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*Shimmering golden jackets, smiles that lit up the room, and voices that filled the evening with the joy of the season. These angels went by the name of the **Noteworthy's**, and they provided a perfect complement to a Christmas Banquet that, for a brief few hours, took our minds off masks and mandates, while we dined amid the elegance of the Park City Club and welcomed the end of 2021 with wishes for a New Year filled with Love, Hope, and Charity.*

This Month's Program, January 2022

"Seeds of a Fiasco: NEO in Afghanistan"

Capt (USN) Marc Liebman has been there and done that. In addition to being the prolific author of more than a dozen books, he is an expert on tactical and NEO operations.



Many of us witnessed utter chaos as the U.S. tried to evacuate American citizens and those who had helped the Allies during our 20-year presence in

Afghanistan. From news reports, the evacuation, known in military circles as a Non-Combatant Evacuation Operation (NEO), did not go as planned.

NEOs are a U.S. military core competency. Since 1991, we have executed over 20 NEOs that extracted as few as 90 US citizens to one that evacuated 20,000+, without any problems. Yes, this one was bigger and had its own unique set of challenges. However, the Departments of State and Defense knew this operation would have to be performed for over a year and therefore, had plenty of time to develop plans to get out, with little or no drama, those we wanted to evacuate.

So what happened? Marc will cover US Joint Publication **3-68**, which provides a template on how to plan and execute a NEO. He will compare info from open sources to the final planning guidelines to help his audience understand what went wrong and why.

Commander's Comments

"It is Better to Serve..."

Companions, our chapter continues to have many accomplishments this year and more are scheduled for this month. We still have several opportunities to serve in multiple areas. If you would like to serve on the staff or on one of our committees, please call me at: **817.368.7799**, or contact any staff member.

Over 108 Companions and guests attended our annual Christmas Banquet this year. It was a great success! Several of our Companions who had received Congressional certificates for outstanding military service were presented with MOWW paperweights to celebrate their recognition. CPT **John Wagner** was presented with a Silver Patrick Henry Award for his distinguished service to the Dallas chapter. We also presented a Bronze Patrick Henry Award to Xavier Ayala, our 2021 Outstanding YLC award recipient, who has received offers to attend both USMA and USNA.



Several Companions attended the Wreaths Across America ceremony at the DFW National Military Cemetery. Some of our Companions who helped lay wreaths at the event were: LTC Don Munson, MAJ Doug Galliano, John Wagner, and me. We were joined by guests from the office of Fields Wealth Management, as well as members of the Daughters of the American Revolution. *(continued page 2)*



We are looking forward to making 2022 an even better year for your chapter – by helping to host the 2022 Region 8 Conference, and continuing to serve more youth, veterans, and law enforcement activities in support of our Preamble and the Constitution of our Order.

We need to continue to recruit more Companions to complete our important missions. Thank each of you for your arduous work and dedication to our chapter! I am extremely proud to serve you as your Chapter Commander. *Without your dedication and help, our chapter's success would not happen!*

Happy New Year!

LtCol Michael W. Menefee, USMCR (Ret)
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In keeping with our Preamble

Speaker Programs Just Keep Getting Better

<p>4 Jan 22 – CAPT Marc Liebman, US Navy (Ret) <i>“Seeds of a Fiasco: NEO in Afghanistan”</i></p>
<p>14 Feb 22 – MAJ Marshall Miles, US Army (Ret) <i>“The Elegance of Ruthlessness”</i></p>
<p>1 Mar 22 – Dr Carole Haynes, US Air Force <i>“The Evolution of American Education”</i></p>
<p>5 Apr 22 – ADM Patrick Walsh, US Navy (Ret) <i>“China and the future of Taiwan”</i></p>
<p>5 May 22 – BG Christopher Beck, US Army (ACE) <i>“Flood Control in North Texas”</i></p>

In Memoriam, 2021

Gone to live in Flanders Fields



We played *Taps* and bid a fond farewell to two beloved Companions, gone but not forgotten.

