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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	Scott Murray General Mark A. Milley, USA JROTC Color Guard DISD JROTC Cadets FMR CPT Rusty Sullivan, USA
The National Anthem	3
Rifle Salute	Firing Detail, 2nd BN 14th Marines Mr. Thaddeus Webb T-38's, Euro-NATO Joint Pilot Training Wing, Sheppard AFB, Texas
Retire the Colors Introduction of Mayor Michael Rawlings Welcome Comments	Scott Murray Mayor Michael S. Rawlings Colonel Joe Cordina, USAF (RET) General Mark A. Milley, USA Colonel Joe Cordina, USAF (RET) Lieutenant General Ricardo Sanchez, USA (RET)
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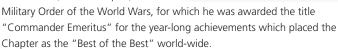
CHAIRMAN Col. Joe Cordina

Our Chairman for the 2017 Veterans Day Parade, Colonel Joe Cordina, hails from Charleston, South Carolina, where he entered the USAF through AFROTC. He was the Vice Wing Commander for the University of South Carolina Detachment. Following commissioning he "became a Forever-Texan" at Laredo AFB where he completed flight training before upgrading to the C-130E and a long-tour in Southeast Asia and the Pacific theater. Returning to the USA placed him in Washington, DC where he flew VIP airlift support missions for more than three years. Then he returned to Texas (and never left!) to ultimately become the Director for the NE Texas region for the Air Force Academy recruitment program. He served the Academy for a total of 24 years and because of the outstanding accomplishments reflected in Academy nominations and appointments his unit was recognized time and again for superior performance in supporting the goals for officer recruitment through the Academy and ROTC scholarship programs.

Although quick to pass the praise to his team, Colonel Cordina's leadership spanning 30 years in both military and civilian capacities has been the hallmark to his success. Awarded medals including the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross with Valor, Meritorious Service (2), Air Medals (2), Achievement Medals (3), Air Force Outstanding Unit with Valor, Air Force Organizational Excellence (3), Outstanding Volunteer Service, as well

as several Republic of Vietnam Gallantry and theater Campaign medals, his service to the Air Force and AF Academy was capped by the coveted Lifetime Achievement Award.

Colonel Cordina's civilian contributions include service as the 2015 Commander, Dallas Chapter, for the



Additionally, Colonel Cordina has served as the Mayor for the City of Parker and on the City Council for a decade of community service. He is presently the Founder and President of Component Technology, a sales and technical support firm addressing electronic design and manufacturing which has served the southcentral USA for 34 years. Married with four wonderful children and three grandchildren, he enjoys competitive waterskiing, biking and outdoor activities.







MASTER OF CEREMONIES Scott Murray

Scott Murray spent over three decades with **NBC** television as a multi Emmy Award-winning TV sports anchor and broadcast journalist. He's been honored as a Living Legend for Excellence in Journalism by the Press Club of Dallas and is a recipient of the prestigious Silver Circle Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

He's a sought-after keynote speaker, published author of two books, and, Chairman/CEO of **Murray Media**, an Emmy Award-winning video/HD/television production and A/V event media company. Scott is also host of two weekly radio programs on **570 KLIF**, *The Scott Murray Show* and *Leading the Way* as well as host of the Emmy Award-winning TV program, *Conversations with Scott Murray* for which he and his son/business partner both won an Emmy for their TV mini-documentary filmed in Normandy, *D-Day... 70th Anniversary Remembered*.



Scott stays active as a volunteer, serving on the board/advisory boards of countless children's, civic and charitable non-profit organizations. His commitment to community has resulted in his being honored with numerous awards such as Man of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Humanitarian of the Year, Director's Award from the FBI and the U.S. Department of Justice, George Washington Medal of Honor Freedom Award, The Military Order of the World Wars Patrick Henry Silver Award, and, his most cherished honor, Father of the Year.

PARADE ANNOUNCER Brian Curtis

Brian Curtis is a journalist with 25 years of experience in local television news. He co-anchors NBC 5 News at 6 p.m. & 10 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Brian is a multiple Lone Star Emmy Award winner, and the Texas Associated Press

Broadcasters has honored him several times as the best news anchor in Texas.

Among the major news stories that Brian has covered for NBC5 are the fertilizer plant explosion in West, Texas, the tornado outbreak of 2012, and the loss of space shuttle Columbia.

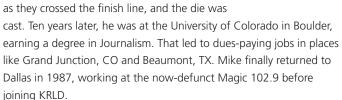
Brian was one of the panelists for the 2014 Texas gubernatorial debates. He has also covered the Olympics in London, Beijing, Torino, and Athens, as well as the Super Bowl and the World Series. He is passionate about NBC5's "Clear The Shelters" project, which finds homes for animals in DFW-area shelters.

