



AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION SEIDEL CHAPTER DALLAS 232



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“AN OVERVIEW OF THE FBI TODAY – FACT VS. FICTION?”



FBI Supervisory Special Agent Tom Petrowski

Supervisory Special Agent Tom Petrowski is the Chief Division Counsel to the FBI Dallas Field Office. He has over 30 years operational and legal counsel experience in military special operations and the U.S. intelligence and law enforcement communities. His most recent prior assignment was as a Detailee to the Counterterrorism Center at the CIA in Langley, Virginia, serving as the FBI’s liaison. In that role, he fostered collaboration between the FBI, CIA, and other entities during numerous highly classified joint operations and higher profile matters, including the Boston bombing and the Benghazi attack.

His FBI career has included assignments to a multi-agency street gang task force and the SWAT Team in the San Diego Division, teaching law at the FBI Academy, serving as the Associate Division Counsel in the Dallas Field Office, and supervising the North Texas Joint Terrorism Task Force and SWAT Team in Dallas. His Task Force conducted the *Hosam Smadi* and *Khalid Aldawsari* investigations which generated significant media attention. He deployed twice to Iraq in 2004 and 2005 in support of terrorism matters and the war crimes investigation of the Saddam Hussein regime. Prior to the FBI, SSA Petrowski served as a U.S. Army Special Forces officer, as both an Operator and as a JAG Officer with operational deployments to Africa, the Middle East, Southwest Asia, Central America, and Haiti.

THIS QUARTER’S PROGRAM

“An Overview of the FBI Today – Fact vs. Fiction?”

When:
Wednesday, November 15, 2017
11 :30 am – Gathering and Social Hour
12:00 pm – Luncheon and Presentation

Menu:
Entrée: Chef’s Choice Chicken
with Two Sides, Salad and Dessert

Where:
Canyon Creek Country Club
625 West Lookout Drive
Richardson, TX 75080



Directions: From George Bush Turnpike go South on Custer Parkway to West Lookout Drive. Turn right (West). Drive two blocks and Canyon Creek Country Club is on the left.

RESERVATION COUPON

Please reserve the following number of tickets for the November 15th AFA Quarterly Meeting

_____ Individuals @ \$25.00 each.
_____ Military in Uniform @ \$20 each.
_____ 18 years of age and under @ \$20 each.

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For reservations go to www.afadallas.org and click on *Events / Reservations*

OR
Enclosed is my check for \$ _____
Make your check payable to: Seidel Chapter—AFA 232
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FOR LAST MINUTE RESERVATIONS CALL:
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Message from Seidel Chapter President



Hello Seidel Chapter members and friends. Have we turned the corner yet on hot weather? As I write this note it is finally a little cooler, but just wait; it could change in a Texas moment! I hope you had the opportunity to be at our 2nd Quarter meeting and hear Brig Gen Dawn Ferrell. She made an excellent presentation on all of the heavy lifting the Texas Air Guard does to support us both in Texas and around the world. Later that evening I received a note from General Ferrell thanking us for providing her the speaking opportunity. She was headed to Houston to lead her troops in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. We can only be thankful that we have such dedicated leaders as Gen Ferrell and the other members of the Texas Guard!



In September I had the opportunity to attend the Air Force Association National Convention in Washington, DC. This was a wonderful experience for me to be part of the Texas delegation and represent us at the National Convention. There were many topics discussed as part of the convention but the focus was clearly on membership – recruiting and retention. The goal is to continue to recruit new members to support our future and maintain our current members to be a strong source of influence to support our mission.

AFA President General Larry Spencer, USAF (Ret) emphasized the need to continue to support the three key mission elements of the AFA.

- EDUCATE the public on the critical need for unmatched aerospace power and a technically superior workforce to ensure U.S. national security

- ADVOCATE for aerospace power and STEM education

- SUPPORT the total Air Force family, and promote aerospace education

Of course we need you to meet these mission objectives. You can assist us to support these objectives by asking your friends and associates to join the Air Force Association and align with our Seidel Chapter. We also need your help by becoming actively engaged with our Chapter. You can assist us by reaching out to our community and supporting our community activities, assisting us to recruit Community Partners or helping us contact our members by telephone and remind them of the great membership meetings and community service opportunities that are available. Please contact me by email (pmh1004@sbcglobal.net) to further discuss these opportunities.



During the National Convention our Chapter was recognized as one of the two chapters that is aggressively growing our membership (thank you Bob Gehbauer). Our own Ric Hamer received the Chairman's Citation for outstanding and sustained performance both in our Chapter and at the Texas State levels in Aerospace Education. Please congratulate Ric at our November 15, 2017 membership meeting!

Now for some sad news. We received information that long-time AFA member Eldon Turner passed away on September 2, 2017. He was a member of the Ft Worth Chapter and was extremely active as the State Program Chair for many years. He was a very accomplished Air Force Officer and will be missed!