Former National Commander-in-Chief Colonel (USAF) Cliff Way and treasured chapter member, Major General (USAF) Harvey McCarter.



National Security

Quarterly National Security Briefings

The *third* briefing in the 4-part series was held on **December 5**, in the Heritage Ranch Golf and Country Club, in McKinney, and drew a crowd of over two hundred.

The briefing featured presentations by **General Tom Hobbins**, formerly the Commander of all US Air Forces in Europe, who summarized the potential threats to NATO, while emphasizing the strength we gain from our alliance. NATO now includes 30 European nations, some of whom were previously members of the Warsaw Pact.



Lieutenant General Steve Shepro was formerly Deputy Chairman, NATO Military Committee. He is now with Southern Methodist University's Tower Center Council on Foreign Relations. He briefly touched on the situation in Ukraine and addressed the decline in what was once NATO's air supremacy.



Following the seminar and a highly informative question and answer session, emcee Scott Murray conducted a spirited and lively raffle for an official NFL football, personally autographed by *Hall of Fame* Dallas Cowboys, Roger Staubach and Drew Pearson. The raffle resulted in adding thousands of dollars to the fundraising target of the event, the proceeds of which will be divided among the five sponsoring organizations.



The series sponsors include two of the **Dallas Chapters of the Military Order of World Wars**, in cooperation with: the Dallas Council of the Navy League of the United States, the Seidel Chapter of the Air Force Association, and the Dallas Chapter of Jewish War Veterans.

The 4th Quarterly National Defense Security briefing will be held in March of 2022 and will provide a global wrap up of the first three sessions. Exact date, time, and place will be announced in early February.

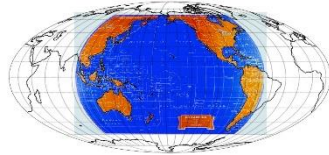
Congratulations to Dallas Companion Chuck Daniels for his efforts in coordinating these events. Also to Companions LTG John Campbell, MG Al Zapanta, and HPM Scott Murray for their support.



National Defense

Analysis of the Pacific Rim

Mark your calendar for March 2022. Former Commander of the Pacific Fleet (and Vice Chief of Naval Operations) Admiral **Patrick Walsh** will speak to the chapter on one of the most volatile regions in the world today. The nations that encircle the Pacific Rim constitute one-half of the global arena.



Photos of the Year

The Ever Photogenic -- Dr. Fred

If you blinked, you may have missed it. Every year, the *Dallas Morning News* includes a special section in its Sunday newspaper, which it calls "**Photos of the Year.**"

It is a 60-page, high gloss, eclectic gallery of photos depicting life in North Texas. The good, the bad, and the ugly. There were candid shots of celebrities and notables, and there were hundreds of artistic portraits of everyday life here in God's country.

Buried back on page 43, in the sports section, covering home grown Olympians, rodeo cowboys and professional athletes was a marvelous photo of our very own Surgeon, **Dr. Fred Aurbach**, his lovely friend Leslie, and his beautiful family.



Fred had paid extra to sit on the front row of the Ballpark in Arlington to witness the first game of the 2021 season of the Texas Rangers.

In a photo that some would say represents a part of what makes Texans so special, every person in the stadium is standing, hats removed, and hands over their hearts for the playing of the National Anthem.

Hats off to you, Fred. We are proud to call you one of our own. Now, let's **Play Ball!**

Last Month's Christmas Banquet, December 2021

Opening our hearts to the less fortunate

Each year as a complement to our festive party and the magnificent feast served by the Park City Club; we encourage our members to bring a gift for a child. As they have for the last 15 years, our Companions overwhelmed the space set aside under the Christmas tree with their generosity and eagerness to share the joy of the season.

