surviving leadership.

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

On March 19, 2003, United States and United Kingdom forces consisting of cruise missiles, stealth fighters and other aircraft began military operations against Iraq. This was designed to rid Iraq of its mass destruction weapons and to remove the oppressive and dangerous Iraqi Regime. Operation Iraqi Freedom consisted of the largest special operations force (SOF) since the Vietnam War. While the vast majority of special operations forces were American, the United Kingdom and Australia also provided forces. Coalition personnel worked with Kurdish fighters against the regime.



Special operations forces helped bring in the US 173rd Airborne Brigade, and also called in coalition air power strikes on regime targets. Special operations were also responsible for attacking a number of specific targets such as airfields, weapons sites, and command and control centers. Over one hundred thousand personnel took part in this operation. We salute the men and women who have been, and still are involved in "Operation Iraqi Freedom." They have performed valiantly and will always take their rightful place beside our hallowed veterans of past engagements.



MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Bill Melton

Bill Melton, a highly accomplished management and finance professional, has served as Master of Ceremonies for the Dallas Veterans Day Parade for many years. Professionally, he's served as Dallas County Treasurer for over 25 years and is currently working as a national free-lance announcer and consultant. A graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, Melton obtained his Certifications as an Investment and finance Officer and County Treasurer as well as training by the United States Chamber in Organization Management. In 1995, American City & County Magazine selected him "County Leader of the Year" and in 1991, named him the United States' "Most Valuable Public Official in County Government". In 1982, he was honored as "Outstanding County Treasurer in the United States" and "Texas' Outstanding County Treasurer". In 1981 as County Treasurer, Melton served as President, National Association of County Treasurers and Finance Officers. He was Director of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association for 11 years and received numerous awards including the George



Washington Honor Medal; Liberty Bell Award; one of "Five Outstanding Young Texans"; "Outstanding Young Man of Dallas"; Lions "Ambassador of Goodwill", "Lion of the Year", the highest Award of Lions Clubs International. His sports awards include SMU "Honorary Letterman" Award and "Mustang Service Award". He served as Announcer for

the 2005 Presidential Inauguration Parade, and two Inaugural events one honoring United States Armed Services. He was Stadium Announcer for Men's and Women's Olympic Soccer during the 1996 Atlanta Centennial Olympic Games; PA Announcer for Super Bowls VI, VIII, IX; NFL AFC vs. NFC Pro Bowl, 1973; Men's World Cup Soccer 1994; Women's World Cup Soccer 2003; and the 2002 World Basketball Championships. He was PA Announcer for the Dallas Cowboys for 10 years, Texas Rangers for six years, World Championship Tennis for 18 years, SMU football, basketball and "The Mustang Band" for 24 years and UNT Football and Basketball for 12 years.

PARADE ANNOUNCER

COL Homer Schmidt

COL Homer C. Schmidt served 30 years in the US Army, both active and reserve. He was commissioned in the Ordinance Corps and later became qualified in Civil Affairs and Military Intelligence. He completed extensive training in these disciplines, and graduated from the Army's Command and Staff College at Fort Levinworth, Kansas. His military decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal and the Good Conduct Medal among others.

Col. Schmidt graduated Southern Methodist University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. He worked for the Texas Utilities Company in power generation operations, testing and construction of gas fired power plants and served 10 years as Director of Nuclear Services for the Comanche Peak Nuclear power plant Southwest of Dallas.

He is married to the former Diane Hetherington of Miami, Oklahoma. They have three children and four grandchildren and are active in Dallas church and civic activities.