Brian joined NBC 5 as a general assignment reporter in 2003 and worked his way up to the anchor desk. Brian's path to DFW started at KOMU-TV in Columbia, Missouri, then passed through TV stations in Battle Creek, Grand Rapids, Birmingham and Kansas City.

Brian has a Master of Arts degree from the University of Missouri School of Journalism and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Emory University. He is also a graduate of Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, CT. Brian grew up in Connecticut and Rhode Island, but got here as fast as he could! North Texas is now home.



A 21-year veteran of KRLD, Mike Rogers co-anchors the KRLD Morning News and produces his daily feature, "The Other Side of the News." Born and raised in Dallas, Mike took a tape recorder to the first White Rock Marathon in 1971, interviewing runners as they crossed the finish line, and the die was



Mike was one of KRLD's primary reporters at the Branch Davidian standoff in 1993. He was on the scene near Waco the day it began, the day it ended, and most of the days in between. He's also covered hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and various man-made disasters, including many recent Cowboy games. Mike has also covered several political conventions across the country, most recently the Republican National Convention in Tampa in 2012. He's won dozens of awards for his work.

Mike and his wife Martha live in Lake Highlands and have two daughters, Maggie, 22, who just graduated from the University of Oklahoma, and 18-year-old Juliet, who will soon BEGIN her studies at OU. Mike is now thinking of just forwarding his paychecks directly to the Bursar's office in Norman. The entire Rogers family is currently in the process of climbing to the highest point in all 50 states. They've knocked off 35 so far, including Guadalupe Peak in far West Texas and most recently, North Dakota's White Butte, which is neither white nor a butte.





HONORED GUEST General Mark A. Milley, Chief of Staff of the US Army

General Mark A. Milley assumed duty as the 39th Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army August 14, 2015 after most recently serving as the 21st Commander of U.S., Army Forces Command at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

A native of Winchester, Massachusetts, General Milley graduated and received his commission from Princeton University in 1980. He has had multiple command and staff positions in eight divisions and Special Forces throughout the last 35 years.

He has served in command and leadership positions from the platoon and operational detachment alpha level through Corps and Army



Command including the 82nd Airborne Division and the 5th Special Forces Group at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; the 7th Infantry Division at Fort Ord, California; the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, New York; the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea; the Joint Readiness Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana; the 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; the 101st Airborne (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and the 1st Cavalry Division and 3rd Infantry Division in Baghdad, Iraq.

He commanded the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry, 2nd Infantry Division; the 2nd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division; served as the Deputy Commanding General for the 101st Airborne (Air Assault); and served as the Commanding General for 10th Mountain Division. While serving as the Commanding General, III Corps and Fort Hood, he deployed as the Commanding General, International Security Assistance Force Joint Command and Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Forces – Afghanistan. Additionally, he served on the operations staff of The Joint Staff as the J33/DDRO, and as a Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon.

His operational deployments include the Multi-National Force and Observers, or MFO, Sinai, Egypt; Operation JUST CAUSE, Panama; Operation UPHOLD DEMOCRACY, Haiti; Operation JOINT ENDEAVOR, Bosnia-Herzegovina; Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq; and three tours during Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan. He also deployed to Somalia and Colombia.

General Milley's education includes a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Princeton University, Master's Degrees from Columbia University (International Relations) and from the U.S. Naval War College (National Security and Strategic Studies). He is also a graduate of the MIT Seminar XXI National Security Studies Program.

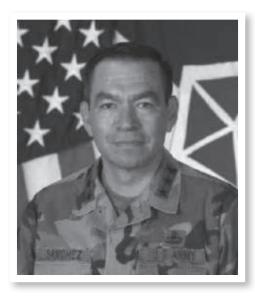
General Milley and his wife have been married for more than 30 years and have two children.



HONORED KEYNOTE SPEAKER LTG Ricardo Sanchez, US Army

Lieutenant General Sanchez was born September 9, 1953 in Rio Grande City, Texas and attended the University of Texas, Austin, on an ROTC scholarship, then transferred to Texas A&M University, Kingsville, where he graduated, with a double major in math-ematics & history. He was commissioned as a Sec-ond Lieutenant of Infantry, in the US Army.

Following an assignment in the 82nd Airborne Division, he transferred from the Infantry to Armor. In 1991, (then) Lieutenant Colonel Sanchez commanded a battalion of the 197th Mechanized Infantry Brigade, during Operation Desert Storm. He successfully led his battalion into Basra, without sustaining a single casualty.



As a Colonel, he commanded the 2nd Brigade of the 1st Infantry Division. As a Brigadier General, he commanded the 1st Armored Division, the largest combat unit in V Corps, a position he held for nearly two years. On June 14, 2003, he assumed command of the entire Corps and, was named Commander of Combined Joint Task Force 7, the Coalition of all ground forces, US & Allied, who invaded Irag.

