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The Armistice Day Story

At 11:00 AM, November 11, 1918, the guns of World War 1 fell silent across Europe and Armistice Day was born. Eight years later a Presidential Proclamation invited people to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies. ime it was changed to Veterans Day and became the focal point fo

Musical Prelude	s Quintet, TX ANG Band of the Gulf Coast Reflections Home School Choir
World War II Military Aircraft Flyover	Flight Museum, Commemorative Air Force
Master of Ceremonies	Bill Melton
Oath of Enlistment	ADM Patrick M. Walsh, USN
Presentation of the Colors.	JROTC Color Guard
Massing of the Colors	DISD JROTC Cadets
Invocation	aplain (LCDR) Michael Hogg, USNR (Ret.)
Pledge of Allegiance	LTC Don B. Munson, USA (Ret.)
Rifle Salute Lone S	Star Chapter, Paralyzed Veterans of America
The National Anthem	Mrs. Carla Edwards
Laying of the Wreath	. Walsh, USN, Col. Jim Wolfe, USAF (Ret.) SgtMaj Ruben Pereida, USMC (Ret.)
TAPS	TSgt. Richard Bullock, USAF (Ret.)
Missing Man Formation	Pilot Training Wing, Sheppard AFB, Texas
Retire the Colors	DISD JROTC Cadets
Welcome, Introduction of Mayor Tom Leppert	Chairman, Col. Jim Wolfe, USAF (Ret.)
Welcome Comments	
Guest Speaker Introduction.	LTC Don B. Munson, USA (Ret.)
Military Guest Speaker	k M. Walsh, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet
Music Interlude	
Vintage Military Aircraft Flyover	T-6's, Commemorative Air Force
Veterans Day Parade	asses in Review in front of Dallas City Hall
Parade Reviewing Party	
Officers	Non-Commissioned Officers
Army	CSM Juan Hernandez

Navy. RADM L. R. Smith III CMDCM Julio Diaz
Marine Corps Col William O. Dewiggins MGYSGT Polly Weidenkopf
Air Force Maj. Gen. Jerry Ragsdale TSgt. Robert L. Auten
Coast Guard CAPT James H. Whitehead SCPO Walt Frier

Merchant Marine CAPT Robert M. Keslinke

**** CHAIRMAN - Col. James L. Wolfe USAF (Ret)

Colonel James L. Wolfe was born in Ft Worth, TX. He graduated from North Texas State College, BBA, and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Air Force. He attended navigator and bombardier training before being assigned to the 7th SAC bomb wing in TX. He accumulated over 4,000 hours of B-52 time on which 500 hours were combat related. After a year with General Dynamics, he was reassigned to RF-4C's for 2 years

and completed a tour in Thailand flying 125+ missions, with 200 hours of combat time in North Vietnam and Laos. After returning to the states, he spent the rest of his career in Logistics, auditing, quality assurance, contract management, and a command billet at



Texas Instruments. His last assignment was at Hill AFB, UT with responsibilities for the F-16, F-4 and all laser guided bomb contracts. His awards included the Defense Superior Service medal, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 7 clusters, and numerous other awards. While on the AFLC inspector general's team, he completed an MA degree from Central Michigan University with a 3.95 GPA and attended the Air War College in

residence in 1975. During the past thirty years Colonel Wolfe has been involved in the Air Force Association, Military Order of World Wars, Dallas Military Ball Corporation, and The Greater Dallas Veterans Day Parade.

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER



Dallas Veterans Day Parade 4400 Williamsburg Road Dallas, Texas 75220 214-357-7325

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Maj. Gen. Jeory Ragodale US Air Torce (Ret)

RADM L. R. Bob Smith

Col. Ken Coolier US Air Force (Ret) COL Larry N. Patters

Front, Cape, John Hayer US Air Feete

Georgings to the citizens of Dallas, the Greater North Texas Metropies, and to my Geneturings to the citizens of Olafas, the Circular North, Texas Memopres, and to my fellow Military Venezias. It is my pleasure to welcome you to the thirteenth annual Dallas Veterans Day Parade.