PARADE COLOR ANNOUNCER

Jack Schell

Jack Schell brings to the Dallas Veterans Day Parade a wealth of announcing experience and will add to the color commentary. He has been on the air entertaining listeners on the radio in the Dallas-Fort Worth area since the mid 60s. His morning and afternoon drivetime DJ and talkshow broadcasts on KBOX, KLIF, KRLLD, KVIL and others, have been legendary and he ranks among the top DJ/Announcers since the early radio years of the Sixties. Known for his quick wit enhancing the many station promotions he participated in has put him in the top tier of desired announcers. He always went the extra mile especially for on-site promotions that he handled as an emcee or participant with his always smiling attitude and zany antics in good taste. Jack's presence on the air and his influence behind the scenes have been continuous for over 40 years. Although he now spends most of his time at his studios on Cedar Creek Lake,

producing high-end videos for business and individuals, he is also on call to fill in on Dallas radio when summoned. He is a native Dallasite, father of two sons, home craftsman, guitar student, avid snow skier and self-confessed obsessive early-adopter of electronic gadgets.



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PARADE PARTICIPANTS

US Marine Corps	USMC Color Guard	Hella Shrine	Legion of Honor
Texas Army National Guard (TX NG)	36th Infantry Division Band	America's Perfect Miss	Miss Shannon McAnally
Grand Marshal	Major General (USMC) Richard Mulberry	Marine Corps League (MCL)	Big D Detachment
Grand Marshal	Rear Admiral (USN) William Smith	Marine Corps League (MCL)	Lone Star Young Marines
Honorary Marshals	Mr & Mrs John & Linda Robinson	Air Force Sergeants Assn (AFSA)	Chapter # 1073
Honorary Marshals	Mr & Mrs Michael & Kelley Law	Warren T White High School	"Longhorns" Marching Band
Hella Shrine	Crowns (distributing US Flags)	Warren T White High School	1st Battalion, Marine Corps JROTC
US Navy	Seaman John Biggs (106 yrs old, WW II Dirigible)	US Air Force	344th AF Recruiting Squadron
Miss Classic United America	Shela Klein (& 3 Buckner Village Veterans)	American Ex-POW Assn	Dallas Metroplex Chapter
Buckner Village	Sgt Bill Reid, 1936 Mercedes-Benz (WW II Vet)	AmVets	Chapter # 22 and Auxiliary
Buckner Village	Sgt Bill Reid, 1936 Mercedes-Benz (WW II Vet)	AmVets	Department of Texas
Emmett Conrad High School	"Chargers" Marching Band	Dallas County	The Sheriff's Posse
Emmett Conrad High School	20th Battalion, Army JROTC	Dallas County	Veterans Service Office
US Army Air Corps	Ms Betty Jo Reed (WW II pilot, WASP)	Abraham Lincoln Magnet High School	"Tigers" Marching Band
Tuskegee Airmen	Claude Platte Chapter (WW II pilots)	Abraham Lincoln High School	10th Battalion, Army JROTC
Berlin Airlift Veterans Assn	Dallas Chapter (WW II airmen)	Dept of Veterans Affairs (DVA)	Dallas VA Hospital, Vet Center
Dallas Tap Dazzlers	Wives of WW II Veterans	Dept of Veterans Affairs (DVA)	VA North Texas Health Care System
White Bridle Humane Society	Walter T. Ranger	Disabled American Vets (DAV)	Chapter # 137
Chuck Norris Foundation	Kick Start for Kids	Doberman Rescue Assn	North Texas Chapter
US Army Reserves (USAR)	284th Engineer Company	First Marine Division Assn	Dallas Chapter
W. H. Adamson High School	"Leopards" Marching Band	Knights of Columbus (KoC)	Father Ryan Assembly
Dallas ISD	Brigade Color Guard	Skyline High School	"Raiders" Marching Band
Dallas ISD	Brigade Staff, Army JROTC	Skyline High School	11th Battalion, Army JROTC
W. H. Adamson High School	2nd Battalion, Army JROTC	Korean War Veterans Assn (KWVA)	General Walcott Walker Chapter # 215
Battle of the Balge	Chapter # 50 (WW II veterans)	Miss Texas Jr Teen	Miss Hoang Kim Cung
DFW Airport	"Welcome Home a Hero"	Korean War Veterans Assn (KWVA)	ROK - Lone Star Chapter # 76
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N. Dallas & Spruce High School	"Bulldogs" and "Timberwolves" Combined Bands	Republic of China Veterans (ROC)	Dallas Chapter
North Dallas High School	4th Battalion, Army JROTC	Republic of Viet Nam (RVN)	Armed Forces Veterans of South Vietnam
H. Grady Spruce High School	7th Battalion, Army JROTC	Texas National Guard	3rd Bn, 144th Infantry (CPTs Luttrick & George)
Military Order of World Wars (MOWW)	Dallas Chapter # 69	Reserve Officers Assn (ROA)	Greater Dallas Chapter
Military Order of World Wars (MOWW)	North Texas Chapter # 234	17th Infantry Regiment Assn	North Texas Chapter
Military Order of World Wars (MOWW)	Pinson Memorial Chapter # 233	Sons of American Legion (SAL)	Post # 453
Mrs US Beauties	CPT Jeannie Deakney, US Army	Sons of American Revolution (SAR)	Dallas Chapter
US Army	Field Artillery Half-Section	Bryan Adams High School	"Cougars" Marching Band
Veterans of Foreign Wars	VFW Post # 1406	Bryan Adams High School	14th Battalion, Army JROTC
Cedar Hill High School	Detachment 1, Air Force JROTC	Special Forces Association (SFA)	Chapter XXXI
Sunset High School	"Bisons" Marching Band	St James Episcopal Church	Seven Decades of Service
Sunset High School	6th Battalion, Army JROTC	The Retired Enlisted Assn (TREA)	Big D Chapter # 97
Veterans of Foreign Wars	VFW Post # 3359 and Auxiliary	US Army	Dallas Recruiting Company
Air Force Association (AFA)	Chapter # 232	US Army	M-19 Vietnam era Jeep (Jim Hooper)
Miss Teen Fort Worth	Miss Faith Bates	US Army	M-38 WW II era Jeeps (Mike Biddle)
Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA)	Dallas Chapter # 137	Justin F. Kimball High School	"Knight Train" Marching Band
Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA)	Grand Prairie Chapter # 1013	Justin F. Kimball High School	15th Battalion, Army JROTC
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Frontiers of Flight Museum	Dallas Love Field	Woodmen of the World	Dallas, Texas
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South Oak Cliff High School	"Soul of the South" Marching Band	AAFES	Headquarters, Dallas, Texas
South Oak Cliff High School	8th Battalion, Army JROTC	Veterans of Foreign Wars	VFW Post # 8627
American Legion	Post # 453	David W. Carter High School	21st Battalion, Army JROTC
American Legion	Post # 453 Auxiliary	Yvonne Ewell Tomvisev Center	"Big D" Marching Band
American Legion	Post # 802	Yvonne Ewell Tomvisev Center	1st Battalion, National Defense Cadet Corps
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Seagoville High School	"Dragons Pride" Marching Band	Boy Scouts of America	Troop 191
Seagoville High School	9th Battalion, Army JROTC	Dallas Police Department	Mobile Police Assistance Care (MPAC)
US Navy	US Navy Recruiting District, Dallas	Dallas Fire-Rescue	Ladder Truck # 23