LTG Sanchez held the top military position in Iraq throughout the most critical period of the war. During his tenure as Commander of JTF-7, the Coalition Forces found and killed Saddam Hussein's two notorious sons, Uday and Qusay, and later captured Saddam Hussein himself. In June of 2004, he returned to Germany where he continued as Commanding General of V Corps. He relinquished command on September 6, 2006, having commanded longer than any previous commander in the history of the Corps.

On November 1, 2006, after having served with distinction in the United States Army for 33 years, LTG Ricardo Sanchez retired. He now resides in San Antonio, Texas.



GRAND MARSHAL Command Sergeant Major Juan Ramon Hernandez

Command Sergeant Major Juan Ramon Hernandez was born on December 25, 1950 in Mission, Texas. He is married to the former Yolanda Castillo, they have two daughters, Maria 44 who lives in Durham, North Carolina and Nancy 34 who lives in Temple, Texas. Command Sergeant Major was drafted into the United States Army on april 9, 1970 and retired after 24 of distinguished service on July 1, 1994.

Command Sergeant Major Hernandez served three tours in Germany and two tours in the Republic of Korea and a combat tour in Southwest Asia as part of Desert Storm and Desert Shield. Command Sergeant Major Hernandez served in positions of great responsibility as tank commander, platoon sergeant, first sergeant and culminated his career as the Command Sergeant Major of the Third Battalion, Sixty Seventh Armor, Second Armored Division At Fort Hood, Texas.



Among his awards and decorations include the Legion Of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Good Conduct Medal 8Th Award, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Expeditionary Forces Medal, the National Defense Service Medal with one star, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Southwest Asia Ribbon with three campaign stars, the NCO Development Ribbon with numeral 4 and the Kuwait Liberation Medal.

Command Sergeant Major Hernandez holds a bachelor of business administration from Northwood University at Cedar Hill, Texas where he graduated Magna Cum Laude. Command Sergeant Major Hernandez joined the Dallas Independent School District in August 1994. He is currently serving as the administration specialist for the office of the Director of Army Instruction. Command Sergeant Major Hernandez and his wife Yolanda reside in Forney, Texas.



GRAND MARSHAL William O. Dwiggins (Bill), Colonel United States Marine Corps (Ret.)

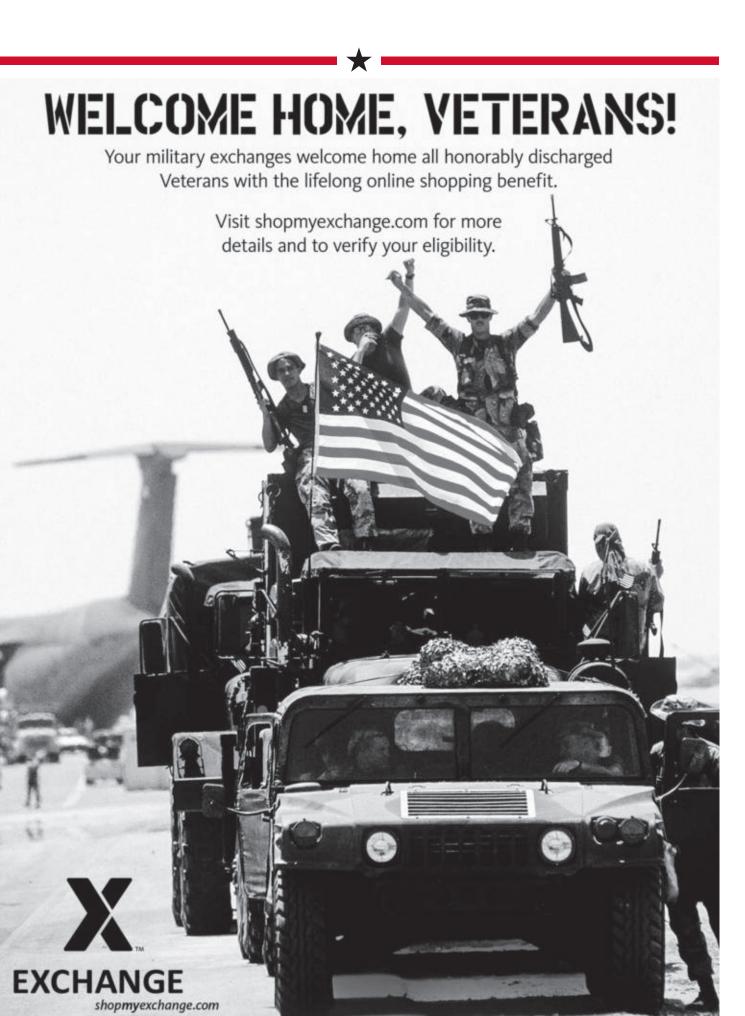
William O. Dwiggins (Bill), Colonel United States Marine Corps (Ret.), was born in Tuskegee, Alabama. He moved to San Antonio, Texas where he graduated from Randolph Air Force Base High School in 1972. He earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design with honors from Wichita State University in 1977, Masters of Science studies in Leadership from Grand Canyon University. In 1978, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. He graduated with honors, top of his recruit regiment and platoon and received a meritorious promotion upon graduation. He was subsequently selected for the Marine Corps Enlisted Commission Program and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1980. Bill graduated from the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Amphibious Warfare School, Planning & Reconnaissance, Basic & Advance Infantry Officers School, Amphibious Logistics, Federal Inspection/Investigation Training and other education background.



