

Caller's BIO ... Walt Helgesen

Walt has been square dancing since he was about 8 years old and has been calling for the past 21 years. He met his wife, Marge, at Travis AFB, California where they were both stationed (Walt, a career Warrant Officer in the U.S. Army and Marge an Air Force Nurse). They have been married now for 45 years, have a daughter, two sons and six beautiful grandchildren.

Walt had dropped out of square dancing most of his 22 years in the military and it wasn't until after their children had started into High School that Marge suggested they find a fun activity to take up. The rest is history. They have been square dancing ever since. Square dancing is a family tradition. Walt's parents, Wally & Evie Helgesen, and his grandparents, Hank & Midge Johnson, squared danced all of their lives. In fact, Walt's grandfather "Hank" was a well-known caller/banjo player in Wisconsin back in the 40s and 50s.

He has attended two top rated national caller's schools, taught numerous sets of lessons, had a caller run club in El Paso for years and now calls every Tuesday for the Dublin Cloverleafs in Dublin, Texas (going on 13 years) and as a guest caller for many clubs in the North Texas area.

Walt's goal is simply to have fun and making Square Dancing fun for the dancers. His lessons are a down to earth mix of square dancing and line dancing to keep it fun and interesting.

Walt and Marge have entertained at wedding rehearsal dinners, birthday parties, anniversaries, youth groups and other special events.

Walt is BMI/ASCAP licensed and a member of CallerLab, the Texas State Caller's Association (TSCA) and the North Texas Caller's Association (NTCA).

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