The National Guard is charged with a unique, constitutionally-mandated dual role: it serves as the primary reserve of the Air Force and Army in war and times of national emergency; and in peacetime it serves as the organized militia of its home state, under control of the Governor. The National Guard now provides more than half of the U.S. Army's combat forces, and has participated in every major conflict in our nation's history. Currently there are numerous Citizen-soldiers deployed worldwide in support of the Constitution and freedoms for all.

The 36th Infantry Division was originally activated as a National Guard Division from Texas and Oklahoma in July 1917. The unit was sent to Europe in July 1918 and conducted major operations in Meuse-Argonne. During World War I the division suffered 2,584 casualties consisting of 466 killed in action and 2,118 wounded. After the war, the unit was inactivated in June 1919, but was again activated prior to World War II on November 25, 1940. The unit then deployed overseas in early April, 1943.



at Haguenuau, Oberhofen, and Wissemburg. In this action Company "G" 143rd Infantry Regiment earned a Presidential Unit Citation. The Division was taken out of the line for the first time since it had landed in the south of France. It returned to the line early March 1945. The 36th moved to the Danube, 22 April 1945, and attacked the "National Redoubt" at Künzelsau on the 30th in its final action. They were in combat 400 days and returned to the United States in December 1945 and was inactivated at the same time.