General of the Armies Douglas A MacArthur said it most vividity, in a speech to the cades CORNERS OF THE Armies Douglas A MacArther sand it most vivolity, in a speech to the cudes at the United States Military Academy, in West Point, "The soldier, shave all others, preps on the United States Solitary Acceleracy, in word vision. "The soldier, above all others, pray for peace, for it is the soldier who must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of

The theme for this year's parade will bestow special tribute to benor the voterans of World The thieses for this year's parade will person operate tristee to nonor the vectors of world.
War II and to honor the trem and women who are serving, have served, and who have made

While we owe so much to the brave men and women who stand in harm's way to protect the ultimate sacrifice. writes we over so triuch to the tensor their and women who stand in farm's way to protect our liberty and freedoms, we also pay hormage to the families of those Guardians for they. our unterty and rivesterms, we also pay normage to the function or those Consentants for they, too, best the emotional and psychological scars of frequent, and extended, separation and

On behalf of the Dallas Veterans Day Parade Committee, I would like to thank the City of On behalf of the Daltas Veterans Day Parasel Contributed, I would late to thank the City of Dallas and the many volunteers, who have contributed to intenestedly toward the success of James and the many vocuments, who have communed so intenestedly toward the success of this untual ceremony and Parade. I want to thank my fellow members of the 2010 Farade turi summa ceremony and rumbe. I want to these my release memoria of the 2010 rumal Committee. These volunteers are the backbone of the Funde. Their invites support and Committee. These volunteers are the backtone of me Pariote. Their tretees support and counties hours make this event possible. I am groud to be a member of such a dedicated

Thanks, also, to the Greater Dallas military community, the Texas Army and Air National group of patriotic Americans. Thereas, also, to the Ceremet causes ministry constrainty, see Lucas Army into Art remonals. Guard, and all of the other Reserve and active day units who have given so freely of their CHAIRTY, ARKI MAI OF TIME OFFICER RESERVE AND SECURE GRAPY MATERIAL WHILD BANK GIVEN NO THE times and efforts to make this parade such a magnificent tribute to our Veterans.

Special thanks to the Dallas Independent School District and to Dallas County school Special marks to the Datas independent Science Libertic and to Datas County sciences, whose contributions of Color Guards, Bands, Flag and Delli Teams, and jurior ROTC units whose contributions of Color Lusards, transfer, Fing and Jerm Learns, and person 863 FL until add remembershift to our Parade. Likewise, I wish to acknowledge the participation of the and unmeasurably to our parameter. Likewise, 1 wast to acknowledge the paracepasses on our many civic and patriodic organizations that join us today in saluting the men and weenen of many cuvic and patrictic organizations that you or today in sacating the men and weeten; the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. Many of them are veterates themselves, and they join in making this day one of special remembrance

Finally, I wish to thank the Greater Dallas business community and civic leaders for their Finalty, I wish to thank the Greener Danies business community and crock leaders for their generous contributions and support. They are the infeblood of any charmable activity and generous communications and support. They are the impedeed of any charmable activity and they make it possible for us to dedicate this Parade to the Veterines of Dallas, and this great nation, each year

James L Wolfe, Colonel, USAP Retired Chairman, 2010 Dullas Veterans Day Parade

"Saluting those who are serving. Those who have served, and Those who have made the ultimate sacrifice

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR / CITY OF DALLAS



WHEREAS, Veterans Day began with the armistice of World War I, thus making this the $92^{\rm nd}$ 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 bestows special tribute and honor to the Veterans of World War II. These men and women fought valiantly and courageously to defeat the Axis powers in Europe, Asia and the Pacific. Many of these brave men and women sacrificed their own lives so that we may have the liberties and freedom that we enjoy today in the United States of America and the Free World. Their gallantry and unflinching adherence to their duty was unparalleled. They are true heroes, selfless individuals and the Greatest Generation; 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 2010, which is designed to honor and salute those who are serving, those who have served and those who have made the ultimate secrifice.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOM LEPPERT, mayor of the city of Dallas, and on behalf of the Dallas City Council, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 11, 2010 as

VETERANS DAY

in Dallas, Texas.





