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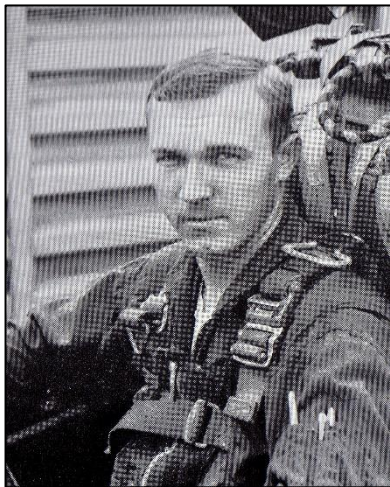


Christmas in March During our annual Christmas Banquet, we collected more than four dozen toys, games, and stuffed animals for distribution to families that are struggling with returning to a semblance of “normal” during the COVID 19 pandemic. Dallas Companion Ed Elder and fellow members of Special Forces Dallas Chapter 32, filled in as Santa’s helpers, hosting a belated Christmas party for a baker’s dozen of Montagnard children, whose grandparents fought alongside US Special Forces during the war in their Viet Nam homeland.

This Month’s Program, April 2021

A Backseat View of the Vietnam War

Phantom in the Sky is the story of Dallas Companion Terry Thorsen’s tours of duty as a Radar Intercept Officer (RIO) in the back seat of the supersonic F-4 (*Phantom*) jet, during the Vietnam War, a unique, tactical perspective from the GIB (“guy in back”).



[then] LT Terry Thorsen, USAF

During Terry’s service from 1966 to 1970, he was the RIO, an integral part of each mission, responsible for enemy aircraft interception, and ordnance delivery.

Terry will talk about the Phantom jet, the role of the Radar Intercept Officer in combat operations, air warfare during the Vietnam War and fond memories of the Red Devil squadron (VMFA-232) which, at 96 years old, is the oldest and most decorated squadron in the Marine Corps.

In Navy and Marine F-4 Phantom jets, the RIO was a second pair of eyes for the pilot, in charge of communications and navigation, and simply nice to have during emergencies.

The Commander’s Corner

No Fooling, it is up to all of us.

Companions, As you probably know, the Annual Youth Leadership Conferences (YLC) were not held last year. They were cancelled, due to concerns of the deadly Covid-19 virus. The cancellation occurred after the Dallas Chapter had successfully completed our Annual Fundraising Campaign.

So, why are we asking, again this year, that Dallas Chapter Companions donate funds, when last



year’s funds were not spent? Allow me to explain; we want to maximize attendance at this year’s YLC to make up for our lack of YLCs, last year. The fundraising goal is based upon the per student costs.

Previously, YLC has only been open to Sophomore and Junior classes, in the hope that each student would bring what they learn back to their schools. This year, due to last year’s cancellation, **Seniors** will also be allowed to participate. This means a 33% larger pool of students who are eligible.

Any student that was selected last year, will be automatically eligible to attend this year, without having to be interviewed

Notice: Next Commander’s Staff Meeting will be held Thursday, 15 Apr 2021 at 1:30 p.m., in the Frontiers of Flight Conference Room, 6911 Lemmon Avenue, Dallas, TX

again. It is only fair. If they passed muster once, they should be allowed to attend. After all, the cancellation was not the student's fault.

As you can see, the potential for a significantly larger YLC participation rate is high, so the Chapter Staff has set a goal of funding **50** more students, over and above what you funded for last year's YLC. This could be the largest group of students that the Dallas Chapter has ever sent to YLC. So, as my title says, "No fooling, it really is up to all of us" to meet this challenge.

There are very few investments in life with a greater potential for good returns, than investing in our youth. I ask each Companion to prayerfully consider, and if able, to donate to this vital fundraising campaign.



You can donate online www.dallasmoww.org

or, you can bring a check to a Chapter meeting, or you can mail your check to the Treasurer, Bill Coleman, (6643 Prairie Flower Trail, Dallas, TX 75227).

Thank you for your life of service. Please consider passing the torch along to the next generations.

For the good of the order,

Charles D. Daniels,
Commander, Dallas Chapter, MOWW

National Security

Quarterly National Security Briefings

Dallas Chapter (MOWW), Seidel Chapter (AFA), and Dallas Council (NLUS) have joined forces in support of strategic briefings on contemporary military topics.

The first of these presentations will occur on 13 June 21 with an evening dinner, including all three chapters, and will feature Dallas native, **Admiral Patrick Walsh**, former Commander of the US Pacific Fleet.



Admiral Patrick Walsh, USN

Admiral Walsh will discuss the rise of China's military and its influence on National Security throughout the Pacific Rim.

Please contact your Phone Caller or John Wagner (682-465-2615), if you plan to attend and wish to ensure that a seat will be available.