The 36th Infantry Division landed in North Africa, 13 April 1943, and trained at Arzew and Rabat. It first saw action, 9 September 1943, when it landed at Paestum on the Gulf of Salerno. The waiting enemy launched counterattacks, but the 36th repulsed them with the aid of air support and naval gunfire and advanced slowly, securing the area from Agropoli to Altavilla. After a brief rest the 36th returned to combat in mid November. It captured Mount Maggiore, Mount Lungo, and the village of San Pietro despite strong enemy positions and severe winter weather. This grueling campaign was marked by futile attempts to establish a secure bridgehead across the Rapido River, all of January to early February 1944.

After half a century on May 1, 2004, the 36th ID was reactivated (formerly the 49th Armored Division) to help transform the Texas Army National Guard into a more mobile and lethal fighting force committed to helping fight the global war on terrorism and carry on the proud legacy established by their predecessors. In 2005, over three thousand troops from the 56th BCT, 36th ID deployed to Iraq as part of the largest deployment of Texas troops since World War II. In 2005-2006, 800 Soldiers of 3rd Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 72nd Brigade, 36th Infantry Division deployed to Afghanistan for combat operations. The Battalion was attached to the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 82d Airborne Division and earned a Joint Meritorious Unit Citation. In 2006, the 1st Squadron, 124 Cavalry Regiment, 36th Infantry Division served as the first cavalry unit to be peacekeepers in the Sinai Desert for the Multinational Force and Observers. The force was comprised of soldiers from several units of the 36th Infantry Division including 1-112th AR, 2-112th AR, 3-112th AR, and 3-144 Infantry Battalions. The 36th Infantry Division HQ and the 4-112AR Battalion also was the major leading force for KFOR7 in late 2005 to late 2006. The Combat Aviation Brigade, 36th Infantry Division returned from Iraq in 2007 with some of the highest decorations awarded to soldiers of the Division since WWII. 3-144 IN Battalion from Fort Worth returned from a 2nd deployment this summer after conducting security force operations in Iraq. Currently, ADT #1, an Agricultural mission in Afghanistan, comprised of members from nearly every Brigade of the Division, are conducting various missions from soil conservation to animal vaccinations. The 56th IBCT is set to re-deploy to Iraq to conduct security force missions. Several additional units from the 36th Infantry Division are aligned to support OIF/OEF missions over the next 18 months. In the changing global climate and to keep up with the needs of the military, re-organization of the 36th Infantry Division is on-going as the Army undergoes its transformation to brigade units expected to be complete in 2010, while continuing to support both traditional and deployment missions it is assigned.

After assisting the 34th Division in the attack on Cassino and fighting defensively along the Rapido River, the 36th withdrew, in March for rest and rehabilitation. The Division landed at Anzio in May, drove north to capture Velletri and entered Rome on the 5th of June. Pushing up from Rome, the 36th encountered sharp resistance at Magliano, but reached Piombino before moving back to Paestum to again rest. In mid August, as part of the American 6th Army Group, the Division made another assault landing against light opposition in the Saint Raphaël-Fréjus area of Southern France as part of Operation Dragoon.

After a lightning dash opened the Rhone River Valley, Montelimar fell in August, and large Nazi units were trapped. The 36th then advanced to the Moselle River at Remiremont and the foothills of the Vosges. In a grinding offensive, the Division crossed the Meurthe River, breached the Ste. Marie Pass and burst into the Alsatian Plains. The enemy counterattacked, 13 December, but the 36th held the perimeter of the "Colmar Pocket". The German Army counterattacks were so fierce, that at times, the field artillery was forced to fire over open sights, at point blank range to stop them. On the 20th the 36th resumed the attack, advancing northward along the Rhine River to Mannheim meeting heavy resistance



The insignia - an olive drab "T" on a blue flint arrowhead was adopted in World War I, the division being organized from Oklahoma (once Indian Territory) and Texas National Guard units.



