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Best Large Chapter in the Nation

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Mayor Jim Ross of Arlington at our March 5 Chapter meeting speaking about the city's desire to have a Veterans Day Parade annually. "The Texas Veterans Day Parade", will be in the evening in order not to conflict with other events and will include a drone show at night. Further details will be available at a later date.

This Month's Program

"Helicopter Gunship Pilot in Vietnam"

U.S. Army Captain Milan O. Georgia Jr. 1968-1973



Milan O. Georgia Jr.

This month our guest speaker is going to be speaking about his Army experiences in various countries in Southeast Asia.

Milan O. Georgia was a Bell UH-1C Helicopter Gun-Ship Pilot in Vietnam, Cambodia '70 and Laos in '71 Lan Som 719. He was a Gunship Platoon Leader and Armament Officer for the 116th Assault

Helicopter Company.

His service Awards and Decorations include:

- Aviator Wings for Rotary Wing Aircraft (Helicopter Pilot)
- 2 Bronze Stars
- 2 Purple Hearts
- 2 Army Commendation Medals
- 17 Air Medals

Captain Georgia will share different stories centered around various types of missions he flew.

Looking forward to an informative meeting!

The Commander's Report

"April showers bring May flowers."



LT Natan Ton That

Our Dallas Chapter MOWW meeting in April is important. April is when the Nomination Committee presents our chapter with candidates to be voted to all the officer positions for our staff. I am proud to announce that our Nomination Committee has recruited a few energetic and excellent candidates ready to fill our staff vacancies. Our Nomination Committee members and Past Commanders Michael Menefee, Charles Daniels, Paul Brown, and Ken Boatman worked diligently and tirelessly to select the best candidates for our staff.

The continued dedication to our chapter by our staff members and past commanders is critical to our missions. Additionally, our volunteers who head our other committees are tireless working to support our programs to promote 'good citizenship, patriotism, the Constitution, our military services, police, fire, and other first responders.' The success of chapter also requires the attendance of our monthly meeting/luncheon by Companions, Patriots and guests. This year our Regional Convention will be in San Antonio from May 10-12 and our National Convention will be in Valley Forge, PA from August 6-11. Commanders are required to attend these conventions. At these conventions two important topics will be discussed and then votes will be taken. The first topic will be on whether we should change our name the "Military Order of the World Wars" to something else. That "something else" remains to be seen. The second topic will be on the expansion of our membership to include 'all veterans', i.e., non-commissioned officers and enlisted veterans. I believe the slump in recruitment level is the main factor that led to the discussions on expanding our membership to 'all veterans.'

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Commander's Report (continued)

Recruiting shortfall challenges are concerns for all veterans' service organizations, not just for the MOWW. The DOD (Department of Defense) has been addressing their problems of meeting recruiting goals for the past few years. As Chapter Commander I will be representing our chapter at the conventions to vote on these two important issues. I welcome all comments on the floor at our April 2 meeting. You can also email me (natanmoww@gmail.com) to share your thoughts and inputs on these matters.

It is an honor and privilege to serve you as the chapter Commander. 'For the good of the order' I will do my best to serve and carry out the duties of the chapter.

LT Natan Ton-That
Dallas Chapter Commander



LTC Gregory Schmitz presents report on YLC activities and solicits support from members to assist with interviewing and selecting this year's attendees.



Check for YLC Presented to LTC Greg Schmitz, the Dallas Chapter YLC Coordinator.



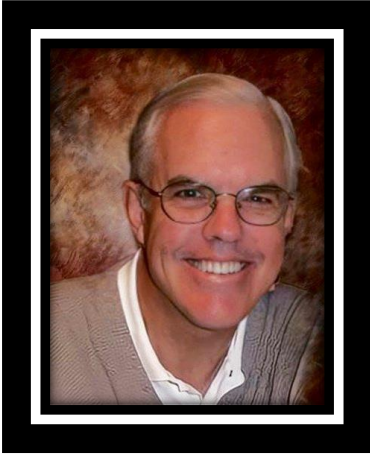
Natan presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Viet Xuan Luong.



MG (retired) Viet Xuan Luong. Guest speaker who presented regarding activities in the Eastern Asia Theater of Operations.

Companion Obituary

LT (JG) Hal Winfield Padgett, Jr.



