Texas Chapter CCRA
Meeting Minutes as of 09/21/2026
Meeting date/time location 19 Sept 2026; 1800 hours-2D Chem BN Conference Room

Call to order: 1800 hours quorum present

Old Business:

Roll Call:

Striegl present
Kruse present
Harris present
Williams present
Brown excused absence
Eldridge absent
Kraus present

Also present were one guest, three military and the president of the Tx chapter of the AG regimental association, with one call in telephonically—see attached sign in sheet for details.

Of note, the purpose of the meeting minutes is not intended to document every side bar conversation and comment made. Minutes are intended to document pertinent facts and votes as related to the agenda; However, these minutes also contain the logic behind a specific discussion point so that the attendee can better understand why a specific comment or decision was made. As always, once you have read the minutes and you have questions, please reach out for clarification.

Approve old minutes- previous meeting minutes approved. No comments or recommended changes submitted

There was no approval required for the July 2026 wellness event at III Corps because no funds were expended.

New Business:

Walt update—Striegl; update was provided. Walt is getting better. No timeline on when or if he will return as an active member of the chapter BoD

Facebook user ID and PW update—Striegl; received 20 Sept. Chapter now has administrative access to our FB page. It is also linked to our website. Many changes will be initiated to the FB page soon, so it conforms to the same format as our website and the numerous other documents that the chapter has published.

Treasurer update, IRS 501c3 status and TX Comptroller update—Kevin; A lengthy update was provided by the treasurer. Essentially, the chapter has completed all federal and State requirements to operate in the State of Tex as a non-profit. He also discussed IRS and Texas Comptroller reporting requirements so that the chapters Federal and State certifications would not lapse in the future. Also, briefly discussed were the chapter new financial standard operating procedures to ensure that all reporting requirements are met, control of all chapter funds and a robust oversight process of the chapters fiscal operating procedures. He pointed out that this process took over six months to complete with 100s of hours of work expended and almost $2500 in fines and penalties.

Control of PO Box key & chapter tablecloth??? This item was discussed so that there is awareness of the chapter's equipment. All chapter equipment was accounted for and some returned to the treasurer during the meeting. President made the comment that eventually the chapter would need multiple equipment sets to support the outlying chapter regions. Of note, it is expected that in the future equipment sets will need to be standardized so each region will have identical sets.

Wreath Laying—Jeff: A handout was provided and a detailed explanation and concept was briefed with regards to the purpose of this event which also included manpower requirements. See attached handout.

Frustration over tax exempt status and chapter rebuilding—Striegl: comments regarding this subject were discussed throughout the meeting. During the rebuilding process frustration ran high and at times those that were working on the recertification process (Striegl and Kruse) wondered if they would be able to accomplish the mission. However, with the help of National and much perseverance mission success.

MIA—Striegl; MIA in this instance stands for Missing in America. This item was for information only. Over eight thousand veterans across the US die each year and are cremated by the various counties and their remains are placed on a shelf in a warehouse. The Congressional District 21 Veterans Advisory group reached out to Striegl asking for help. If the TX chapter decided to help with this mission, it would be extremely time-

consuming and could require funding. Striegl informed the group he would get back to them with more information.

FLOCK Safety Systems –Striegl: This was an information only item to make all attendees aware of the FLOCK camera surveillance systems being installed throughout the US, In Striegl' opinion this was an invasion of privacy and encourage all to research this system and make their own decision.

Chapter website—Kevin; This item was discussed during most of the discussion items because it is tied to membership, FB page, fund raising etc. It is complete and was launched in August 2026 and in its brief life cycle has already almost doubled membership. He encouraged all to get the word out and get people to register and become members of the chapter. He also discussed how you could also contribute to the chapter through the website. Of note, according to Nationals business office we are the only sub chapter with a standalone website.

Chapter coins—Striegl; Chapter is working on getting our own coin. We will have a coin design contest, and design parameters will be published soon . The winner of 1st place will receive $200, 2d place $100 and 3d place $50. If there is a tie, they will both receive $200. All company/det sized units and above are encouraged to compete.

POC/LNO to company level at Hood—Striegl; the president tasked the Central Region VP to develop a contact list for all company sized units and above in his region NLT 1 December. This list is needed so that we can receive unfiltered and timely requests for support so that we can begin to build a budgeting process within the chapter to support the soldiers and their families. Currently the chapter has no budget process and uses a Hit or Miss method to determine support requirements which has relied completely on the president to make all decisions regarding support. This is the next step in establishing a cohesive fiscal management system within the chapter.