Bill's numerous military assignments include several positions as Deputy Director, Commander, Chief of Staff, Assistant Chief of Staff, Joint Assignments, Logistics Officer, Inspector General, Marine Officer Instructor University of Texas and others. His military career included worldwide combat tours, special-warfare assignments, capital reconstruction projects, international development/relations, public policy/administration, stabilization and conflict resolution to support the U. S. Government's efforts. Bill Dwiggins' is highly decorated and received many awards including two Legion of Merit awards, the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, four Naval Commendation Medals, 2 Navy Achievement Medals (1 with Combat Valor), Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Medals, Combat Campaign Medals, Ranger Tab, Gold Parachute Wings, Combat SCUBA device and many more. After completing 32 years of active and reserve service to our country, Bill was honorably retired from active duty and returned to Texas. He resides in Dallas.

Bill Dwiggins currently serves with the Texas Veterans Commission as the Veterans Education Regional Coordinator, Greater North Texas and Dallas/ Fort Worth, with thirty one (31) Counties in the Metro-Plex Service Area (MSA), with 388,411 veterans, of which 23.18% are of the total Texas Veteran Population (1,775,689) of Veterans residing in North Texas. In the past he has served as State Director/Supervisor Veterans Program Specialist for the U. S. Department of Labor, State of Louisiana, managed Government Public/Policies Administration and directed Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) programs in Louisiana, SHRM. Bill was the Marine Officer Instructor at the University of Texas, Austin, and also was Sales Manager, with Coca-Cola Refreshment Dallas, TX.

He has years of senior decision making experience in operations, security, organization & management development, education, logistics planning and execution, sales, marketing, personnel and administration management, training, resource management and financial management. And has International travels and experience enhanced by education.





MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR/CITY OF DALLAS



WHEREAS, Veterans Day began with the armistice of World War I, making this the 99th anniversary of that solemn event; and

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

WHEREAS, Dallas honors Veterans of all Wars and specifically this year Veterans of the Gulf War, Desert Shield and Desert Storm. The Gulf War was waged by forces from 34 coalition nations led by the United States against Iraq for Iraq's invasion and occupation of Kuwait. The Iraqi invasion of Kuwait was aimed at taking over their seaport and oil supplies. Beginning August 2, 1990 with the buildup of coalition forces after diplomatic means failed, the war ended February 28, 1991 after a successful massive air campaign and ground offensive. On February 27, 1991, President George H.W. Bush declared a cease-fire and the liberation of Kuwait; and

WHEREAS, this year we honor the thousands of veterans from all Military branches who made the commitment and sacrifice to liberate Kuwait from Iraq. We offer them our highest respect and bestow our deepest gratitude; and

WHEREAS, Dallas honors the men and women serving in Afghanistan committed to fighting against local terrorism in that region and those committed to fighting terrorism all over the globe; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Dallas Veterans Foundation will produce an appropriate ceremony on Veterans Day 2017, to honor and salute those who are serving, those who have served and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL S. RAWLINGS, mayor of the City of Dallas, and on behalf of the Dallas City Council, do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 11, 2017 as

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1st Cavalry Division	Military Dioramas
Parade Theme Banner	Dallas ISD
GRAND MARSHAL	Dallas ISD
GRAND MARSHAL	Dallas ISD Sunset HS, Army JROTC 6th Battalion
1st Cavalry Division	Unassigned
1st Cavalry Division	Hella Shriner Temple
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Dallas ISD Skyline HS, Army JROTC 11th Battalion	National Assoc. for Black Veterans NABVETS DFW Chapter #106
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Antique Cars (Mod A& Mod T) Wonded Warrior Project Veterans	Dallas ISD Adamson HS, Army JROTC 2nd Battalion
Tuskegee Airman	Texas Red Hot Mamas
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Dallas ISD Kimball HS, Army JROTC 15th Battalion	Jewish War Veterans of America
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Veterans of Foreign Wars	Dallas ISD Roosevelt HS, Army JROTC 16th Bn
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N Power	Dallas County Sheriff
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Frontiers of Flight	Mesquite ISD
Seikh Community	Mesquite ISD
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A+ Academy	American Legion
Dallas ISD Hilcrest HS, Army JROTC 5th Battallion	American Legion
Dallas ISD	American Legion
Navy League	Starz Over Texas
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The first major foreign crisis for the United States after the end of the Cold War presented itself in August 1990. Saddam Hussein, the dictator of Iraq, ordered his army across the border into tiny

Kuwait. This was no ordinary act of aggression. Iraq's army was well equipped. The United States had provided massive military aid to Iraq during their eight-year war with Iran, giving them the fourth largest army in the world.

