



Dallas Chapter members were among thousands who laid wreaths at the DFW Veterans Cemetery on 19 Dec 2020. Among many others, Chapter Companions: (*I to r*) Russ Hooper, John Wagner, Michael Menefee, Don Munson, Don Crusius, Chuck Daniels, & Barbara Butcher – and friends.

BG Charles K. Aris,

US Army

This Month's Program, January 2021

## **2021** has nowhere to go but UP!

For all the obvious reasons, several scheduled Speakers have requested a "raincheck" and asked to be moved to a date to be determined.

We are, therefore, doubly pleased to announce that Brigadier

General Charles (Chuck) Aris, **Commander** of the Land Component Command, National Guard Bureau, was willing and able to accept our invitation to be the first Guest Speaker of the New Year.

General Aris will discuss the important role of the National Guard in missions such as civil disturbance, COVID testing and distribution, as well as defending our nation's south-

ern border. BG Aris recently commanded forces in Afghanistan and will also provide updates on the Guard's federal missions, including deployments in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, the Sinai, and Europe.

BG Aris is a Distinguished Military Graduate of Texas A&M. He holds a Bachelor of Arts from Texas A&M, a Master of Science in Strategic Studies from the Army War College, and a Juris Doctorate from South Texas College of Law.

He currently is partner in a Civil Litigation firm in Dallas, Texas. He lives in Waxahachie, Texas, with his wife of 30 years, Amy Aris.



The Commander's New Year's Resolution

## When I Make it Big, then I will give back.

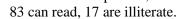
The population of the Earth is about 7.8 Billion. That is a large figure, however, if you condensed the 7.8 Billion down to 100 people, what would the World look like?

Out of that condensed 100:

11 live in Europe, 5 in N. America, 9 in S. America, 15 in Africa and 60 in Asia

48 live on less than \$2 US daily.

75 have mobile phones, 25 do not.



87 have clean drinking water, 13 do not.

77 have their own homes, 23 have no place to live.30 have internet access, 70 cannot go online

7 attended have a university education, 93 did not.

63 get enough to eat, 21 are over nourished, 15 are undernourished and 1 just ate his last meal.

26 will live less than 14 years, 66 die before they are 64, and 8 are over 65.

So, what is my point and what does it have to do with a New Year's Resolution? If you have your own home, eat full meals, drink clean water, have a mobile phone, can surf the internet, and have gone to college, you are an *incredibly* lucky *one of 7% of the world population*. Each one of us is already so fortunate that I request you consider what you can do for others.

As we enter 2021, please consider MOWW one of the organizations that you resolve to support, endorse, and do more "for the Good of the Order".

Happy New Year,

Charles D. Daniels, Commander Dallas Chapter, MOWW





## **PERPETUAL COMPANIONS INDUCTED IN 2020**





CPT Barbara Butcher US Army (Lucas)



CPT Jeff Butcher US Army (Lucas)



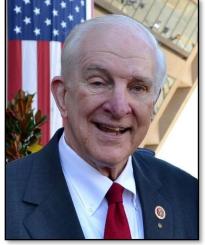
Maj Terry Thorsen US Marine Corps (Mansfield)



Steve Suiter Hereditary (McKinney)



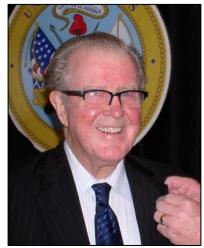
LT Michael Dundon US Army (Coppell)



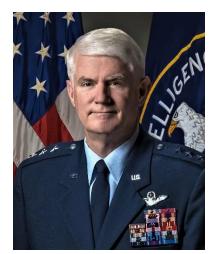
Col Sam Johnson US Air Force (Plano)



CWO4 Monifa Rucker US Army (Rockwall)

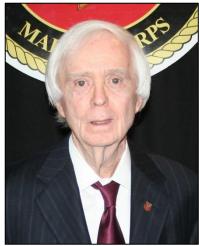


CAPT (Dr) Howard Greenlee US Navy (Highland Park)



*Lt Gen John Campbell US Air Force* (McKinney)

## **REGULAR** COMPANIONS INDUCTED IN 2020



LT Craig Trotman US Army (Dallas)



*LtCol Scott Casey* US Marine Corps (Granbury)



Capt Bob Ganson US Air Force (Plano)

## FINALLY, WE PAID OUR LAST RESPECT TO THESE COMPANIONS WHO WE LOST IN 2020



MG William Gossell US Marine Corps (Farmers Branch)