Fellow companion Hal Winfield Padgett, Jr. passed away on March 6, 2024, at age 78, after a long and brave battle with the rare disease, Progressive Supranuclear Palsy, or PSP. Win was born in Dallas on April 26, 1945. He was the only child of Hal Winfield Padgett and Marion Collins Padgett. He was part of the Holy Trinity Catholic community, attended Country Day School of Dallas and graduated Jesuit High School, Class of '63. Win spent a year at The Lawrenceville School in New Jersey, before becoming a proud Princeton University graduate in 1968 with a BA in Philosophy. Having enrolled in Navy ROTC training at Princeton, Win's duties began as the Vietnam war was raging. He served with distinction aboard destroyers in the Western Pacific and South China Sea. His leadership and communication experience was invaluable when Win returned to Dallas to assist in the family business. Win absolutely loved serving his family's customers at Padgett Printing Company, established 1903.

He excelled in the printing business, assuming industry leadership capacities as President of the Printing Industries Association of Texas in 1992-1993, and as Vice Chairman, Government Affairs for the Printing Industries of America from 1994 to 2000. Civic service was Win's love-language. Among many Dallas causes for which he gave his time, Win volunteered generously for SMU, he served Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children for decades, he directed the Dallas Convention and Visitor's Bureau and served the Dallas Chamber of Commerce. Win's love of learning resulted in consistent attendance at SMU post-graduate programs and membership in The Club of Dallas.

With his intelligence, disarming personality and abject love of the greatest game, Win became a considerable figure in the world of golf, cheerfully serving as a USGA Committeeman for over 30 years. Win served as Rules of Golf official at The Masters and other important golf tournaments around the USA. Before his total immersion in the world of golf, Win took flying lessons, secured his private pilot license and purchased his first airplane. His flight instructor introduced Win to another student and licensed pilot, Miss Nancy Greer. She was charmed by the young gentleman's thoughtful kindness, hallmarked by an unmatched smile and a keen sense of humor. Win and Nancy's mutual passion for flight led to a romance that began appropriately at Love Field! Win and Nancy were married in 1975. Their daughter and only child, Lauren Nicole, was born in 1980. Enroute to one of Win's golf trips touring courses in up-state New York, Win and Nancy stopped in Camden, Maine. Falling in love with the town and a beautiful old cottage with a breathtaking view, the Padgetts ended their flying days so they could enjoy 41 years of lovely summers at their shoreline home in Camden, known as The Rock.

Win Padgett was a legendary friend. On the occasion of his 70th Birthday, Nancy and Lauren secretly collected over 100 letters from Win Padgett's wide array of fans, which were copied and bound in a leather book, appropriately called The Nicest Man Any one of those heartfelt pages could be included as a tribute to Win's life well-lived. CC Young Senior Living Center provided the wonderfully skilled-nursing care that allowed Win to bear his last years with grace and good humor, even as his health deteriorated. Win's friendship with Jesus and the consistent prayers from Win's BHGC bible study confirm Win Padgett now rests with the Lord. Win is survived by Nancy Greer Padgett, and their daughter, Lauren Nicole Padgett as well as the family of Win's deceased cousin, Donald F. Padgett, which now includes Don's wife, Sue, and their three children, Elizabeth, Allan, David. Win is also survived by his nephew, Tony Greer.

The Memorial Service will be held at Christ the King Catholic Church on Tuesday April 2, 2024. The United States Golf Association has established the H. Winfield Padgett Jr. Fund with USGA matching to honor and celebrate Win's life, character, and passion for golf history. Donations honoring Win may be sent to the USGA Foundation, 77 Liberty Corner Rd., Liberty Corner, NJ 07938; or made online at <https://foundation.usga.org/page/63871/donate/1>.

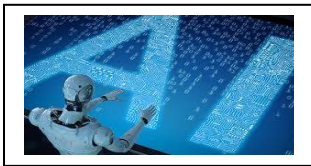
The family is also establishing the Win Padgett Tribute Fund, to support research into PSP and other prime of life brain diseases at www.curepsp.org.

National Defense Report

US NATIONAL SECURITY CONCERNS ABOUT ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

By LtCol Michael W. Menefee, USMCR (Ret)

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is machine technology involving theory and computer systems which perform human tasks. AI adopts decision-making computations, visual, speech, and language discernment. It also imitates human intelligence by performing tasks faster and at times solves problems based on information it gathers. AI analyzes large amounts of data to reduce response times for cybersecurity, business, and defense applications. Yesterday's science fiction is becoming today's reality.