Kuwait was a major supplier of oil to the United States. The Iraqi takeover posed an immediate threat to neighboring Saudi Arabia, another major exporter of oil. If Saudi Arabia fell to Saddam, Iraq would control one-fifth of the world's oil supply. All eyes were on the White House, waiting for a response. President Bush, who succeeded President Reagan, stated simply: "This will not stand."

In the last months of 1990, the United States participated in the defense of Saudi Arabia in a deployment known as Operation Desert Shield. Over 500,000 American troops were placed in Saudi Arabia in case of an Iraqi attack on the Saudis. The U.S. further sought multilateral support in the United Nations Security Council. Traditionally, Iraq was an ally of the Soviet Union, who held a veto power over any potential UN military action. Looking westward for support

for their dramatic internal changes, the USSR did not block the American plan. The UN condemned Iraq and helped form a coalition to fight Saddam militarily.

Bush, remembering the lessons of Vietnam, sought public support as well. Although there were scant opponents of the conflict, the vast majority of Americans and a narrow majority of the Congress supported the President's actions. When all the forces were in place, the United States issued an ultimatum to Saddam Hussein: leave Kuwait by January 15, 1991 or face a full attack by the multinational force.

Saddam Hussein grew up in a poor family. As a boy he was forced to steal eggs and chickens so the family could eat. In his late childhood he became a gun man for the Ba'ath Party and was involved in an assassination attempt on a military leader in Iraq.

January 15 came and went with no response from the Iraqis. The next night Desert Shield became Desert Storm. Bombing sorties pummeled Iraq's military targets for the next several weeks. On many days there were over 2500 such missions. Iraq responded by launching Scud missiles at American military barracks in Saudi Arabia and Israel. Attacking Israel

was a stratagem to persuade all the neighboring Arab nations to join the Iraqi cause. After intense diplomatic pressure and negotiation, the Arab nations remained in opposition to Iraq.



On February 24, the ground war began. Although the bombing lasted for weeks, American ground troops declared Kuwaít liberated just 100 hours after the ground attack was initiated. American foot soldiers moved through Kuwait and entered southern Iraq.

The map below shows the initial air attacks of Desert Storm made by the allied forces early in the morning on January 17, 1991. Iraq did not leave Kuwait untouched. Millions of dollars of valuables were plundered by the occupying troops. As Iraq retreated, they detonated explosives at many of Kuwait's oil wells. The disaster to the environment grew as Iraq dumped oil into the Persian Gulf. The costs were enormous, and casualty figure staggering. Although estimates range in the hundreds of thousands of Iraqi deaths, only 148 Americans were killed in the battle. This was primarily because of the technological advances of the United States.

The Persian Gulf War was a television event. CNN broadcast round-the-clock coverage of unfolding events. Americans saw footage from cameras placed on smart bombs as they struck Iraqi targets. The stealth fighter, designed to avoid radar detection was put into use for the first time. General Norman Schwarzkopf and General Colin Powell became household names as citizens watched their direction of the conflict.

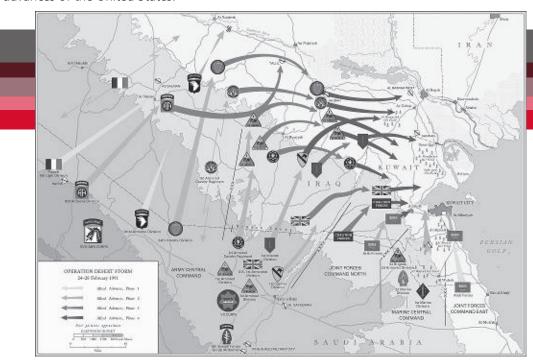
The United States passed its first test of the post-Cold War world. Skillful diplomacy proved that the United Nations could be used as an instrument of force when necessary. Although Moscow did not contribute troops to the operation, they gave tacit approval for the attack. The potential for multinational cooperation was demonstrated.



The largest American military operation since Vietnam was completed with smashing success. Most Americans felt confident in their military and technological edge once more. President Bush promptly declared that the

"new world order had begun."

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American Gold Star Mothers Inc. is an organization of Mothers whose sons or daughters served and died while serving their nation in times of war or conflict. A Gold Star represents a son or daughter who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Starting in World War 1, the families of U.S. Soldiers and Sailors often flew flags that had a blue Star for each family that was serving in the military. If one of those service members died in battle, the blue star was changed to a Gold Star.