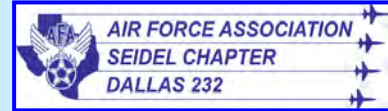
Our next Chapter Membership meeting is planned for November 15th at the Canyon Creek Country Club, Richardson. Our speaker will be Supervisory Special Agent Tom Petrowski. Tom is the Chief Division Counsel to the FBI Dallas Field Office with over 30 years of operational and legal counsel experience in military special operations. He has supported collaboration between the FBI, CIA, and other entities during numerous highly classified joint operations including the Boston bombing and the Benghazi attack. This is a meeting you will not want to miss!

I will look forward to hearing from each of you as we prepare for our November membership meeting. Please plan to attend. Also, contact me for more information about our Chapter and ways to get involved or receive support:

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**AAFES ON-LINE SHOPPING PRIVILEGES
Begins November 11, 2017**



**Seidel Chapter to
Elect Officers**

The nominating committee Chairman, Nick Harper will place in nomination at our quarterly meeting the following officers for 2018.

President.....Mr. Paul Hendricks
Vice President.....CMSgt Matt Crawford
Secretary.....Mr. Fletcher Sharp
Treasurer.....Mr. Bob Gehbauer

Election of officers will be held at our November 15th quarterly meeting.

- WHO: All Honorably Discharged Veterans or who received a General under Honorable Conditions who did not retire from a US military branch.

- WHAT: On-line (only) shopping privileges at exchanges.

- HOW: Go to www.VetVerify.org to get your proof of service authenticated. If problem is detected at this website you may contact these personnel at 844-868-8672 for any additional steps that may be required. Once verified and on November 11, 2017 you may visit the following websites to shop on-line:

1. www.shopmyexchange.com for Army and Air Force
2. www.shopcgx.com for Coast Guard
3. www.mymcx.com for Marines
4. www.mynavyexchange.com for Navy



NOTE: Your eligibility to shop on-line is not limited to the exchange of your service; you may shop at any of the websites listed above.

- ADVANTAGES:

1. Shopping is tax free from Sales Tax
2. There is no shipping charge for total orders over \$49.00
3. Be sure to ask about price match to local advertising
4. Look into applying for a Military Star Card (for additional discounts, if available)

NOTE: Post Exchange Shopping Privileges (on-line only). Commissary Privileges are not available at this time.



Texas Air National Guard Units Provide Support for Hurricane Harvey

Personnel from 254th Combat Communication Group, 221st Combat Communications Squadron and 136th Air Wing convoyed from Hensley Field to the Nacogdoches Civic Rodeo Center to provide shelter support. During this period of performance the members from 254 CCG/221 CBCS/136 AW aided in following efforts:

At Civic center they worked with the Regional Emergency Manager to bring order with shelter facility as multiple agencies were having issues over who was in charge. The team organized meetings with all support agencies laying out who was in charge of what areas of support were needed with all agencies reporting daily relief efforts through him and in turn to the Regional Emergency Manager. These efforts reduced in house fighting over who was in charge that soon led to an orderly flow for all agencies to complete to mission support efforts.



They also relocated donated clothing and personal items from the Rodeo Civic Center to a Red Cross distribution center to free up facility space and ease flow of traffic for incoming trucks delivering food and medical supplies. At the request from the Regional Emergency Manager, the Texas ANG team was split in order to have smaller ANG team to provide aid to an overflow of evacuees arriving at a small shelter on other side of town.



The 254 CCG/221 CBCS members also prepared hot food plates for 200 members of the Arkansas Army National Guard to provide relief from several days of meals ready to eat (MREs) these members had been using prior to their arrival.

The Airmen from the 136th Wing's Airlift Control Flight worked around the clock airlifting 290 tons of cargo and 468 evacuees.



Several of the same Texas ANG Airmen that provide emergency relief to the victims of Hurricane Harvey are now headed to Puerto Rico. The operations tempo and major workload the Texas ANG has been tasked is amazing.

We are proud of the significant activities being accomplished and supported by our Texas Air National Guard!





The Veterans Day Story... At the 11th hour, on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, the guns of WWI fell silent and "Armistice Day" was born. Eight years later a Presidential Proclamation invited people to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies. With the passage of time it was changed to "Veterans Day". The



national focal point for the official Veterans Day observance is at the Tomb of the Unknowns where the Presidential wreath is placed. The **2017 Greater Dallas Veterans Day Parade is set for Friday, November 10th** in downtown Dallas. Ceremonies will begin at 11:00 AM at Dallas City Hall with the massing of colors and the "Eleventh Hour Ceremony" **The Parade Theme is "Honoring Veterans of the Gulf War: Desert Shield & Desert Storm"**. Lt General Ricardo Sanchez, U.S. Army Retired is the keynote speaker and Col William Dwiggins, USMC and Command Sergeant Major Juan Hernandez, USA are the Grand Marshalls. The parade will feature military and veteran's organizations, military units and bands, area high school bands and JROTC units. There will be more than 150 units in the parade. The parade will commence following the official ceremony. The route will start at Reunion Arena, will proceed north on Houston Street, east on Main Street, south on Ervay Street, west on Young Street, south on Akard Street and pass in review in front of City Hall. For more information, go to www.vetsdayindallas.org.

