

## OUR COMMUNITY SALUTES

Dallas, Texas

# A NIGHT IN YOUR HONOR

APRIL 2, 2025



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DALLAS, TX

### **Parker University**

2540 Walnut Hill Lane • Dallas, TX 75229

Light Dinner from 5:30 to 7:00 pm

*The ceremony begins at 7:00 pm and should finish around 8:30 pm.*



Our Community Salutes (OCS) is a non-profit, tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) organization. It was created in 2009 in New Jersey to recognize and honor high school seniors (and their parents/guardians) who plan to enlist into the military after high school graduation. OCS also provides future service members and their families with access to educational resources and connects them with military support groups.

What started as one OCS ceremony in southern New Jersey has now spread across the nation. These events are planned and conducted independently in each community by volunteers, including military veterans, high school and college educators, local businesses, community leaders, and active duty military personnel. Our Community Salutes DFW has been honoring future service members in the DFW area since 2021.

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# Program



**Welcome**

**Invocation**

**National Anthem**

**2025 Gen. Colin Powell Award Recipient**

**U.S. Army Honorees**

**U.S. Marine Corps Honorees**

**U.S. Air Force Honorees**

**U.S. Space Force Honorees**

**Service Songs**

**Farewell**

# 2025 General Colin Powell Award Recipient

**LTC Russell Hooper**



Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Russell L. Hooper is a native of Palestine, Texas. He was commissioned in 1985 through the Army ROTC Program at Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, Texas as a Distinguished Military Graduate. As an Artillery Officer, he completed the Officer Basic Course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma in June 1986 and reported to his first duty assignment in Germany. Hooper retired in March 2006 after 20 years of active military service.

LTC Hooper served for two years as the Senior Army Instructor (JROTC) at Emmett J. Conrad High School, Dallas ISD in Dallas, Texas. He is currently the JROTC Coordinator for the DeSoto Independent School District and the Senior Army Instructor at the DeSoto High School.



# Honorees

U.S. Army



Samantha Abrams	Seth Hicks
Javier Alamilla	Tripp Howard
Jeremy Franco Alcantara	Tavaris Jackson
Jean Ntote Batouke	Samuel Kleinjan
Corissa Boswell	Naa Lamptey
Katelyn Bounds	Tristan Lance
Joshua Brickey	Kaliece Lockett
Dakota Cagle	Anjelina Lopez
Casey Carter	Angel Lopez
Essence Clerkley	Stephanie Maldonado
Tyler Cordes	Alexandra Mejia
Alexandro Cruz	Kanyah Miles
Christi Dade	Vanessa Ocampo
Darius Dewalt	Angel Mercado Polanco
Edward Espinal	Damian Prado
Leyla Flores	Tanner Reynolds
Alexander Friend	Kevin Hernandez Rodriguez
Gavyn Friend	Riley Tiner
Jocorey Giddens	Chi Truong
Anthony Gilkey	Oswar Vazquez
Eris Grey	Alec Wallace
Coleton Helms	Aubrie Wiggins
Alejandro Hernandez	Taviaus Williams

# Honorees

U.S. Marine Corps



Elias Ballard

Yasmin Cervantes

Stuart Cochran

Isabel Delossantos

Moises Gutierrez

Pamela Hernandez Mendez

Jy'kryian Johnson

Samuel Kim

Armando Lopez

Jayden Lopez

Javier Montealvo

Ken Odom

Austin Payton

Andrew Peres

Julian Ramostapia

Zahdia Rhoades

Remi Rivest

Fabiola Rodriguez

Angel Roque

Gavin Sanchez

Jordan Smith

Jesse Zavala

# Honorees

U.S. Air Force



Nina Bergeron

Samantha Carreon

Mattylin Chaput

Nevaeh Colbert

Alexandra Cortez

Saniya Davis

Justin Douglas

Emma Golden

Jayden Hubbard

Isaac Langston

Tigran Tamargazin

# Honorees

U.S. Space Force



Hamza Shittu



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**ARMY  
NATIONAL  
GUARD**  
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**CONGRATULATIONS  
HONOREES!**



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**CONGRATULATIONS HONOREES!**



**U.S. AIR FORCE**



**CONGRATULATIONS  
HONOREES!**





Hillwood salutes this year's seniors for their enlistment in the U.S. Armed Forces.

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## OUR COMMUNITY SALUTES

and its mission to recognize, honor and support high school enlistees and their families during their commitment to military service





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- Presidential and merit scholarships are available to DC seeking veterans

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This Year's Seniors



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those who Serve...  
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# Service Songs

## United States Army & Guard

March along, sing our song, with the Army of the free. Count the brave, count the true, who have fought to victory. We're the Army and proud of our name!

We're the Army and proudly proclaim:

First to fight for the right,

And to build the Nation's might,

And The Army Goes Rolling Along.

Proud of all we have done,

Fighting till the battle's won,

And the Army Goes Rolling Along. Then it's hi!  
hi! hey!

The Army's on its way.

Count off the cadence loud and strong; For  
where'er we go,

You will always know

That The Army Goes Rolling Along.



## United States Navy

Anchors Aweigh, my boys, Anchors Aweigh.

Farewell to foreign shores,  
we sail at break of day, of day.

Through our last night ashore, drink to the  
foam, Until we meet once more

Here's wishing you a happy voyage home!



## United States Marine Corps

From the halls of Montezuma

To the shores of Tripoli

We will fight our country's battles

In the air, on land and sea.

First to fight for right and freedom, And to keep  
our honor clean.

We are proud to claim the title of, United States  
Marines.



## Space Force

We're the mighty watchful eye,

Guardians beyond the blue,

The invisible front line,

Warfighters brave and true.

Boldly reaching into space,

There's no limit to our sky.

Standing guard both night and day,

We're the Space Force from on high.

## United States Coast Guard

From Aztec shore to Arctic zone,  
to Europe and Far East.

The Flag is carried by our ships  
in times of war and peace;

And never have we struck it yet in  
spite of foe-men's might,

Who cheered our crews and  
cheered again for showing how to fight.

Chorus:

So here's the Coast Guard marching song,  
We sing on land or sea.

Through surf and storm and howling gale,  
High shall our purpose be.

"Semper Paratus" is our guide, Our fame,  
our glory too,

To fight to save or fight and die!

Aye! Coast Guard we are for you!



## United States Air Force & Guard

Off we go, into the wild blue yonder,  
Climbing high into the sun.

Here they come zooming to meet our thunder,  
At 'em boys, give 'er the gun.

Down we dive, spouting our flame from under,  
Off with one hell-uv-a roar!

We live in fame or go down in flame,  
Nothing'll stop the U.S. Air Force.



## God Bless America

God bless America,

Land that I love,

Stand beside her and guide her

Thru the night with a light from above;

From the mountains, to the prairies,

To the oceans white with foam,

God bless America,

My home, sweet home.

God bless America,

My home, sweet home



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