China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea are some of the state actors engaging in a race to improve and increase their AI capabilities. Each of these

state actors is developing AI to attack the US. American ships, troops, cities, and ports are at risk. US and Chinese military officials have voiced alarm that increased use of AI systems may lead to accidental or unintended clashes increasing the risks of escalation. China has recently developed unmanned military drones which can launch missiles without human control. China's latest military drone is the Wing Loong I-D. It is armed with a BA-7 laser-guided missile. This air to surface missile is believed to be one of the world's most powerful anti-tank missiles in the world. Their military drones include a stealth battle drone and an unmanned drone bomber.

US Military officials believe that these drones, and drones which have not yet been developed, might lead to an AI race to further develop drone warfare and increase the likelihood of military conflict, or unintentional war. AI also impacts robotics. Robots are already affecting factories and manufacturing today. Tomorrow's AI weapons may be micro machines or enormous numbers of armies, navies, and air forces. Drone warfare has been effective in both the Russia/Ukraine war, and in the Israeli/Hamas War. Despite the computational benefits of AI, there are dangers to its rapid development. AI is currently programmed. The Google Gemini AI education program recently altered American and world history by

making George Washington, Columbus, most revolutionary soldiers, Vikings, and other white Europeans, to become black Africans reflecting the bias of its programmers, and not historical facts. Microsoft is altering English in its software to use PC pronouns. As AI develops, the economies of the world will conceivably reduce employment in almost every occupation, as AI may eliminate most jobs. AI is already used in sensors, medicine, surgical procedures, autonomous weapons, flight simulation, facial recognition, drones, robotics, and tracking technology. It has also been utilized for spreading rumors on the Internet, altering photographs, editing or changing history, and in election interference.

Without careful planning, computer scientists may develop AI which could decide that humans are so greedy, inefficient, and warlike, that they should be terminated. International safeguards must be developed to ensure that bad actors with AI technology do not advance beyond their capability to control AI. Adversaries do not cherish US values, freedoms,

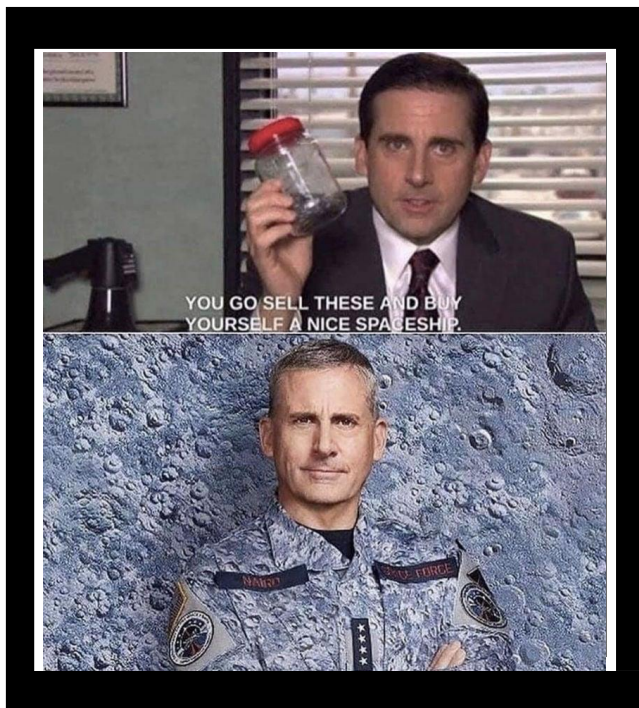
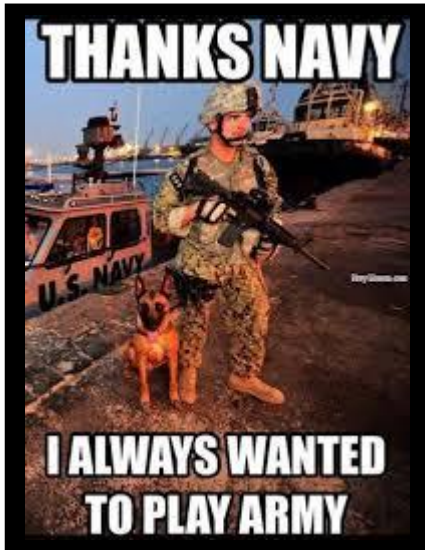


and rights. They could misuse AI to eliminate the US republic. Corporate globalists, UN, and other adversaries favor open borders, and abolishing freedoms US citizens enjoy through the Bill of Rights, Constitution, and Christianity. AI is rapidly changing the world we live in and has altered how war is waged. A major concern for planners is that AI technology changes may increase so rapidly that defensive warfare may not be able to keep up with AI threats.