In 1918 *Grace Darling Seibold* took the grief she was feeling for her son fallen in battle and began to reach out to other women who also had lost sons in battle. Her efforts and dream became The American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. and was incorporated in 1929.

From this humble beginning, in August of 1947, Congress authorized the military to present a gold star lapel pin to the family members of those killed in action. That first pin was a simple gold star on a purple background with a laurel

wreath around the star. Another pin, a gold star with a gold background and four oak sprigs around the star, was authorized by Congress in 1973. This pin was awarded to the next of kin. These traditions are held true to this day

The Dallas Veterans day Parade 2017 and The Parade Committee are honored to have Gold Star Families attending this year and for years to come. They bless us with their participation.



The following are some Gold Star Parents requesting to share their thoughts, feelings, and wishes to this program:

One Mother's comments:

"The activities sponsored by The Dallas Veterans day Parade Committee and the American Legion Post 581 for the Gold Star Parents has been incredibly important to me. While I have many supportive friends and family members for which I am thankful. It is being with other Gold Star parents that

has meant the most. These people understand your feelings, needs, and sorrow.

More than anything else, it is important to me as it ensures that my son will always be remembered. For that I am very grateful.

Dr. Madalyn Teal, Gold Star Mother

Reflections from a Gold Star Mother:

too hard.

American Legion Post 581 has made It their mission to honor families of the fallen in our community and they have faithfully and beautifully carried out their mission. They have shown gracious hospitality towards the Gold Star Mothers and Families and I look forward to their Gold Star event each year. Meeting with other Gold Star Families provides support and a place where we can talk about our loved ones life, not just their death. It has been a joy and welcomed me with warmth and kindness. Each time I leave 581 and the Dallas Veterans Day Parade Committee who

In the six years since Rob was killed in Afghanistan, being a

Gold Star Dad has given me the opportunity to meet with some amazing folks. People like Phil Taylor of Fallen Soldiers

Project and Colin Kimball, both who have painted beautiful

the Collin County Courthouse and other venues. To be able to

portraits of Rob for us and to hang in places of honor like

meet folks like Woody Williams, the last surviving Medal

of Honor awardee from Iwo Jima, and attend functions

specifically meant to honor my wife Barbara as a Gold Star Mother have brought us closer to so many others with similar losses. But our most precious moments are spent in quiet at

Rob's grave site at DFW National Cemetery, just us together. It's an honor knowing that folks recognize Rob's sacrifice

for our country and honor The Gold Star Families, but it is

an honor I pray families will not get to know. The pain is

privilege to get to know the members of Post 581. They have their Gold Star event, I feel uplifted, loved and encouraged by my military family. I am very grateful to the members of POST bless me by the honor accorded my son.

Gina Trovilion Patton

Another Gold Star Mother:

As the Gold Star Mother of 2LT. Peter Brooks, KIA 11/14/07 Iraq I share a message of "hope" with other Gold Star Mothers and Families by encouraging them to trust the goodness and unfailing love of God even when we do not understand...regardless of our circumstance. I believe God has entrusted me with this painful experience as a trust... a stewardship with which to honor Jesus and thus bless others. I choose to focus my heart on the promises of my Heavenly Father.

Ms. Jackie Hlastan

Thoughts from a Gold Star Parent (Dad):

Having been in Military service for 28 years, you think you can handle any and all things that come along in life. But the news of our son being killed in action far away from home simply rips the heart right from the body. Uncontrolled crying is common place. Remembering moments with my son, the things we did and memories we shared from infancy to adulthood flood your thoughts at the most unexpected time. And tears continue even years later.





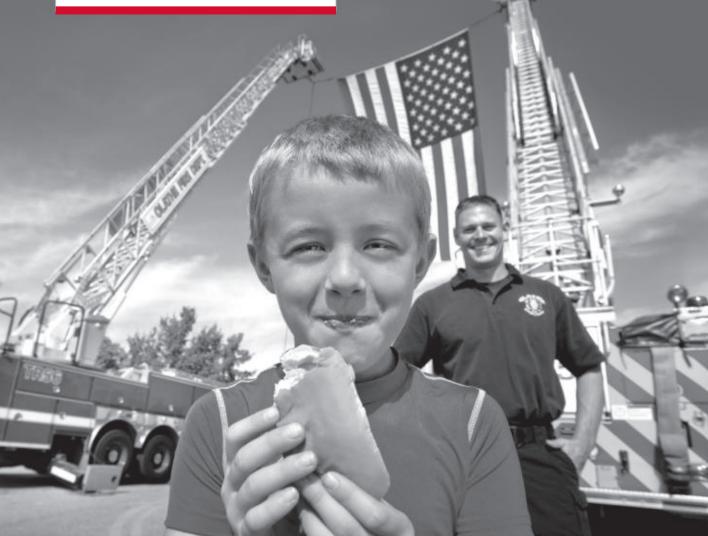
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JROTC Marching Units