*LTC Jim Magellas US Army* (Colleyville)



CPT George Perry US Army (Richardson)



LTC George Nancarrow US Army (Dallas)

# Happy Birthday, Companions

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<mark>"People who</mark> birthdays"	<mark>live longest, have <i>most</i></mark>
2 January	CPT Allan Backof
2 January	LtCol Jeffrey Hauser
4 January	HRM Jessica Cafferata
8 January	Lt Col Jack Bond
8 January	CPT John Wagner
9 January	MAJ John Van Buskirk
10 January	CDR Jerry Rucker
11 January	LTC Stonell Greene
12 January	CPT Boyd Branch
12 January	COL Virgil Williams
16 January	LTC King Moss
17 January	Maj Gen Robert McDonald
18 January	CDR Henry Coates
20 January	HPM Mark Munson
20 January	CPT Richard Wegner
22 January	CPT Steven Poole
23 January	LTC James Small
28 January	MR Walter Applewhite
30 January	CPT Barbara Butcher
31 January	MR Joe Applewhite
31 January	COL Joe Sasser



## Speaker Programs in 2021 – Bear with Us

7 Jan 21 – Charles Aris, BG, US Army NG "The Role of Today's National Guard"

4 Feb 20 - Ashley Thomas, Founder, Freedom's Fund "Rescuing Families in the Middle East"

3 Mar 20 – Adam Kraft, DIA Analyst (TBD) "The Great Spy Game"

#### Humor in Uniform - Army



<u>Humor in Uniform – Marine Corps</u>



<u>Notice</u>: Next Commander's Staff Meeting will be held Thursday, 21 January 2021 at 1:30 p.m., in the Frontiers of Flight Conference Room, 6911 Lemmon Avenue, Dallas, TX

#### Homeland Security (article by LtCol Michael Menefee)

## THE CHINESE THREAT TO AMERICA

In a recent television interview, Director of National

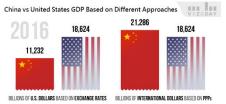
Intelligence John Ratcliffe said he regularly reviews intelligence threat reports about foreign actors and states targeting members of Congress.



The People's Republic of China (PRC) influences members of Congress, mayors, governors, and business executives overtly or covertly using espionage, blackmail, political disinformation, and bribery. The PRC uses the same strategy in America as they used in Australia, New Zealand, and Singapore, to weaken negative media coverage, and then generate positive media and favorable legislation. These leaders help make PRC progress appear normal, even though many of their advances are due to theft and espionage.

The PRC now has the world's second largest economy. It

engages or tries to engage in espionage six times more than Russia, and 12 times greater than Iran, using



massive publicity campaigns attempting to pass only legislation favorable towards China. Some of these intelligence threats have recently been publicly exposed.

Senator Dianne Feinstein's (D-CA) office was penetrated



by a Chinese spy, who worked as her driver and attended official functions on her behalf, for <u>20 years</u>. She stated she had no idea that her office had been infiltrated by a man who was feeding information to China's Ministry of State Security, until FBI agents

informed her. Senator Feinstein was Chairwoman of the *Senate Intelligence Committee* at the time.

Recently, Congressman Eric Swalwell (D-CA) has stated that Chinese spy Christine Fang became a "special friend"

when he was a local city councilman. Fang obtained a student visa when she was a student at an American college in the San Francisco area. Over time, she



befriended Swalwell, became his lover, and eventually began bundling money to help elect him to Congress. Fang even tried to place interns in Swalwell's office. The FBI notified Swalwell about Fang being a Chinese agent at the time she fled back to China. Swalwell had been appointed to the powerful *House Intelligence Com*-

*mittee* by Speaker Nancy Pelosi. He was placed in this powerful position over CIA objections and FBI warnings, as a second term Congressman with **no** military or political foreign



intelligence experience. Swalwell has been a vocal opponent of President Trump and claimed to have intelligence citing Russian collusion, which was disproved by the Mueller investigation and report.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) and his wife, Elaine Chao, are part owners of the Foremost Group, a Chinese shipbuilding company. Chao is the



Secretary of Transportation. The company uses Chinese ships and employees to ship Chinese goods made by Chinese State-Owned Enterprises (SOE's) to ports

around the Pacific and Americas. SOE's are companies owned by the PRC.