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FORT SILL FIELD ARTILERY "HALF SECTION"

Before artillery was mechanized, a field artillery section had a six-horse team pulling a cannon and another six-horse team hitched to a caisson which served as an ammunition carrier. Fort Sill's unit is called a half section because it includes only the gun team led by a section chief and guidon bearer who ride in front. Fort Sill's Half Section, is the Army's last horse-drawn artillery unit, keeping tradition and history alive. It recalls the words to the old Field Artillery song, "Over hill over dale, we have hit the dusty trail as our caissons go rolling along." The Half Section is an authentic representation of a horse-drawn artillery section used during World War I. Some of the saddles and hardware are original and were furnished by the Field Artillery Museum. The uniforms are replicas of those worn from 1918 to the 1930's. Formed in 1963, the Half Section didn't become a permanent fixture at Fort Sill until 1970, the year after the post's centennial celebration. The original eight horses were purchased through donations from local businessmen and organizations. In 1970, the Southwest Oklahoma Chapter of the Association of the United States Army began helping to support the Half Section. The chapter has donated funds for several horses and equipment trailers. The horses



are selected with the guidance of old photographs and 75-year-old specifications depicting the ideal artillery mount. Riley, the last of the original horses, was retired in May 1990. The Half Section's gun limber is of the type used by the Army through the 1930's. The 75mm cannon was the standard light field artillery piece for U.S. and French forces in World War I.

It was used until the last horse-drawn artillery unit was replaced by motorized units in 1942. The half section travels throughout Oklahoma and nearby states appearing in parades, rodeos and other events. At Fort Sill, the unit is frequently featured in colorful military ceremonies. On the national level, it performed at the Inaugural Parades for former President Richard Nixon in 1973 and President George Bush in 1989. It also performed at the Pennsylvania National Horse Show in 1980, the State Fair of Maine in 1981, Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo in 1983, and most recently the Walnut Hill Farm, New York driving Competition in August 1996. Years ago the Army replaced the cavalry horse with the battle tank, and the artillery horse with trucks and self-propelled weapons, but Fort Sill's Field Artillery Half Section keeps alive the tradition of the horse drawn artillery unit and its place in U.S. Army History.

Participation of the Half Section in this year's parade was made possible, in part, by a contribution from Major Wally Williamson in memory of his father, Allen Williamson.

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JROTC Marching Units

1st - W. T. White H. S. Marine Corps Battalion

2nd - Segoville H. S. 9th BN, Army JROTC

3rd - N. Dallas H. S. 4th BN, Army JROTC

Honorable Mention - Molina H.S. 18th BN, Army RPOTC

High School Marching Bands

1st - David W. Carter H.S.

2nd - Hillcrest H. S.

3rd - James Madison H. S.

Military Units

1st - USAF Band of the West

2nd - 36th Inf. Band, Texas NG

3rd - USAF Color Guard, IRB, Ft. Worth

VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS

1st - Son of the American Revolution, Dallas Chapter #2

2nd - World War II Merchant Marines

3rd - National Sojourners, Audie Murphy Chapter #112

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1st - Nobles of Mystic Shrine, Hella Temple Legion of Honor

2nd - Dallas Tap Dazzlers

3rd - Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Veterans

Youth Orgs/Units

1st - Circle Ten Council BSA "Eagle Float"

2nd - Naval Sea Cadets, USS Forestal Sqdn.

3rd - Boy Scouts Troop 570

Static Displays

1st - Korean War Vets Assn.