HONORED KEYNOTE MILITARY SPEAKER

ADMIRAL PATRICK M. WALSH - COMMANDER, U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

Admiral Patrick M. Walsh graduated with honors from Jesuit College Prepartory in Dallas, Texas, where he received the Distinguished Graduate and Distinguished Alumnus awards. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1977 with a Bachelor of Science degree. Walsh began operational flying with Attack Squadron 192 known as the "Golden Dragons". He then reported to Air Test and

Evaluation Squadron 5 as an operational test director, until selection to the Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, "Blue Angels." When he returned to the fleet, Walsh joined the "Golden Warriors" of Strike-Fighter Squadron 87 as the operations officer. Afterward, Walsh commanded the "Gunslingers" of Strike-Fighter Squadron 105. Then he commanded Carrier Air Wing 1 aboard USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67), and Carrier Group 7/USS John C. Stennis Strike Group. He also commanded U.S. Naval Forces Central Command and the U.S. 5th Fleet, while commanding Combined Maritime Forces engaged in Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and maritime security operations. Prior to his assignment to U.S. Pacific Fleet, he served as the 35th vice chief of Naval Operations. Walsh has been



special assistant to the director of the Office of Management and Budget as a White House Fellow. He also chaired the Department of Leadership, Ethics and Law at the U.S. Naval Academy, served as the executive assistant to the chief of Naval Personnel, and reported to the Joint Staff for his first flag assignment as Deputy Director for Strategy and Policy, (1-5). He also served concurrently as the

director, Navy Quadrennial Defense Review and the director, Navy Programming Division. He attended graduate studies in International Relations curriculum at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, as part of the Admiral Arthur S. Moreau Scholarship Program. Walsh graduated first in his class and received a Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy, entered the Doctorate Program with distinction and subsequently received a Ph.D. His many awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal (2), Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (4), Meritorious Service Medal (2), Air Medal w/Combat V device, Strike/Flight Medal (5), Navy Commendation Medal (3)w/Combat V device, Navy Achievement Medal, Presidential Service Badge, and various other awards.

CO-GRAND MARSHAL LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES MEGELLAS

James Megellas was born in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. He was a postmaster, city council president, paratrooper, international diplomat and adjunct professor. He is the author of "All The Way To Berlin" about the Battle of the Bulge and other campaigns he fought in. Known as Maggie to his fellow paratroopers, 1st Lieutenant Megellas joined the "All American" 82nd Airborne Division in the fall of 1943. After combat in Naples, he landed at Anzio. His brigade, the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment were so decimated by the carnage at Anzio that it did not rejoin its division until "Operation Market Garden", one of the largest airborne

invasions ever made. LT Megellas was in the first wave of the Waal River crossing to capture the bridges at Nijmegen. Holland, September 1944. Megellas said, "We were like ducks in a shooting gallery. It was ill advised and poorly planned." Later in the Holland campaign, he led a combat patrol to secure information and prisoners. He killed six Germans, took three as prisoners and destroyed the enemy blockhouses. Withdrawing under fire, he carried a wounded soldier on his shoulders, firing his submachine gun with one hand. This earned him the Distinguished Service Cross. Shortly thereafter they were thrust into the "Battle of the Bulge." 17,000 Allied forces were killed, wounded or missing during the first 9 days of the campaign, more than were sustained in the invasion of Normandy. In the



Battle of the Bulge, Megellas single-handedly knocked out an advancing German tank with two grenades resuling in U.S. forces capturing 180 enemy soldiers and killing more than 100. For his leadership and gallantry he was recommended for the Congressional Medal of Honor. After the war, LT Megellas commanded H Company during the Berlin occupation. After leaving active duty in January, 1946, he joined the Army Reserve, served 26 years and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. President Kennedy Appointed him Director of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and while there he

helped stabilize countries such as Yemen, Panama, Vietnam and Colombia. He served as Deputy to the Commanding General of the First Field Force for Civilian Operations in the Repulic of Vietnam from 1968 Service Cross, two Silver Stars, two Bronze Stars, two Purple Hearts and two Presidential Unit Citations for Holland and Anzio. He also received the pretiginous Military Order of Wilhelm Orange Lanyard from the Dutch Minister of War, the first American ever so decorated by the Government of Holland. Licutenant Colonel "Maggie" Megellas is the most decorated officer in the history of the 82nd Airborne Division to date. He currently resides with his wife Carole in Colleyville, Texas.