Both House Majority Leader Pelosi (D-CA) and Senator Feinstein (D-CA) have husbands who do or have done extensive financial business with the Chinese, and both families have become very wealthy by investing in Chinese companies and the globalist agenda. China is expanding its role in the Pacific, Latin America, Africa, and the Middle East according to former acting DNI, Richard Grenell.

Over 300,000 Chinese students now attend American universities, which receive full tuition from Chinese students. Many of these students attend STEM graduate programs to further Chinese science, technology, and engineering programs. Grenell stated that these students often steal intellectual property, technology, engineering, research plans, enhanced seeds, and even viruses, to help the PRC's goal of replacing the US as the largest world superpower. The PRC even tried to steal the vaccine which American companies developed for the *China Virus*.

The American public has been told for too long that engagement with China has worked, while governors, mayors, legislators, and executives of large companies are being compromised. Many Americans now believe the DOJ, FBI, Judiciary, media, and our intelligence services may be politically compromised.

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# Farewell and Good Riddance to 2020



It was a Christmas Banquet like none other in the history of the Chapter. As the nation went into an even tighter "lock-down", dozens who had intended to celebrate the final event of the year, were forced to quarantine, once again. Our Chapter Commander **Chuck Daniels** and several of his Staff officers were informed that Positive COVID test results indicated that a person to whom they were exposed may have led to their exposure. Past Commander **Paul Brown** did a magnificent job of filling in for Chuck and was his usual outstanding Master of Ceremony. The Park City Club transformed the Dining Room into a magical wonderland of lights and decorations. *Pictured above, clockwise from left to right* are MAJ **Marshal Miles** and his wife **Christa**. Silver Star recipient CPT **Allen Clarke** and his wife **Linda** remind us of the reason for the season. Col **Jeff Gault** and his wife **Rose** took a break from their role as national fundraisers for the Army Scholarship campaign to share the evening with us. Paul presented a Citation to **Dr. T. Bob Davis**, who provided an evening of entertainment that included a wide-ranging medley of Christmas carols and singalong favorites. **Al and Linda** posing by the Christmas trees. **Paul Brown** urged everyone to Stay Safe.



Pictured above, clockwise from top left to right are Chapter Adjutant LT Brandon Hern and his wife Andrea at the table with CAPT Rollie Stevens. Past Dallas Veterans Day Parade Chairman Pat Teipel wore a mask with the Parade's logo prominently displayed. Paul Brown surprised Allen Clark with a plaque that summarized the countless reasons he was chosen to receive our prestigious "Above and Beyond" award. T. Bob Davis is a world class musician who has recently released his third album of piano and organ classics. Call Committee Chairman Capt John Wagner shares a story with Marine Major Terry Thorsen. And then, all to soon, the evening drew to a close when Pianist Bob Davis and his wife Janis invited the room to rise and join in singing Silent Night.



Linda Clark shared a beautiful Christmas experience. She noticed that Christa Miles, who is pregnant, appeared to be crying during the caroling. When asked if everything was alright, Jill smiled and replied: "While they were playing *Happy Birthday, Jesus,* my baby began kicking".



### The Necessity of Forgetting

As we approach the new year of 2020, there are some things that it would be wise and profitable for us to forget.

### 1. Forget Past Successes.

We should be grateful for past blessings, but we must beware lest we find ourselves looking backward rather than forward.

### 2. Forget Past Failures.

Not all of us have been successful. Some of us have experienced miserable failures. Peter disappointed the Lord. He was terribly disappointed in himself, yet he experienced the forgiveness of his Lord, and he wisely forgave himself for his failure.

### 3. Forget Past Grievances.

Do you plan to lug all your old grievances into the New Year? If we would face the new year with hope for success, we must forgive and forget past grievances.

"Forget the things which are behind you" (Philippians 3:13)

### Last Month's Program, Dec 2020

## Gifts that keep on giving

Christmas is a magical time of year, especially for the youngest. We frequently forget that many families cannot afford the gifts that lift the spirits of children and allow them to retain their childish belief and wonder.

That is the motivation that causes us to ask you each year, to remember those less fortunate.



With little or no fanfare, Chapter Companions quietly donated dozens of toys, games, and stuffed animals, for our fellow Special Forces chapter to distribute.

In the few years during which we have collected *Toys for Tots*, your chapter has accumulated a total of over 1,100 items. This year's gifts were distributed to the children of refugee Montagnard families, who live in the Dallas area.

You can be justly proud to be a part of the goodwill and generosity demonstrated each year by the Companions of our Chapter.

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