1st Place: Seagoville HS, 9th Battalion, Army JROTC
2nd Place: DeSoto HS, Army JROTC Battalion
3rd Place: Lake Ridge HS, Army JROTC Battalion

High School Bands

1st Place: Townview HS Marching Band
2nd Place: Sunset HS Marching Band
3rd Place: Hillcrest HS Marching Band

Military Units

1st Place:UT-Arlington, Sam Houston Rifles Drill Team2nd Place:1st Cavalry Division, Division Band3rd Place:1st Cavalry Division, Division Color Guard

Veterans Organizations

 1st Place:
 AmeriVal Group, Texas Platoon of the Fallen

 2nd Place:
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Patriotic Units/Floats

1st Place: Frontiers of Flight, Dallas Museum
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Parade Spirit

1st Place: Trinity Valley CC, Cardinals Regiment & Cardettes
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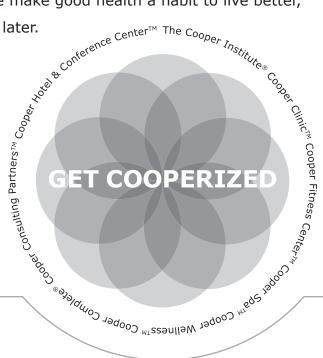
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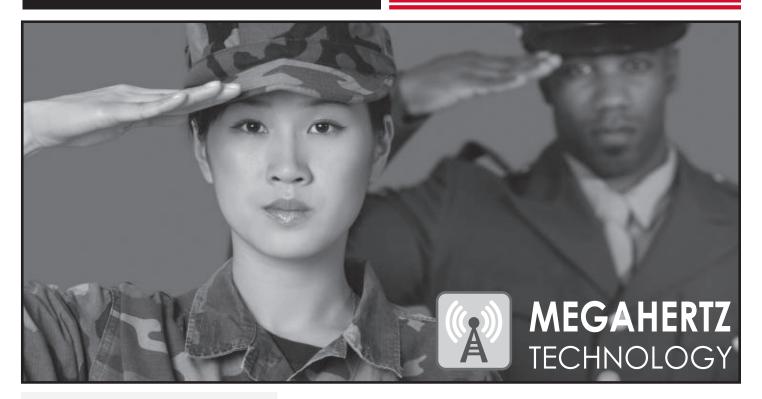
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2016 WINNERS

<u>Grade</u>	Place	Student Name	School	Teacher Name
K-2	1st Place	Adryan Corral	Henry B. Gonzales E. S.	Julie Blasingame
	2nd Place	Jhonvieve Avila	Henry B. Gonzales E. S	Julie Blasingame
	3rd Place	Gloria Vasquez	Henry B. Gonzales E. S	Julie Blasingame
3-5	1st Place	Gesselle Trevizo	C. M. Soto E. S.	Betty Waters
	2nd Place	Evelyn Rojas	Obadiah Knight E.S.	Cristina Deleon
	3rd Place	Yaris Amaya	Daniel Webster E.S.	Camisha McDaniel
6-8	1st Place	Monica Martinez	Sam Tasby Middle School	Karen Romo
	2nd Place	Lucia Valdes	Piedmont Global Academy	Rasheedah Mu 'min
	3rd Place	Kalkidan Worku	Sam Tasby Middle School	Karen Romo
9-12	1st Place	Justina Alexandra Perez	I.L. Rangel Y.W.L School*	Agapita Garcia-Moreno
	2nd Place	Katherine Alejo	I.L. Rangel Y.W.L School*	Agapita Garcia-Moreno
	3rd Place	Xavier Ruiz	J.L. Patton Academic Ctr	Linda Cross
3D	1st Place	Eric Parada	Emmett J. Conrad H. S.	Kristin McCloskey
	2nd Place	Adrienne Kelly	Emmett J. Conrad H. S.	Kristin McCloske

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K-2 :: 1st Place Adryan Corral Henry B. Gonzales Elementary School