CO-GRAND MARSHAL LT COL LEONARD R. "RANDY" REEVES

Born in Dallas, Texas November 4, 1922, Randy Reeves joined the Army Aviation cadet program in April, 1942 at age 19 Following flight training in California, Reeves graduated single-engine fighter school at Luke Field. He then went on to train in P-40s in Florida. In Karachi, India, Reeves received his combat training, He was then assigned to the 530th Fighter Squadron at Mohambari in Assam, India, All of his combat missions were flown in P-51B Mustangs from five bases in India and Burma and eventually in Chengtu and Hsian, China. On Christmas Eve 1944 in a fighter sweep mission out of

Hsian Air Base China, he along with his 530th Fighter Squadron members destroyed nearly 40 aircraft in the air and on the ground at the Japanese Airfield at Tsinan, China. On Christmas day on a repeat of the mission, over 25 enemy



aircraft were destroyed without any loss to the 530th Squadron. President Roosevelt awarded the 530th Fighter Squadron the Presidential Unit Citation, the highest award given by a President. After the war, Reeves served three years occupation duty in Japan. Other assignments included three years at St. Johns, Newfoundland and a total of 19 years in various Strategic Air Command posts. At Headquarters 8th Air Force, he commanded the 1911th Air Refueling Squadron with KC-135 tankers. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel with 25 years active duty. During World War II

Lt. Col. Reeves had six aerial victories in the China, Burma, India Theater. His decorations include: four Distinguished Flying Crosses, an Air Medal and a Purple Heart. He currently resides with his wife Marty in Lancaster, Texas.

CO-GRAND MARSHAL SERGEANT R. V. BURGIN

R. V. Burgin was born on November 13, 1922. In 1942 he joined the Marine Corps in San Antonio. After boot camp, his Battalion sailed from San Diego to Melbourne, Australia in March of 1943. Assigned to H.Q. Company, Fifth Regiment First Marine Division he transferred to K Company, training side by side with Guadalcanal veterans. Promoted to Private 1st Class he sailed from Australia to Milne Bay, New Guinea for further training, then to Oro Bay bound for Cape Gloucester, January 1, 1944 and the battle of New Britain.

K Company suffered 21 killed and many wounded. On May 5, 1944 Burgin sailed to Pavuvu in the Russell Islands to train for battle in Pelelliu. His unit performed maneuvers for a week, then sailed to Pelelliu, litting the beaches September 13th under heavy enemy fire. They invaded Ngesebus Island, returning to Pelelliu the next day. It was a successful operation, but of the 235 marines who had landed, 85 were still standing when relieved a month later. They returned to Pavuvu on November 7

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to get more replacements and regroup. Corporal Burgin was promoted to Sergeant in December, 1944. He and K Company landed on Okinawa on April Fools Day 1945. He located and destroyed a Japanese machine gun that had the company pinned down and received the Bronze Star for his action. On May 20 he was wounded and in the field hospital for 20 days. The battle for Okinawa ended June 21, 1945 and K Company had many wounded and 36 killed. After 6 months in Okinawa, Burgin sailed to San Diego in early November,

1945. R. V. Burgin spent a total of 36 months in the U.S. Marine Corps and honorably discharged on November 24, 1945. In 1947 he joined the active Marine Reserve unit at the Dallas Naval Air Station and was again honorably discharged on November 29, 1949. After he was discharged he worked for the Ford Motor Assembly Plant in Dallas, then as a Superintendent for the U.S. Post Office, retiring in 1977. He currently presides in Lancaster, Texas with his wife Florence.

CO-GRAND MARSHAL LCDR JESSE NAUL, JR.

Born January 25, 1921 in Kenwood, Louisiana, Jesse Naul graduated from Baylor University, in June 1941 with a BBA. He joined the U.S. Navy in December, 1941 after Pearl Harbor and was sent to an Elimination Base in New Orleans until April 1942. Then he was assigned as a Aviation Cade at the Navy Base Pensacola, Florida, and graduated in September as a Naval Aviator. Upon graduation he became a Flight Instructor at Pensacola Naval Air Station from November 1942 to April 1944 getting toppedo bomber training and his carrier check. He was hen assigned to Torpedo Squadron, VT-82, from

May 1944 to August 1945, flying combat missions from the Carrier USS Bennington, from February 1945 through June. He torpedoed and sank a Japanese cruiser at sea and destroyed a tanker and destroyer at the Port



of Hiroshima Navy Base, Japan. He still revels in the fact that his torpecloes were made by the Pontiac Motor Division and performed as advertised. In September 1945 he was assigned to inactive duty with the U.S. Navy and was promoted to Lieutenant Commander in 1959, Among his awards are: a Navy Cross for sinking that Japanese cruiser, the DFC for his torpedo attack on a tanker in Hiroshima Bay, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Air Medal for his bomber attack on a Japanese destroyer and four more Air Medals. He has run a family business in Kenwood, Louisiana,

and worked in Sales and Sales Management for Celotex from January 1955 to April 1978, in all, covering six states. He has been an Independent Manufacturing Representative since 1978 and resides in Dallas, Texas.