2nd - Texas ANG

3rd AAFES

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2007 WINNERS

		School	Student Name	Teacher Name
9-12	1st Place	Skyline Center	Denarrian Dupree	Patrick Crouch
	2nd Place	Skyline Center	Elliot Vazques	Patrick Crouch
	3rd Place	Skyline Center	Grecia Rendon	Patrick Crouch
6-8	1st Place	Zumwalt M.S.	Marcus Walker	Kevin Hannon
	2nd Place	Sam Tasby M.S.	Mariana Catalan	Karen Romo
	3rd Place	Sam Tasby M.S.	Maria Evelyn Cabrera	Karen Romo
4-5	1st Place	Charles Rice Learning Ctr.	Taneza Abeni	Linda Camp
	2nd Place	Celestino M. Soto Elem.	Talea Hamilton	Betty Waters
	3rd Place	Maria Moreno Elem.	Jazmin Espinoza	Carlos Vega
1-3	1st Place	DeZavala Elem.	Virginia DeLosRios	Anatassia Kierst
	2nd Place	Celestino M. Soto Elem.	Johana Nunez	Betty Waters
	3rd Place	DeZavala Elem.	Eunice Cruz	Anatassia Kierst



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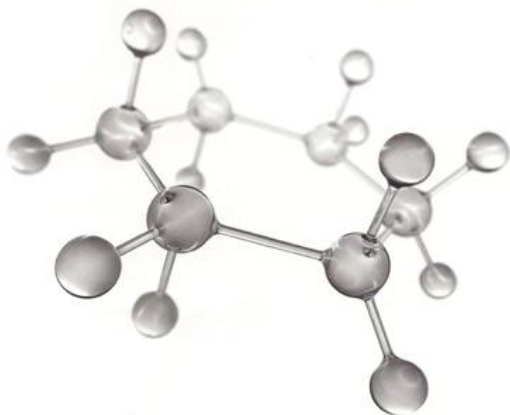
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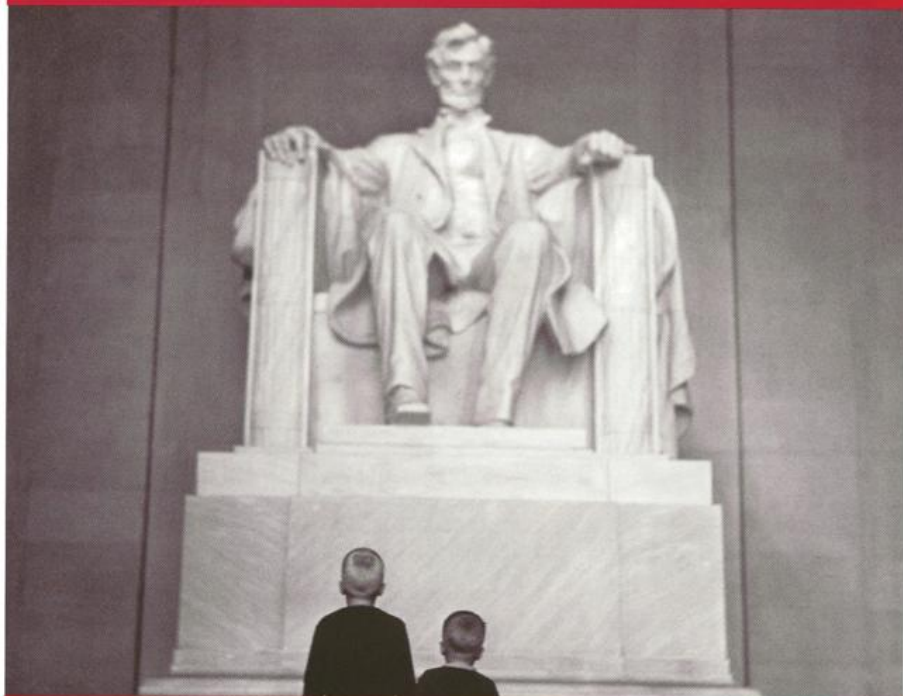