We anticipate a crowd of more than 250 for this prestigious event.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- 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 LtCol Gregory Dowell
- 7 April MG Keith Thurgood
- 10 April Capt Ed Fitzmaurice
- 10 April COL Robert Gill
- 11 April CAPT Barry Brown
- 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
- 26 April Lt (JG) Win Padgett
- 26 April LTC Christopher Carney
- 27 April MAJ Paul Rittmuller
- 28 April Lt Gen John Campbell
- 29 April LTC Gilbert Bernabe



Speaker Programs in 2021

**6 Apr 21 – Maj Terry Lynn Thorsen, Author, USAF (Ret)
"A Marine's Back Seat View of the Vietnam War"**

KNOW YOUR DALLAS COMPANIONS

Major Bryan Maupin, US Marine Corps

Maj. Bryan Maupin was born in Salina, KS in 1947.



He graduated from Dallas' Kimball High School and Texas A&M University, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering.

He also earned a Master of Science degree in Engineering and Physics from the

Air Force Institute of Technology and a Doctor of Medicine degree from the Texas A&M College of Medicine.

Bryan received his 2nd Lieutenant commission at the Air University Officer Training School, at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, AL. He completed Navigator training and was assigned to 130th Transport Wing in CCK Air Base in Taiwan, flying combat support in Vietnam and Thailand.

After Navigator Instructor duty at Mather AFB, CA, and graduate school in 1976, he served as engineer on a program to develop a satellite-based laser communications system. Bryan served in the Office of the Chief of Engineering before leaving the AF to attend medical school.

Following graduation from medical school, he entered radiology residency at Baylor Scott and White Hospital in Temple, TX. He returned to the Air Force as a Major and was assigned to the CSW Hospital, Wiesbaden, Germany in August 1989. While there, he was selected for a fellowship in Interventional Radiology at Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland AFB, TX and upon completion was assigned as a staff radiologist. He was chosen to be Chief of Interventional Radiology and Fellowship Director for Interventional Radiology before retiring in October 1994.

After retirement, he continued to practice radiology until his retirement from Medicine in October 2019.

Bryan and his wife, Ginny, have been married for 46 years. They live in Forney, TX.

Major Terry Thorsen, US Marine Corps

Maj. Terry Thorson was born in Beloit, Wisconsin in



1943. At age twelve, his family moved to Arlington, TX, when his father was hired by Chance Vought Aircraft Manufacturing Co. He is a graduate of the University of Texas, Arlington, receiving a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the US Marine Corps.

He spent his first three years assigned as a Radar Intercept Officer (RIO) in the rear seat of McDonnell Douglas F-4 (*Phantom*) jets. He was then assigned to VMFA-232 (*Red Devils*) squadron, at El Toro Marine Corps Air Station, CA. The "*Red Devils*" squadron is the oldest and most decorated fighter attack squadron in the Marine Corps.

On 1 April 1969, the squadron began flying combat sorties throughout I Corps South Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, and escort missions into North Vietnam. He flew 123 combat missions, 60% of which were close air support, earning 10 Air Medals, one Bronze Star Award, two Navy Unit Commendations, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. Halfway through his overseas tour, the squadron was transferred to Japan to deter North Korea.

In addition to his RIO assignments, he has been: Ground Safety Officer, Ground Support Equipment Administrative Officer, Adjutant, Protestant Lay Leader, Classified Material Control Officer and Public Affairs Officer (active duty and reserves).

In civilian life, Terry has been a Professional Photographer, a Crime Scene Investigator, a Crime Scene Supervisor, and a Crime Lab Director in charge of Quality Control, Safety, Training, and Accreditation.

In 2019, he became a published Author, writing about his USMC experience and his combat tour in Vietnam. The book is titled, "*Phantom in the Sky: A Marine's Back Seat View of the Vietnam War*".

Terry and his wife, Andrina, live in Mansfield, Texas.

Protecting our Southern Border is a National Security Concern

By LtCol Michael W. Menefee, USMCR (Ret)

Maintaining border sovereignty is a key component of border security. In 1875, the US Supreme Court declared the federal government has the responsibility to enforce and make immigration laws.



In 2006, Congress passed The Secure Fence Act which authorized construction of a border fence for 700 miles of the unprotected Southern border. The US

Congress authorized \$20-25 billion for border fencing. Unsecured borders undermine citizen's trust in their government because illegal entry increases costs to US citizens. The cost of illegal immigration to taxpayers is currently estimated at \$132 billion annually, and is expected to rise to more than \$200 billion, annually, if current policies are not changed.

Researchers cite that it takes at least three generations for non-English speakers to assimilate and contribute more in taxes than they received in government benefits and welfare (education, food, healthcare, and housing).

In 2018, a joint research study conducted by MIT and Yale university stated there were approximately 22.1 million illegals living in the US. This number is twice as many as the 11 million, most often reported. The research goes on to say the illegal population in the US could be as high as 29.5 million, far exceeding the numbers usually used by the press and government experts. The paper estimates with 95 percent probability that the actual numbers are between 16.2 to 29.5 million.

