

DALLAS - FORT WORTH NATIONAL CEMETERY



MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Monday, 11:00 AM

MAY 30, 2016



Colonel Bruce R. Cox

Commander



Colonel Bruce R. Cox is the commander of the 307th Bomb Wing, Barksdale Air Force Base, La. The 307th is Air Force Reserve Command's sole bomb wing, operating both the B-52H Stratofortress and B-1B Lancer. Tasked alongside Active Associate partners, the unit equipped wing is responsible to execute all USAF B-52H formal training. Additionally, through Classic Associations, the 307th provides combat-ready B-52H / B-1B aircrew, maintenance personnel and combat support to execute nuclear/conventional global operational taskings. Colonel Cox is responsible for more than 1,900 Citizen-Airmen, civilian personnel and associated resources.

Born in Fort Worth, Texas, Colonel Cox graduated from Southwest High School. He entered the Air Force in 1986, after receiving his commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps, Corps of Cadets program at Texas A&M University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering. He completed pilot training at Reese Air Force Base, Texas as a distinguished graduate and was selected to fly the F-16 as a follow-on assignment. He completed F-16 training at Luke AFB, Arizona and was then assigned to Torrejon AB, Spain, serving with the 614th Tactical Fighter Squadron. He spent much of this tour deployed forward to either Aviano Air Base-Italy, Incirlik AB-Turkey, as well as being deployed to Doha, Qatar for Desert Shield / Desert Storm. Col Cox transitioned to the Air Force

Reserve in November 1991. Since that time, he has held various leadership positions at different locations within 10AF.

In the F-16, Colonel Cox participated in eleven combat deployments flying a total of 158 missions, logging 565 combat hours while participating in *Operations Desert Storm, Deny Flight, Decisive Edge, Northern Watch, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom*.

Prior to his current assignment, he was the Director of Operations and Plans Directorate, 10th Air Force, Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, Texas. In this role, he was responsible for establishing operational policies and ensuring all flying units in 10th Air Force maintained full combat readiness.

Colonel Cox is a command pilot with more than 4,500 hours in the T-37, T-38, F-16, and B-52.

His awards and decorations include: Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with seven oak leaf clusters, Aerial Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Gallant Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Award one oak leaf cluster, AF Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device and with seven oak leaf clusters, Combat Readiness Medal with seven oak leaf clusters, Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Southwest Asia Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, AF Overseas Ribbon Long, Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with gold border with two oak leaf clusters, AF Longevity Service with six oak leaf clusters, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with silver hourglass and six "M" devices, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, AF Training

PROGRAM

Prelude Music..... U.S. Army 1st Cavalry Division Band
Major Derrick N. Shaw, Commander

Call to OrderCommander Julius Graw, USN (Ret)
Master of Ceremonies

Invocation Dr. Weldon Estes
Chaplain (Captain) USA, Ret.

Presentation of Colors Second Battalion, 14th Marines

Pledge of Allegiance Colonel Peter Malik, USA (Ret)

National AnthemLinda Renfro

Introduction of Distinguished Guests.....Commander Graw

***General Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain's Remarks at
Gettysburg, 1889***

Music by SGM Douglas Richard Narrator: Staff Sgt. Daniel Madsen
U.S. Army 1st Cavalry Division Band
Major Derrick N. Shaw, Commander

GreetingAlbert Maxwell, Jr.
Assistant Director, Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery

Amazing Grace

by Jay Dawson

Vocalists: Sgt. Randy Holmes

Vocalists: Kyra White

Vocalists: Robert Wolfe

Vocalists: Willie Reed

U.S. Army 1st Cavalry Division Band

Major Derrick N. Shaw, Commander

Memorial Day AddressColonel Bruce R. Cox
Commander, 307th Bomb Wing, Barksdale AFB, LA

Presentation..... Gary Poplin, CTRCS, USN (Ret)
Chairman, Texas National Cemetery Foundation

Wreath & Flag Placement Knights of Columbus

Bagpiper Steve Pruitt

Reading the Names of
Active Duty Losses Interred
At DFW National Cemetery Commander Graw

***Eternal Father, Strong to Save***
U.S. Army 1st Cavalry Division Band
Major Derrick N. Shaw, Commander

Rose Placement Knights of Columbus

Rifle SaluteU.S. Army 1st Cavalry Division

Taps.....U.S. Army 1st Cavalry Division Band
Specialist David Burrell

BenedictionChaplain Estes

Postlude MusicU.S. Army 1st Cavalry Division Band
Major Derrick N. Shaw, Commander

Thank you for attending

Message from the Director and Staff

The Director and staff thank you for joining us in honoring our Nation's Veterans, many of whom paid the ultimate sacrifice. The Dallas-Fort Worth community has given selflessly towards the success of this cemetery and for that we thank all of our volunteers for their dedication and continued service. It has been with your hard work and the efforts of the Texas National Cemetery Foundation that we have been able to provide the services we do, not only on a daily basis but also for memorial events such as this.

These are hallowed grounds that you visit today; every marker representing an individual who believed that our lives and our freedoms were worth the sacrifice. These men and women should be honored and respected for their sacrifices and we ask that you continue to care for and support our efforts in maintaining these grounds as a National Shrine, a reminder of their dedication to our country.

Cemetery Facts

Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery opened in May of 2000 with 638 acres in total. Starting in 2016, there will be a 9 million dollar project that will encompass an addition of over 7,000 burial crypts, 5,000 columbarium niches, a memorial wall, and various other improvements. Since its inception, the cemetery has conducted over 50,000 interments of Veterans and eligible dependents including numerous service men and women from Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom. Fully developed, Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery will provide burial space for 280,000 eligible Veterans and eligible dependents.

About the Foundation

Texas National Cemetery Foundation, Inc. (TNCF), is a 501 (C) (3) corporation, whose sole purpose is to provide direct support to the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. It serves in a liaison capacity providing immediate access to military, civilian, and various government organizations and agencies. It is able to bridge funding for non-government-provided amenities enhancing operations at the cemetery. Their special events sponsorships include but are not limited to Memorial and Veterans day events. Their broad based resources and the vast knowledge their supporters possess are readily available to the cemetery staff. The schedule for the display of the Avenue of Flags can be found on the foundation web site.

Federal law prohibits fundraising on cemetery property. The Avenue of Flags extension has been approved. Please help TNCF comply with this law by contacting us off property for questions regarding the Avenue of Flag sponsorships and event financial support. Our e-mail address is:

ops@tncf.org

Volunteers

Volunteers who staff the Public Information Center (PIC) provide assistance and directions to visitors as well as coordinate the flow of services throughout the day. We currently have openings for persons interested in volunteering weekdays, where we offer two shifts 8-12 noon or 12-4pm. If you might be interested in this capacity, Mrs. Mickie Pendergast serves as the TNCF Director of Volunteers and can be reached at 214.202.1902. Information and applications are also available a www.tncf.org

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The Dallas - Fort Worth National Cemetery Staff
&
Cemetery Public Information Center Volunteers**



**Volunteers who assisted with the Avenue of Flags
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Fort Hood Public Affairs & General MacFarland's Staff**



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AT&T Veterans Club**



**Dallas County Schools
The Potters House Church
Reddy Ice of Dallas
CareFlite of Dallas**



**Air Force Aerial Events
Dallas FSDO (FAA)**

**Produced by Gary Poplin and Tommy Sorrell
Directed by Kimberly J. Molder**

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