

**Program on Islamic Jihadist
Terrorist threatening the United States
and other countries of the world**

Our speaker for the October 2008 RCRA meeting is **Allen Clark**, author, public speaker, former director of the VA National Cemetery System and Dallas VA Regional Medical Center. He has done extensive research and study on the origins, history, background, leadership, and current operational capabilities of the Islamic Jihadist Terrorists threatening the United States and other countries around the world.

October 16, 2008 Meeting

9:00 Social Hour

10:00 Business Meeting

Richardson Civic Center

411 W. Arapaho Road

Allen is a 1963 West Point graduate who served in Vietnam as a Military Intelligence Officer (Special Forces) involved in undercover intelligence operations where he was wounded and lost both legs below his knees. He was awarded the Silver Star for Gallantry in Action, Bronze Star, Air Medal and Combat Infantryman's Badge for his Military service. Allen earned his MBA from SMU in 1970, served as Special Assistant to Texas Governor Bill Clements and was in private business before serving at the National level.

His ministry to veterans suffering from combat operating stress may be found at his web site: www.combatfaith.com. In early 2007 his autobiography, Wounded Soldier, Healing Warrior, was published by Zenith Press. The book can be purchased at the meeting today for \$20.00

Additional information about Allen is available at his web site:

www.woundedsoldierhealingwarrior.com.

Allen lives in North Dallas with his wife the former Linda Frost.

Next Meeting April 16, 2009

9:00 Social Hour

10:00 Business Meeting

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Website Site for RCRA is Now in Use

At the October, 2007 meeting of RCRA, attendees were told that Jerry Henninger, a past president of RCRA, has hosted the RCRA web site. We appreciate and thank Jerry Henninger and his business partner, Lance Ochs at the **Heritage Trade Group** for hosting the website on their company's equipment. It appears that many people are visiting the web site, but almost no one is sending information to them to be posted for the rest of us to view.

Visit <http://rc retirees.com/> to see how information from our semiannual newsletter is displayed on line. Also notice that a user can download a roster that includes names and mailing addresses for our membership totaling more than 2100.

In the past we have had an e-mail distribution list that primarily provided notice of upcoming memorial services for one of our members. This practice is ongoing, but now these notices are being posted on line and contain information and, frequently, pictures, that were included in the *Dallas Morning News* or another local newspaper. In effect this is providing a history available to our members.

Members can forward information to be posted on line to the current vice president or directly to Jerry. His email address is jerry@heritagetradegroup.com .

Please note that the official roster of members is maintained by the vice president of our association. His master file is kept current, and then updates are made available on line twice a year concurrent with the mailing of the newsletter just prior to each semiannual meeting.

I know you will join the RCRA officers in thanking Jerry and Lance for their generous donation of equipment and service.

**Please send information to be posted to
Jerry Henniger@heritagetradegroup.com.**

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President's Ponderings

When you are asked to write something for a newsletter especially one called "Ponderings" one never knows where to start. So, I will let my mind wander and write about some thoughts as they come up.

Since this is an election year the talk is about who will become our next president and who we will vote for this fall. Some have even suggested that they may not vote at all since neither candidate nor party suits their particular ideas and goals. While this may be understandable, the fact is that there will be a new President elected no matter what we do or how we feel, so we may as well voice our vote based upon whatever distinction we can make in the candidates. The election this fall will also include many other offices that candidates will be asking for our votes and those that we find acceptable need our votes. It is our right and privilege to record our votes.

We strive to find speakers that would be both informative and interesting for our meetings and we are pleased to have Allen Clark speak to us this month. If you have any suggestions or topics for upcoming meetings, please see me or one of the other officers as we are always looking for inputs.

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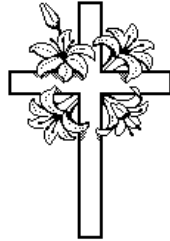
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Rockwell Collins Leadership Association website:
<http://rockwellcollinsclubs.com/clubs-tx/leadership/>

New Members

The company no longer provides us New Retiree contact information because of privacy concerns. Please advise any New Retirees you know to provide their full name, mailing address, telephone, e-mail address and date of retirement to Grady L Fairbairn, g.fairbairn@sbcglobal.net, 7300 Dustin Ct., North Richland Hills, TX 76180-2125, phone 817-498-7399 so they may be added to the Rockwell Collins Retiree Association data base. We must rely on new retirees to make contact with us.

Remembering Our Work Family

The RCRA posts listings of our work family members who have passed. If you have knowledge of someone who has passed recently we would like to post an obit with or without photo, on the <http://rc retirees.com> web site, please email jerry@heritagetrade.com.

Updated Rosters Available

Updated Rosters will be available at the October meeting for a cost of \$4.00.

To obtain a roster by mail, send your request including your address along with a check for \$5.00 to:

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