Humbly Honoring the Veterans of World War II

Few have lauded them as well as General Douglas McArthur in a speech given at West Point on May 12, 1962. These words (edited here for length and relevence) can easily apply to all the heroes we honor today.

"Duty, Honor, Country, Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what [soldiers] ought to be, what [they] will be. The[se] [three words] are ... rallying points: to build courage when courage seems to fail; to regain faith when there seems to be little cause for faith; to create hope when hope becomes

"Joe, yestiddy ya saved my life an' I swore I'd pay ya back. Here's my last pair of dry socks."

forforn. The unbelievers will say they are but words, but a slogan. But these are some of the things they do. They build ... character. They mold ... future ... custodians of the nation's defense. They make [one] strong enough to know when [he's] weak, and brave enough to face [him]self when ... afraid. The [soldier's] story is [well] known It is the story of the American man at arms.

My estimate of him was formed on the battlefields many, many years ago, and has never changed. I regarded him then, as I regard him now, as one of the world's noblest figures; not only as one of the finest military characters, but also as one of the most stainless. His name and fame are the birthright of every American citizen. In his youth and strength, his love and loyalty, he gave all that mortality can give. He needs no eulogy from me, or from any other man. He has written his own history and written it in red on his enemy's breast.

But when I think of his patience under adversity, of his courage under fire, and of his modesty in victory, I am filled with an emotion of admiration I cannot put into words. He belongs to history as furnishing one of the greatest

examples of successful patriotism. He belongs to posterity as the instructor of future generations in the principles of liberty and freedom. He belongs to the present, to us, by his virtues and by his achievements. In ... campaigns, on a hundred battlefields, around a thousand campfires, I have witnessed that enduring

In ... campaigns, on a hundred battlefields, around a thousand campfires, I have witnessed that enduring fortitude, that patriotic self-abnegation, and that invincible determination which have carved his statue in the hearts of his people. From one end of the world to the other, he has drained deep the chalice of courage. ... I could see those staggering columns ... bending under soggy packs on many a weary march, from dripping dusk to drizzling dawn, slogging ankle deep through mire of shell-pocked roads; to form grimly for the attack, blue-lipped, covered with sludge and mud, chilled by the wind and rain, driving home to their objective, and for many, to the judgment seat of God. I do not know the dignity of their birth, but I do know the glory of their death. They died unquestioning, uncomplaining, with faith in their hearts, and on their lips the hope that we would go not victory. Always for them: Duty, Honor, Country, Always their blood, and sweat, and tears, as they saw the way and the light. And ... against the filth of dirty foxholes, the stench of ghostly trenches, the slime of dripping dugouts, those boiling suns of the relentless heat, those torrential rains of devastating storms, the loneliness and utter desolation of jungle trails, the bitterness of long separation of those they loved and cherished, the deadly pestilence of tropic disease, the horror of stricken areas of war. Their resolute and determined defense, their swift and sure attack, their indomitable purpose, their complete and decisive victory - always victory, always through the bloody haze of their last reverberating shot, the vision of gaunt, shastly men, reverently following [the] password ... Duty, Honor, Country.

The code which those words perpetuate embraces the highest moral laws and will stand the test of any ethics or philosophies ever promulgated for the uplift of mankind. Its requirements are for the things that are right, and its restraints are from the things that are wrong. ... However horrible the incidents of war may be, the soldier who is called upon to offer and to give his life for his country, is the noblest development of mankind.

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[His] mission remains fixed, determined, inviolable. It is to win our wars. [His] is the profession of arms, the will to win, the sure knowledge that in war there is no substitute for victory, that if [he] lose[s], the Nation will be destroyed, that the very obsession of ... service must be Dutu, Honor, Country, [Soldiers are] the leaven which binds together the entire fabric of our national system of defense. This does not mean that [they] are warmongers. On the contrary, the soldier above all other people prays for peace, for he must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war. But always in our ears ring the ominous words of Plato, that wisest of all philosophers: "Only the dead have seen the end of war."

Though there are many things written about all the services, perhaps none are better remembered than the cartoons of Bill Mauldin's about Willie and Joe. He joined the Army when he was 18. In 1945 when he was 23 he put out a book called "Up Front" and wrote some wonderful words about the men he served with. We hope these and the stirring words of General McArthur pay fitting homage to their legacy as "The Greatest Generation."