Your Seidel AFA Chapter will have a convertible to carry our AFA members in the parade. Also, there is plenty of room near the reviewing stand to watch the parade. Come and help us give a special thanks to our men and women in uniform for fighting for our freedom. Please join us on November 10th. For more information, call Paul Hendricks at 469-667-7750.



The Greater Dallas Veterans Foundation membership consists of veteran organization representatives, civic leaders, and active and reserve military members.

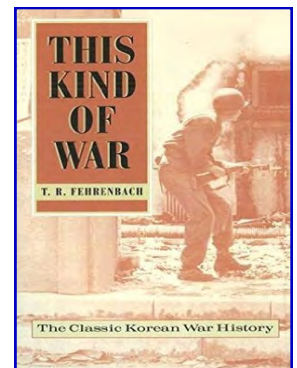
"We salute those who are serving, those who have served and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice."

Military History Book Club Breakfast

The objective of the Military History Book Club is to encourage attendees to support Military Organizations. The Military History Book Club meets about every two months. The breakfasts are complimentary, but you **need to RSVP** (see below). Do not hesitate to bring friends.

The book to be reviewed at the December 5th meeting is about the Korean War called the "This Kind of War" by F. R. Fehrenbach. Although *This Kind of War* starts with a quotation from Sun Tzu, Fehrenbach adopts a Clausewitzian approach. The author understands the Korean conflict not as a test of power but of wills. The Communists, he writes, doubted that the United States "had the will to react quickly and practically and without panic in a new situation." They were wrong, but it cost US. 37,000 American lives to prove it. Although a history, *This Kind of War* has the vividness of a memoir. It is based largely on personal narratives of small-unit commanders. "This is very much a platoon leader's book," the author writes. He himself commanded U.S. army units in Korea at company and battalion as well as the platoon level. Amazon and Barnes and Noble carry the book in hard cover and paperback.

- ◆ Next meeting: Monday, December 4, 2017
- ◆ Time: 7:30AM – 8:30AM
- ◆ Where: Canyon Creek Club, 625 W. Lookout Dr, Richardson, TX 75080
- ◆ RSVP: to Robert Epstein at Macabee1948@aol.com
- ◆ Moderator: Lt Gen John Campbell, USAF (Ret), combat fighter pilot, four commands, 34 year AF career. Central Intelligence Agency.



DO YOU KNOW A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR WHO NEEDS A SCHOLARSHIP?

EARLE NORTH PARKER ESSAY CONTEST

The Seidel Chapter – Dallas Air Force Association is proud once again to announce that the Air Force Association - Texas will sponsor an essay contest with the statewide winners receiving a total of \$3,000 in awards. The awards are given in honor of Earle North Parker, a noted industrialist and community leader of Fort Worth.



The essay topic for this year's contest is, "Non-commissioned pilots: Historically, who did, and now who does/could pilot Air Force aircraft?" ALL high school seniors in Texas are eligible to participate in this essay contest. Each essay shall be limited to a minimum of 500 words and a maximum of 600 words. Deadline for submission of the essay, accompanied by the completed Contest Entry Form, is January 20, 2018.

After all entries are received, the Seidel Chapter will select our Chapter winner, who will receive a \$500 award. Our winning entry will then be forwarded to our Texas State Office where the winning entry from each of the Air Force Association Chapters across the state will compete for \$3,000 in scholarship awards. The two scholarships are \$2,000 for 1st Place and \$1,000 for 2nd Place. The winners will be determined and announced this spring.



If you or your seniors desire an Entry Form wish or to discuss the contest in more detail, please to contact Ric Hamer at (214) 500-0951 or rhamer@aol.com.

Coming Events

- Seidel Chapter Quarterly Membership Meeting
November 15, 2017
- Seidel Chapter Executive Council Meeting
November 16, 2017
- Seidel Chapter Executive Council Meeting
December 14, 2017
- Seidel Chapter Executive Council Meeting
January 11, 2018
- Seidel Chapter Executive Council Meeting
February 8, 2017

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These specialty plates cost \$30 over the cost of the regular plates; \$8 of this goes to the State and the remaining \$22 goes into escrow for AFA to draw on for scholarships. The plates can be ordered anytime. You do not need to wait until your current plate expires.

The process is as follows:

1. Go to <http://www.txdmv.gov>
2. Click on "Specialty License Plates" on Most Visited menu
3. Click on Air Force Association plate
4. Follow prompts
5. TxDMV will send the license plates to your County Tax Office for you to pick up.