



# The Tale Twister

## Cullman Lions Club

November 11, 2024

### Program

Lion Don Smith introduced Col. Don Fallin, US Army retired, and is a Cullman-area native, He spoke to us about the Cullman Veterans Hall of Fame (HOF) project, which he has led for several years. Lion Don pointed out that Col. Fallin has been our speaker a couple of times before.



**Col. Don Fallin addresses our Club, as Lion Don Smith enjoys pleasant fantasies while taking a short power nap.**

Col. Fallin was most appreciative of our Club's generous past support to the Veterans HOF, stating that our Club was its top supporter last year. With this in mind he brought with him a thank-you card and notice of a plaque that is being prepared for our Club to commemorate this support. He said his intention was to keep his remarks short in light of his last visits to highlight the Veterans HOF. He said the hardest thing that he's encountered in running the HOF induction ceremony is getting the nominations, trying each year to make it easier and easier. He had several nomination packets that he made available tonight to Lions for their possible inputs for nominations to recognize our community's heroes. Don reminded us that the HOF selection committee consists of rotating

members representatives from the VFW, the American Legion, and the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). Other members include community leaders such as Commissioner Gary Marchman, CEO of Cullman Savings Bank -- Mr. John Riley, and others. Col. Fallin mentioned that last year, he went out to a potential member's house and help him in typing out a HOF nomination form for him, because he knew that the man was a very qualified candidate. Last year one officer and five enlisted veterans were selected for induction into the Cullman Veterans HOF (two were posthumous). HOF heroes, along with their families, are honored and recognized at the HOF dinner, with a plaque posted on the courthouse wall for a year & returned to them or their family, and their names are added to a perpetual list of former inductees which is also displayed at the Cullman Court House. Finally, a paver with their name and year of induction is placed in the Cullman Veterans Memorial Park at Sportsman Lake.

So, Lions if you know of any Cullman area vets that should be considered as a nominee for induction into the Cullman Veterans Hall of Fame, please submit an input with one of the forms available for this purpose or contact Col. Don Fallin at ph. 910-308-4197 or email: [Donald.fallin@gmail.com](mailto:Donald.fallin@gmail.com).

### Other Business

Lion Ron Seybold received a great report after his last PET scan, which showed "tremendous" shrinkage of tumors and much relief in his pain.

Lion Danny Ray introduced a guest tonight, Mr. Troy Fallin, his friend of many years, who happens to be the father of our speaker, Col. Don Fallin.



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Lion President Chris Brooks recognized Vets at our meeting, asking that they stand for applause; he then read lists of recent birthdays, and then announced years-of-service anniversaries for Lions Mike Mangum (8 years) and Eric Ponder (3). Lion Chris also read a letter from the Veterans HOF for its support for the HOF dinner, attended by 182 veterans and their families at no cost to them.

Lion Brooks called up Lion Ron Seybold and presented him two awards – one was his Lion's pin award for 25 years of service and the other was a Progressive award & pin (with 2 diamonds) for his third Melvin Jones Fellow Award. A letter from the LICF President was read, commemorating Lion Seybold. Lion Brooks then called up Lion Fred Osborne to present him with his 55 years of service, Lion pin chevron award. Finally, Lion Brooks then called up Lion Howard Perry to present him with his 35 years of service, Lion pin chevron award.

Lion Craig Gadow read BOD minutes from 10-21-24. Funding was approved for donations to the Boone Lions Club in Kentucky, following its recent tornado disaster, and to Wreaths Across America.

Lion Chris Brooks read names of people being considered for recruitment to the club at a BOD meeting scheduled for tonight. This includes the following: Ms. Mary Horton, after determining if she want to be in the main Club or the Branch Club; Mr. Brian Monk, sponsored by Lion Randy Kraft and who spoke at our last meeting; Mr. Sean and Mrs. Melinda Schofield, sponsored by Lion Craig Gadow and who visited the last two Club meetings; Mr. Lee Johnson, sponsored by Lion Barry Willingham; and Mr. Samuel Russler, sponsored by Lion Dean Twilley.

The vote for 6 members of the Cullman Fair Association Board of Directors will take place at the Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> Club meeting.

### Sample ballot -- Candidates are listed in alphabetical order. Choose 6:

- Dennis Berse
- Brad Mitchell
- David Peacock
- Danny Ray
- Sam Roberts
- Chris Robinson
- Riley Smith
- Barry Willingham

### Upcoming Programs and Events

November 11: Col Don Fallin, U.S. Army Retired, will be our speaker.