'I can't git no lower, Willie.



'No, thanks, Willie. I'll go look fer some mud wot ain't been used." already got a Purple Heart."



"I feel like a fugitive from th' law of averages."



"Just gimme a coupla aspirin, I



"Ever notice th' funny sound these zippers make, Willie?"



"She must be very purty. Th' whole column is wheezin' at her."



Mauldin liked this one very much - It is of an old-time cavalryman shooting his jeep, which had a broken axle. It is emblematic of the sympathy. empathy and admiration he had with all soldiers.

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 Couty 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 "Cutstanding 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

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 includ 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

Captain Bob Dickson

Captain Robert M. Dickson served in the U.S. Air Force as an Aircraft Control and Warning Radar Officer. He received his commission when he graduated from Ohio Weslevan University through the AFROTC program. While at Ohio Weslevan, he was a Radio-TV-Comunications major. He emceed various campus functions while in college and served as the P.A. announcer on several occasions. He had numerous radio shows on the local radio station. Following active duty in the military service, he worked for Washington National Insurance, where he sold and marketed group insurance to many school districts in Texas. His career involved thousands of sales presentations to school faculties. He was a public speaker and announcer for his insurance company on many occasions. Bob has been retired twelve years, but remains active in several

veterans organizations, Including the Dallas Council of the Navy League where he served as President, and the Dallas Veterans Day Parade, where he served as the Chairman of the 2006 Parade. Bob is also an active member of MOWW.



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 DI and talkshow broadcasts on KBOX, KLIF, KRLD, 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. lack'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 lin 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.

PARADE PARTICIPANT

US NAVY JOINT COLOR GUARD	Dallas ISD Sunset HS, Purple Marching Machine Band
Grand Marshal LTC James Megellas USA (Ret), US Army	Dallas ISD Sunset HS, Army JROTC 6th Battalion
Grand Marshal Sgt. R. V. Burgin, US Marine Corps	Veterans of Foreign Wars
Grand Marshal LCDR Jesse Naul Jr. (Ret), US Navy	Veterans of Foreign Wars
Grand Marshal Lt. Col. Leonard R. "Randy" Reeves (Ret), US Air Forces	Dallas ISD
US NAVY US Navy Band, Mid-South	Dallas ISD Smith HS, Navy JROTC 1st Battalion
WW II VETS	Chuck Norris Kick Start for Kids
Dept of Veterans Affairs Dallas County Veterans Center	McDonald's Restaurants "Ronald McDonald"
Dept of Veterans Affairs Tarrant County Veterans Center	Forney ISD Forney HS, AF JROTC Battalion
Dept of Veterans Affairs VA North Texas Health Care System	Sons of American Revolution
WW II VETS Corvette Group 1	Iraq & Afghan Veterans
Dallas ISD	Dallas ISD
Dallas ISD Skyline HS, Army JROTC 11th Battalion	Dallas ISDWilson HS, Army JROTC 7th Battalion
WW II VETS Horseless Carriage Club	American Red Cross
WW II VETS	American Legion
WW II VETSBuckner Village	Trinity Valley Comm Coll
Dallas ISDJROTC Brigade Staff & Color Guard	All American Cowgirl Chicks Fort Worth Rodeo
Dallas ISD	First Marine Division Assn
Dallas ISD	Marine Corps League
Tuskegee Airman	Marine Corps League Lone Star Young Marines
Dallas Police Department	US Marine Corps
Dallas City Hall	Women Marines Assn
WW II VETS Honor Flight - Ward Motors	Let's Cowboy Up South Dallas
WW II VETS Battle of the Bulge - Chapter #50	American Ex-POW Assn
Dallas ISD	American Merchant Marines Stephen Hopkins Chapter
Dallas ISDTownview Center, Natl Def Cadet Corps	Military Officers Assn of America Greater Dallas Chapter
Dallas ISD Adamson HS, Army JROTC 2nd Battalion	Army Air Force Exchange Service
Cedar Hills ISD	Ms Texas Senior America
Texas Rangers Baseball MLB All Star (Jim Kern) and "Rangers Captain"	Native American Warrior Society
Dallas Stars (NHL)"Ice Girls"	Special Forces Association
Dallas ISD	Dallas ISD
Dallas ISD	Dallas ISD White HS, Marine Corps JROTC 1st Battalion
US Navy	Lake Highlands Lake Highlands Military Moms (LHMM)
US Navy Dallas Base Submarine Veterans	National Sojourners
Navy League	Daughters of the American Revolution Texas Bluebonnet Chapter
Navy League Forrestal Sea Cadets & Ranger League Cadets	Dallas ISDLincoln Magnet HS, Tigers Band
US Coast Guard	Dallas ISD Lincoln Magnet HS, Army JROTC 10th Battalion
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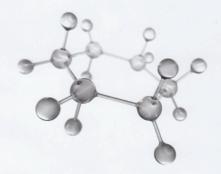
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The music for Taps is thought to have been written by Union General Daniel Butterfield for his Brigade (Third Brigade, First Division, Fifth Army Corps, Army of the Potomac) in July of 1862.