6th CST and CST National support to FIFA update—Striegl; To build the chapter on a Statewide basis the chapter president rewrote the bylaws and broke the chapter into support regions instead of military installations. Previously, the chapter focused on active-duty military. Using the reginal concept we now also recruit NG, Reserve and retired dragon soldiers, AF 3E9s, Marine CBRNE, and Navy disaster preparedness military and their families. Because the Civil Support Teams (CST) are ALL air and ground NG members Striegl pushed until he was able to set up an information brief with the 6th CST on 1 October 2026. This meeting was again confirmed on 21 Sept. At that time Striegl was informed that

the 6th CST had invited other NG units in the area to the briefing and had already begun to circulate the chapter website. The end state for the TX chapter will be to bring in all CBRNE military into the chapter if they reside in Texas.

SCAM alert—Striegl; The purpose of this information item was to discuss the massive number of scams that are occurring within the US at the current time and to ensure leaders were informing soldiers and their families to be careful and to reach out to the leadership if they think someone was trying to scam them. Our chapter is family oriented and part of that process is to ensure our dragon soldiers or for that matter any other military are protected from these unscrupulous people.

West Virgina CST awards—Striegl; This item was informational. Each sub chapter president can approve certain dragon awards (only the chief of Chemical can approve the ancient order of the dragon). Striegl approved six order of the legionnaire awards for the WV 35th CST. The 35th reached out to Striegl and as per our chapter bylaws our goal is to support ALL soldiers if possible. To that end Striegl learned the dragon awards process and approved six awards for the WV CST. Your chapter also sent three Texas dragon shirts to the 35th so they would advertise our chapter within their state and get their members to sign up and be members of our chapter since their state does not have a sub chapter. The awards are scheduled to be presented in Oct with a promise from the 35th to send many pics which we will place on our FB and website.

Texas Dragon chapter is back event—discussion; Funds permitting we would like to have an event soon celebrating our recertification. How this event would look is still subject to debate.

Fund raising of $; Striegl has stated numerous times that we are a business and we cannot operate without funds. To that end a draft fund-raising guide was sent to all board members and our VP for the central region. The intent of this guide is to acquaint individuals with the aspect of how to fund raise. This process will be a long-term growing event that will require much training and effort by all to accomplish. This aspect of our chapter is tied to our budget process and the POC list that was tasked to the VP of the central region to complete by 1 Dec. To build a budget we must have the monetary requirements for our supported units statewide . Then we will know how much money we need to raise to support our units monetary request, which will then drive our budget allocation process.

Action items:

POC list down to company -VP central region due 1 Dec 2026

Closing comments: All ; remarks not included

Meeting Adjourned: 1920 hours

Agenda Prepared by:

Conrad Striegl
Texas Chapter President (Dragon Soldiers) CCRA

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Wreath laying process
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Sign in sheet

AGENDA

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Approve old minutes- All

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Action items:

Recommendations for ball and internal operating procedures changes for National—Striegl draft for board approval and submission—update/still working

Closing comments: All

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Wreaths for Vet's



Good afternoon team:

I would like to inform you about one of the biggest annual events occurring in Central Texas – Wreaths for Vets. Wreaths for Vets is an event occurring over the Holidays. It serves to unite citizens, businesses and veteran organizations to pay homage and respect to comrades that paid the ultimate sacrifice.

This year, the Chemical Corps Regimental Association (CCRA) Lone Star Chapter and the Rotary of Harker Heights, Texas are working in collaboration. Also, in partnership with the 2nd Chemical Battalion Commander, LTC Clemons, has graciously volunteered to support the four phases of this event: Rehearsal/Walk Through, Preparation (Fluffing), Wreath Laying Ceremony, and Wreath Retrieval.

In consideration of the Holiday schedule, we are asking for 10 or 12 Soldiers to support the four stages or events outlined below. Additional volunteers are always welcome to support this event, and it is open to dependents.as as well. If there are dependents or individuals in need of community service hours for high school scouting or other organizations, this is a good opportunity.

We request that the 2nd Chemical Battalion submit the names and rank of all volunteers so they can be recognized/receive documentation of community service hours. Submit the list of volunteers to the CCRA LS Chapter POC, Mr. Jeff Harris, and to a designated POC from the 2nd Chemical Battalion, S3. (TBD).

Background. The Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery opened in 2005 after more than a decade of work and planning. It now serves as the honorable resting place for approximately 17,500 veterans and family members.