November 18: Retired Naval Commander Vince Lambert will be our speaker.



**Retired Naval Commander Vince Lambert**

November 21: The annual Farm-City Banquet will be held at Loft 212 at 5:00PM. See Lion Brooks for tickets.



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December 2: Closed meeting – no guests. Fair Board election and presentation of financial reports from Fair.

December 10: Wreaths Across America for deceased veterans at Cullman City Cemetery at 10AM. Lion will be needed to help transport wreaths and with placement of wreaths. Details to follow.

December 16: Fair appreciation dinner at Cotton Creek. Details to follow.

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If you need something special or to report a correction in the *Tale Twister*, see Lions Carey Thompson or Don Smith at the meetings. Lion Carey can be reached at 256-739-0580 (H) or 256-426-3207 (C). Lion Don can be reached at 256-737-7433 (H) or 256-426-7722 (C).



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### Committee Assignments for FY 2024-2025

| <b>President Chris Brooks</b> |                 |                  |                  |                |                  |                 |              |
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| Committees                    | Chair           | Co-Char          | Member           | Member         | Member           | Member          | Member       |
| Nominating                    | Steve Murphree  | Morris Magnum    | Dewayne Wilson   |                |                  |                 |              |
| Club History                  | Dennis Berse    | Charlie Powell   | Javon Daniel     | Dewayne Wilson | Ron Seybold      | Scott Starosta  |              |
| Explore                       | Jerry Bonner    | David Bussman    | Raymond Williams | Fred Osborne   | Delane Ray       | Craig Gadow     | Steve Cartee |
| <b>1st VP Delane Ray</b>      |                 |                  |                  |                |                  |                 |              |
| Committees                    | Chair           | Co-Char          | Member           | Member         |                  |                 |              |
| Diabetes                      | Milford Parrish | George Krigbaum  | David Peacock    | Javon Daniel   |                  |                 |              |
| Fair Concessions              | David Bussman   | Richard Gurley   | Judy Smith       |                |                  |                 |              |
| Finance & Community           | Don Smith       | Brian Spaeth     | Jerry Bonner     |                |                  |                 |              |
| Fish & Ham                    | Carey Thompson  | David Peacock    | Jason Tielking   |                |                  |                 |              |
| Membership                    | George Krigbaum | Javon Daniel     | Frank Odell      |                |                  |                 |              |
| Program                       | Sam Roberts     | Randy Kraft      | Chris Robinson   |                |                  |                 |              |
| Mop & Broom                   | Richard White   | Dave Gratz       | Chris Robinson   |                |                  |                 |              |
| Sight                         | Bill Ruehl      | Steve Cartee     |                  |                |                  |                 |              |
| <b>2nd VP Jeff Lawson</b>     |                 |                  |                  |                |                  |                 |              |
| Committees                    | Chair           | Co-Char          |                  |                |                  |                 |              |
| Area Lion's Liason            | Craig Gadow     | Scott Starosta   |                  |                |                  |                 |              |
| Constitution & Bylaws         | Craig Gadow     | Steve Murphee    | Frank Odell      |                |                  |                 |              |
| House & Food                  | Dennis Berse    | Fred Osborne     |                  |                |                  |                 |              |
| Member Information            | Charlie Powell  | Dave Gratz       |                  |                |                  |                 |              |
| Song Leader                   | Richard White   | Chris Robinson   |                  |                |                  |                 |              |
| Youth Leos                    | David Wiggins   | Jeff Lawson      |                  |                |                  |                 |              |
| <b>3rd VP David Wiggins</b>   |                 |                  |                  |                |                  |                 |              |
| Committees                    | Chair           | Co-Char          |                  |                |                  |                 |              |
| Tail Twister                  | Richard Gurley  | Richard White    |                  |                |                  |                 |              |
| Fair Parade                   | Steve Murphee   | Barry Willingham |                  |                |                  |                 |              |
| Branch Club Liaison           | Ron Seybold     | Jeff Lawson      |                  |                |                  |                 |              |
| Publicity                     | Sam Roberts     | Charlie Powell   |                  |                |                  |                 |              |
| Communications & Web          | Sam Roberts     | Charlie Powell   |                  |                |                  |                 |              |
| New- Member Orientation       | Frank Odell     | George Krigbaum  | Richard Gurley   | Steve Murphree | Raymond Williams | Ginger Hogeland |              |