In fact, Taps seems to have been a revision of an earlier bugle call. Up to the Civil War, the infantry call for Lights Out, as set down in military manuals, had been borrowed from a French tune called Tattoo. As a signal for end of the day, armies have used Tattoo to signal troops to prepare them for bedtime roll call. The call was used to notify the soldiers to case the evening's drinking and return to their garrisons, and was sounded an hour before the final call of the day to extinguish all fires and lights. This early version is found in three manuals. This call, referred to as the Scott Tattoo, was in use from 1835-1860. A second version of Tattoo came into use just before the Civil War and was in use throughout the war replacing the Scott Tattoo.

As the story goes, General Butterfield was not pleased with the call for Lights Out, feeling that the call was too formal to signal the days end. One day he changed it with the help of the brigade bugler, Oliver Wilcox Norton.

General Butterfield sent for Norton, showed him some notes on a staff written in pencil on the back of an envelope, and asked him to sound them on the bugle. Norton did so several times, playing the music as written. Gen. Butterfield changed it somewhat, lengthening some notes and shortening others, but retained the melody. Finall, they settled on what has been known thereafter as Taps. The call, sounded that night in July, 1862, soon spread to other units of the Union Army and was even used by the Confederates. Taps was made an official bucle call after the war.

The first use of Taps at a funeral during the Peninsular Campaign in Virginia was by Captain John C. Tidball of Battery A, 2nd Artilley who ordered it played for the burial of a cannoneer killed in action. The soldier was buried at a time when the battery occupied an advanced position, concealed in the woods. It was unsafe to fire the customary three volleys over the grave because of the proximity of the enemy, and it might have renewed fighting. Captain Tidball decided that the sounding of Taps would be the only ceremony. The custom, thus originated, was taken up throughout the Army of the Potomac.

The earliest official reference to the mandatory use of Taps at military funeral ceremonies is found in the U.S. Army Infantry Drill Regulations for 1891.

Butterfield died in 1901. His tomb is the most ornate in the cemetery at West Point despite the fact that he never attended there. Also a monument to Butterfield is in New York City near Grant's Tomb. Nothing on either monument mentions Taps or Butterfield's association with the call. Taps was sounded at his funeral.



As soon as Taps was sounded that night in July 1862, words were put with the music. The first were, "Go To Sleep, Go to Sleep." As the years went on many more versions were created. There are no official words to the music but here are some of the more popular vers

Day is done gone the sun,
From the hills, from the lake,
From the skies.
From the skies.
All is well, safely rest,
God is nigh.
Go to sleep, peaceful sleep,
May the soldier or sailor,
God keep.
On the land or the deep,
Safe in sleep.
Love, good night, Must thou go,
When the day, And the night
Need thee so?
All is well. Speedeth all
To their rest.
Fades the light; And afar
Goeth day, And the stars
Shineth bright.
Fare thee well; Day has gone,
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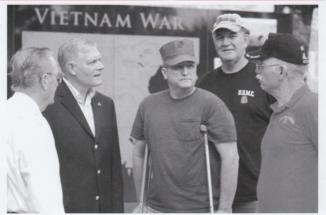
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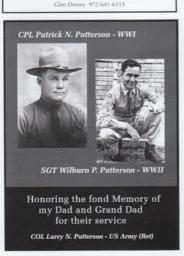
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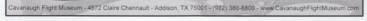
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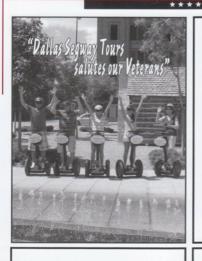


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