In support of this tremendous asset, a group of citizens has organized the Friends of the Central Texas Veterans Cemetery to support projects at the cemetery, beginning with laying a holiday wreath at each grave each year. Wreaths are prepared on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, laid on the Saturday after Thanksgiving each year.

Laying holiday wreaths began in 2007, when the Wreaths Across America organization sent six wreaths to the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery and to every other veteran cemetery in the United States, to be laid in honor of each military service branch and POW/MIA. An individual believed that there should be a wreath laid at each grave, and within three days, she had gathered enough wreaths and volunteers to make it happen.

In 2024, there were over 16,000 graves; in 2025, almost 17,500. We expect about 800 new graves each year, so support is needed to continue this meaningful project in the future years.

The Friends of the Central Texas Veterans Cemetery always appreciates monetary donations to purchase wreaths and welcomes volunteers to prepare, lay, and pick up wreaths.

The schedule is shown below. Participants will be informed of any changes that may occur.

Sequence of Events: There are basically four phases of the process. It begins with a walk-through or rehearsal for volunteers; next is the preparation (or fluffing of Wreaths from storage); Wreath Laying Ceremony; and finally, the Wreath Retrieval.

Phase 1: (Rockdrill / Walk Through)

Who: A representative from the CCRA LS Chapter and one representative from the 2d Chemical Battalion. Uniforms are not required for Soldier Volunteers.

What: Discuss the shuttle operations, layout of the location of the Ceremony, discuss the process of the Wreath laying, walk through the Cemetery.

When: 0900, 31 October 2026

Where: Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery, 11463 South Highway 195 in Killeen, TX.

How: Meet at the Cemetery. Look for a group of individuals near the flagpole. This stage should take between 30 minutes and 1 hour.

Phase 2: Wreath Preparation

Who: A representative from the CCRA LS Chapter and 10-12 representatives from the 2d Chemical Battalion. Uniforms are not required for Soldier Volunteers.

What: During this phase, Wreaths are unloaded from storage containers and prepared for laying by gently pulling and separating the flattened loops of the red velvet bow and adjusting the evergreen branches, so the tribute looks full and respectful after being packed in a box.

When: 10:00, 21 November 2026

Where: Killeen Special Events Center, 3601 South WS Young Drive, Killeen, TX.

How: Depending on how many people show up, this activity usually lasts about 2 hours.

Phase 3: Wreath Laying Ceremony

Who: A representative from the CCRA LS Chapter and 10-12 representatives (do have to use the same personnel for Stage 2) from the 2d Chemical Battalion. Uniforms are not required for Soldier Volunteers.

What: Wreaths are respectfully placed upon every headstone in the Central Texas Veterans Cemetery. Family members lay wreaths on their loved one's graves first., then *Volunteers disperse the remaining wreaths until every grave has one.*

When: 10:00, 28 November 2026. Volunteers are asked to arrive NLT 09:30 AM at the Cemetery, so compensate 15 minutes for shuttle time.

Where: Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery, 11463 South Highway 195 in Killeen, TX. Parking is at the Texas A & M Central Texas University - shuttle buses will be running from 8:00 - Noon. Volunteers must take the shuttle bus. NO parking on Hwy

195. Bikers who wish to escort the wreaths to the cemetery are to meet at 7;00 AM at the Special Events Center in Killeen.

How: Depending on how many people show up, this activity usually lasts about 2 hours.
Phase 4: Wreath Retrieval

Who: A representative from the CCRA LS Chapter and 10-12 representatives (do have to use the same personnel for Stage 3) from the 2d Chemical Battalion. Uniforms are not required for Soldier Volunteers.

What: Wreaths are retrieved from every headstone in the Central Texas Veterans Cemetery and unfluffed for packaging back in boxes or containers.

When: 10:00 AM, 9 January 2027 (Weather dependent)

Where: Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery, 11463 South Highway 195 in Killeen, TX. Parking is at the Texas A & M Central Texas University - shuttle buses will be running from 8:30 - Noon. Volunteers must take the shuttle bus. NO parking on Hwy 195.

How: Depending on how many people show up, this activity usually lasts about 2 hours.

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This is a very special time of year, and we're asking for maximum support. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Harris at phone: 254-681-4274, or email: Lextalon@gmail.com.

V/r,

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Board of Directors

19 Sept 2026 Texas Chapter CCRA Meeting Sign in Sheet

Please print neatly so Information can be read without error

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