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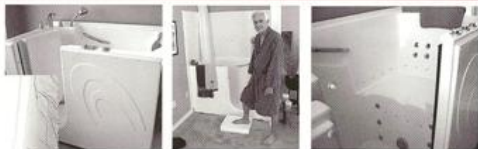
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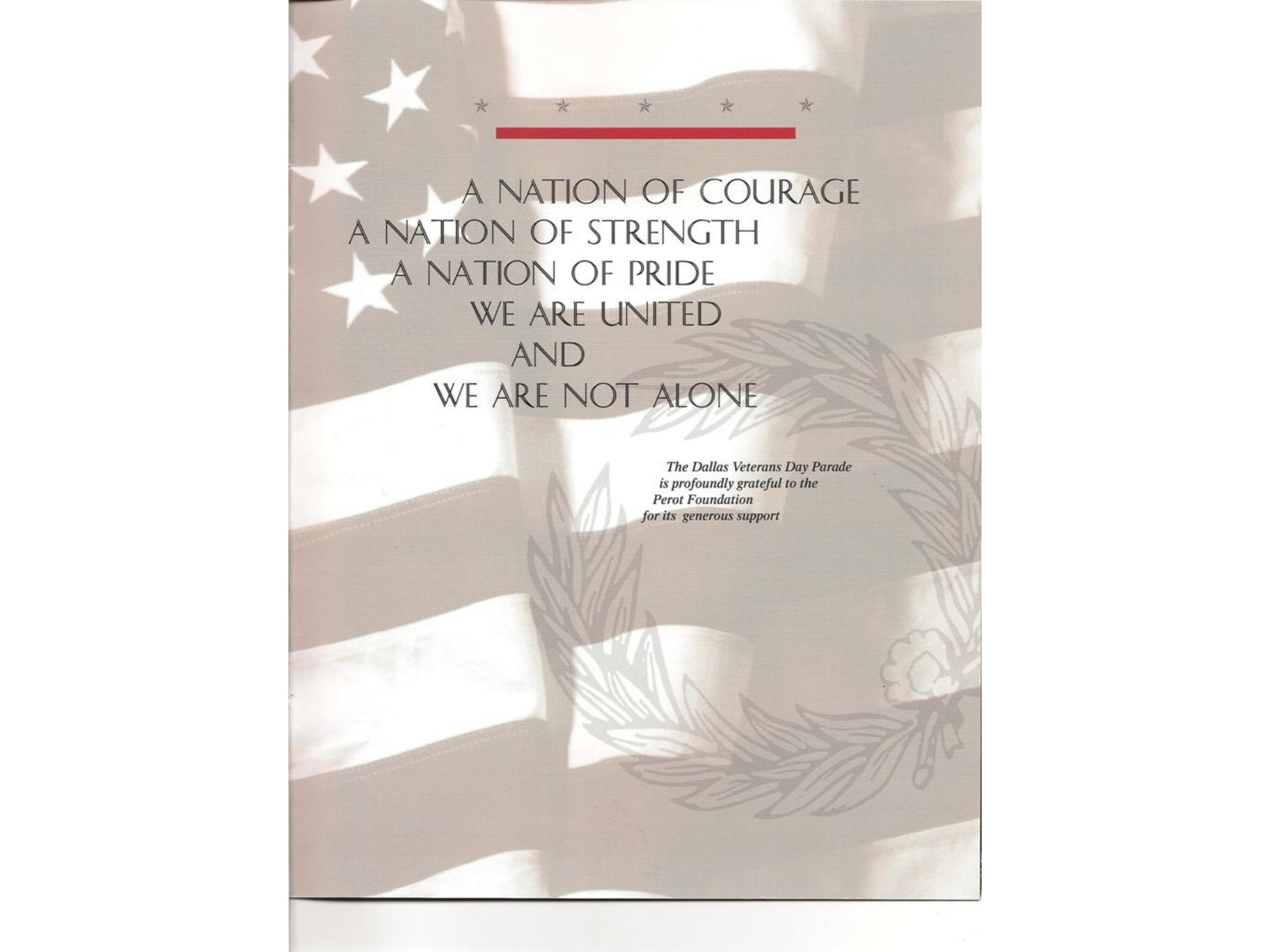
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