The US southern border is over 1,954 miles long. During the Trump administration, barrier fences, aircraft, drones, cameras, and sensing equipment were stopping a large percentage of illegal crossings.



On his first day in office, President Biden overturned most of the successful border security policies through his Executive Orders. Drug cartels

responded using smugglers to bring tens of thousands of illegal aliens across the border each month, overwhelming the ability of Customs and Border Protection to effectively process them. Many of these illegals are not being screened for: contagious diseases, COVID-19, or criminal backgrounds.



According to news reports, the drug cartels are now making over \$14 million a week, smuggling people into the US. The Border Patrol is now being overwhelmed with the number of illegal migrants, and has shifted resources from preventing illegal entry, to processing tens of thousands of migrants.

This realignment of resources at the border is making it easier for drug cartels to smuggle drugs, weapons, gang members, and terrorists, while trafficking women and children. The response to Executive Orders has been the largest illegal immigration “challenge” in over 20 years.



The US accepts over one million new legal immigrants, annually, far more than any other country. Almost every US citizen has a legacy gift of immigration to our country, but, most of the people illegally crossing the US southern border do not speak English. Our national security requires that our immigration focus on a merit-based system to foster economic growth, and English fluency.

Every US citizen should have the education or skills to become independent, assimilate into our culture, and respect our form of government. Illegal immigration is costly and dangerous to our national goals, education, culture, and security.

Low-skilled, uneducated, non-English speaking migrants will inhibit our competitive edge against Communist China, Russia, and other adversaries seeking to dominate us.

Chapter Activities, February 2021



First order of business was the Induction of two new PERPETUAL Companions. (l. to r.) John Wagner pinned an MOWW lapel pin on his recruit, MAJ Bryan Maupin, then Rollie Stevens repeated the ceremony with Lt. Gen. John Campbell. The highlight of our monthly Luncheon was a brilliant presentation by former Agent-in-Charge Hector Tarango, head of Dallas office of Alcohol, Tobacco, & Firearms.



Following their induction, Senior Vice Commander Jeff Butcher joined the two newest members of the Dallas Chapter, and their Sponsors, for the obligatory photo op. *Left to right:* CPT (USA) John Wagner, Maj (USMC) Bryan Maupin, Lt Gen (USAF) John Campbell, Capt (USN) Rollie Stevens, and CPT (USA) Jeff Butcher

2021
National Defense Briefing Series
Critical Security Issues
A Quarterly Series
A series of quarterly briefings on issues and areas of the world where US vital national interests are at stake in the 21st Century.

Heritage Ranch Country Club
FAIRVIEW, TEXAS

June 13, 2021 | Time 3:00 PM

Topic:
Critical Security Issues: Asia-Pacific

Guest Speaker:
Admiral Pat M. Walsh, USN (Ret),
former Commander US Pacific Fleet and VCNO

Registration will open May 1, 2021
Make your reservation and pay at:
www.navyleaguedallas.org
For registration information contact:
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Words of Wisdom

When I die, I want to die like
my grandfather who died peacefully
in his sleep. Not screaming like all
the passengers in his car.

— Will Rogers

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Crisis on the Border

Hector Tarango began his career as a Senior Special Agent in the Dallas Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), of the Treasury Department.



He served as ATF's Resident Agent-in-Charge of the Oklahoma City Office and later was promoted to be the Supervisory Special Agent for the Fort Worth Office.

In 2015, he became **President** of Vindico Investigations and Security in Dallas and has been there ever since.

As a member of the North Texas Crime Commission and the Board of Directors for his hometown Crime Stopper's organization, Hector was imminently qualified to discuss the current crisis on our southern border.



Using photos, slides, and personal experiences to emphasize the size and scope of the problem, he pulled no punches in describing the enormity of the current situation and the difficulties faced by the federal officers charged with maintaining our nation security.

He reminded us that illegal immigration is not an abstract issue, but a serious problem that affects our society, socially, economically, and politically.

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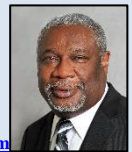
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Resurrection

This time of year is deeply meaningful for followers of Christianity and Judaism, for the respective celebrations of Easter and Passover.

Easter commemorates Christ's resurrection from the dead, which according to St. Peter gives believers a new birth into a living hope.

Passover marks the remembrance of the Lord passing over the houses of the Hebrew during the tenth plague of Egypt.

Let us allow this significant time on the calendar to penetrate the hectic nature of our lives, such that we may be still and reflect on God's goodness.

In *The Screwtape Letters*, C. S. Lewis, suggests that the greatest obstacle to the faith-filled life is not disbelief, but allowing nonessential issues to control our lives.

By God's grace, let us each focus our attention on Him and recognize that in his own way and his own time, He provides for our every need.

God Bless each of you.

Chaplain Jamie Malakoff