US defense firms and universities should dramatically increase their efforts to make sure American technology stays in US hands, as they have not maintained the highest levels of security. It is gravely important the US protects its AI dominance, as national security and the republic's future depend upon it.

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Lighten Up



Happy Birthday

The secret to Birthdays is to pick one you like and stick to it!" ...Snoopy

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| 4 April | ADM Bobby Inman |
| 4 April | LT David Iverson |
| 5 April | COL John Moffett |
| 6 April | LT Bill Pry |
| 6 April | Maj Howard Roberts |
| 7 April | MG Charles Aris |
| 7 April | LtCol Gregory Dowell |
| 7 April | MG Keith Thurgood |
| 10 April | Capt Ed Fitzmaurice |
| 10 April | HPM Anne Gentry |
| 10 April | COL Robert Gill |
| 11 April | CAPT Barry Brown |
| 12 April | HPM Carolina Pace |
| 13 April | LTC Robert Davis |
| 14 April | LT Richard Forster |
| 16 April | Capt Earl Barnette |
| 18 April | MAJ Paul Davis |
| 20 April | Mr. Chris Rajala |
| 20 April | MR John Rajala |
| 20 April | MR Lamar Richardson |
| 21 April | MS April Adams |
| 22 April | LTC Woody Alexander |
| 24 April | LTC Michel Minear |
| 26 April | LTC Jesse Bullard |
| 26 April | COL Alan DiMiero |
| 26 April | COL Ed Elder |
| 26 April | COL William Lee |
| 27 April | LTC Chris Carney |
| 27 April | MAJ Paul Rittmuller |
| 28 April | Lt Gen John Campbell |
| 29 April | LTC Gilbert Bernabe |



The Chaplain's Corner

Promises of God

All of us have experienced the difficulties of life, and these items listed help us to understand that in a difficult world, God is still on his throne, and he's in control of events, and he's going to take care of us. He doesn't want us to lean to our own understanding but in all our ways acknowledge him and he'll direct our paths. These promises are given to offer encouragement to us.

1. God's Kingdom is everlasting, and he rules throughout all generations. (Ps. 145:13)
2. God's eternal Word stands firm in Heaven. (Ps. 119:89.)
3. The Lord is gracious, he is good, and he is full of mercy and forgiveness (Ps. 116:5.)
4. The Lord is worthy to receive honor, and glory, and power because he created everything for his pleasure. (Rev.4:11.)
5. The Lord is our father, we are the clay, and he's the potter, and we are formed by his hand. (Is. 64:8.)
6. God will protect us throughout our lifetime and until our hair is white with age. (Is. 46:4.)
7. God knew his people in advance and chose them to be like his son so that his Son would be the first-born among many brothers and sisters. (Rom 8:29.)
8. God makes us alive with Christ by canceling the record of sins against us and nailing it to the cross. (Col. 4:13.)
9. God loves us and is merciful and gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead, and he has seated us in heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. (Eph. 2:6.)
10. The LORD God is unequalled, and he performs wonders and has a plan for our lives. We can never come to the end of his marvelous deeds. (Ps. 40:5.)
11. God brings honor to his name by renewing our strength and guiding us along the right path. (Ps. 23:3.)
12. God wants to bring us to him and build us up and not tear us down. (Gen 24:6.)
13. Gentiles are no longer foreigners but citizens along with all of God's holy people and are members of God's family. (Eph. 2:19.)
14. If you make the most high your refuge and shelter, no harm or plague will come near your house. (Ps. 91:9.)
15. If you delight and meditate on the Word of God, you will prosper in all that you do. (Ps. 1:3.)

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Mark Your Calendars

Future Events



Chapter Luncheon

May 7, 2024

Speaker to be announced
via www.dallasmoww.org.



YLC Interviews

Apr/May 2024

Companions will interview over 200 students in order find the 50 best to attend our Youth Leadership Conferences

[Click HERE](#) to volunteer.



ROTC Awards

Apr/May 2024

Companions will present Senior and Junior ROTC medals to outstanding Cadets at the end of their academic year. Cadets in Senior ROTC programs receive either gold, silver, or bronze medals.