3-5 :: 1st Place Gesselle Trevizo C. M. Soto Elementary School



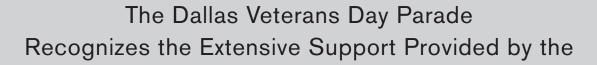
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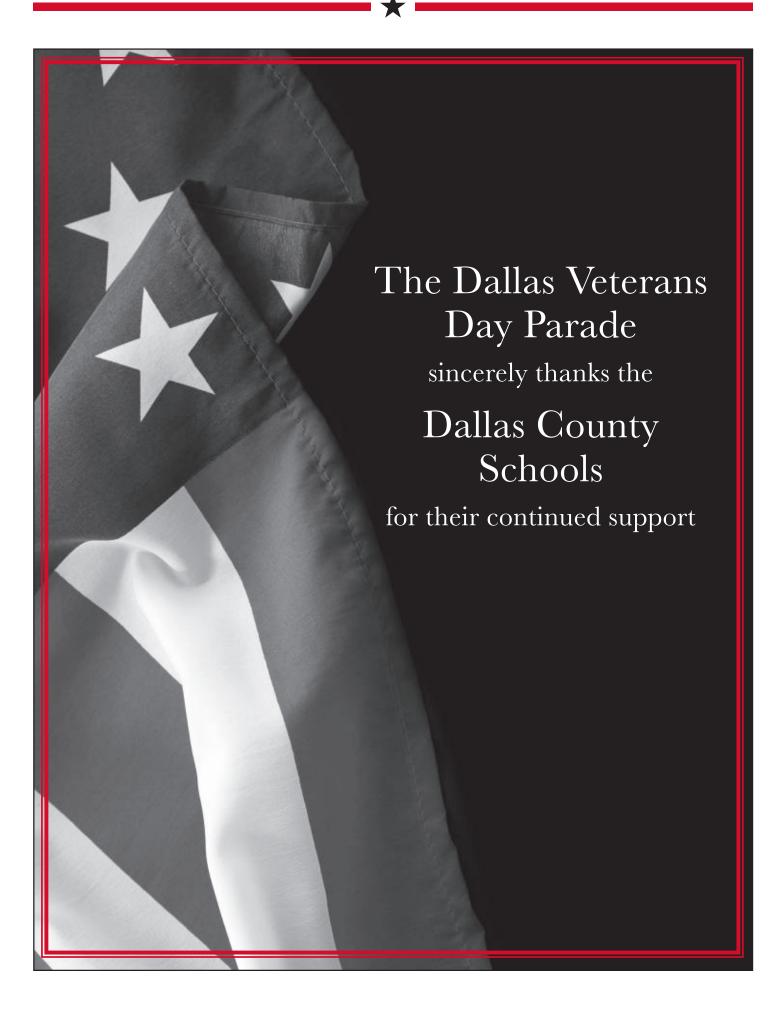


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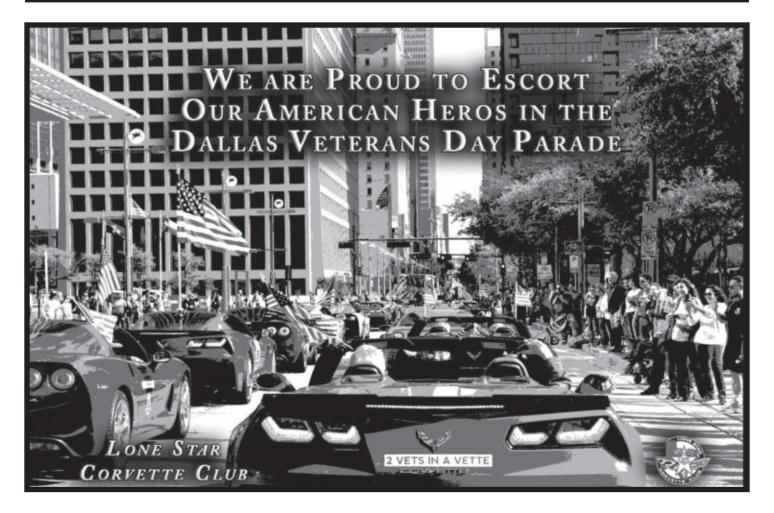






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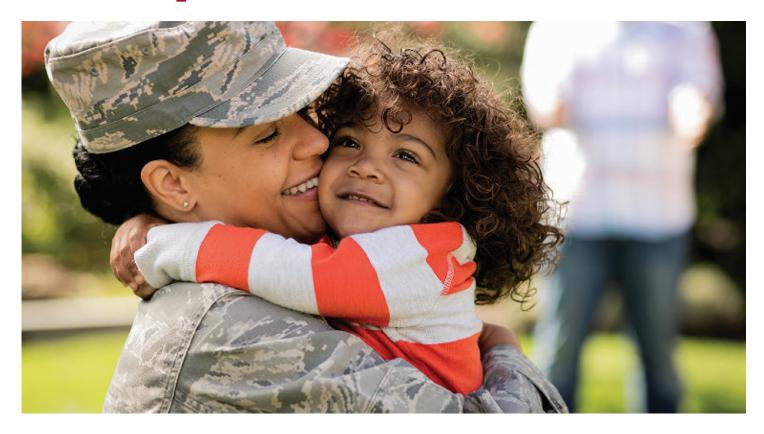




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