At last count we had gathered over two hundred games, toys, and stuffed animals, which were distributed to local area US Marines to add to their **Toys for Tots** campaign and to support members of our chapter who participate in a similar event on behalf of the local Dallas chapter of the Special Forces Association.



Law and Order

Chapter salutes Dallas' Finest Officers in Blue

On 14 Dec 21, our Law & Order Chair, LT Chuck Daniels presented an MOWW Citation for Outstanding Service to Dallas Police Officer Teregi Rossi (#6544), for his selection as DPD's **Officer of the Month.** Throughout his illustrious 30-year career, Officer Rossi has received seventy-four commendations for Excellence. He is an outstanding example of why the Dallas Police Department is one of the Finest in the Nation.



Officer Teregi Rossi received our Citation from, LT Chuck Daniels

Companions Down

Life is a marathon, not a sprint

Paul Brown is home but may need to return for surgery to repair a faulty heart valve. Paul says they used piano wire to put his sternum back together, but knowing he is a Texan, they probably chose to use barbed wire.



Terry Thorsen continues to devote his recovery from a stroke



by adhering to a diligent physical therapy regime. He is determined to prove the doctors wrong when they say he may not fully recover from the paralysis that lingers in his left side.

Keep these gentlemen - and all our other Companions - in your thoughts and prayers.

The Chapter added these PERPETUAL Companions in 2021



Dave Robinson, VADM, USN
Dallas



Chuck Aris, Maj Gen, TXARNG
Waxahachie



Katherine Blair, HPM
Dallas



Mike Wallace, BG, TXARNG
Allen



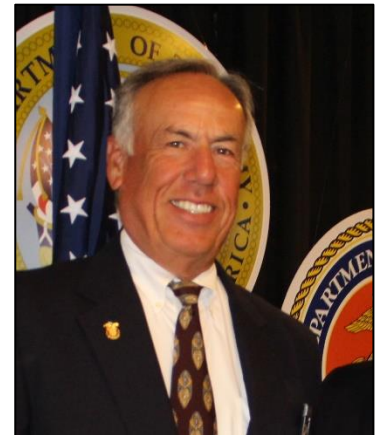
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Southlake



Brian Maupin, Lt Col, USAF
Carrollton



Don LaGrange, LTC, USA
Rockwall



Mark Smits, CPT, USA
Coppell



Martha Cencki, LTC, USA
Irving



Chris Cooper, LCDR, USN
Coppell



Reyno Arredondo, LTC, USA
Dallas

Homeland Security and National Defense

OPEN-SOURCE INTELLIGENCE WRITING STYLE VERSUS OPINION EDITORIALS

By: LtCol Michael W. Menefee, USMCR (Ret)

Homeland Security and National Defense articles written for our chapter newsletters are similar to the types of articles written by strategic analysts at the DIA, Joint Staff, and various major CINC commands. Good open source



intelligence articles must be researched, analyzed, verified, fact-based, and concise.

Good intelligence writing is supposed to be apolitical, but not absent of facts. It does not mean that poor decision making, bad planning, immoral policies, or intellectually weak strategy cannot be discussed. The fact that the reader disagrees with facts presented, does not make that statement an opinion.

Intelligence analysis involves a great deal of research. Analysis of data or facts from multiple sources helps to make a better article. In fact, part of intelligence analysis involves rating the sources of the data and facts before they are used in the article.

Opinion writing is for opinion editorials (op-eds) in newspapers and magazines. At times opinion writing is well-informed, and sometimes it is not. Because this writing style depends on the author's opinion, facts may be slanted to support the views of the op-ed writer.



The homeland security and national defense articles published in our newsletter are fact-based, not opinion. They are similar to intelligence writing. At the end of each article in our newsletter is a disclaimer. Homeland Security and National Security are national focus areas for MOWW and having this section in the newsletter makes it a professionally informative newsletter.



Each Companion of our Order is entitled to his or her own opinions, but they are not entitled to their own facts. Our Order is apolitical and does not engage in politics, campaigning, or actively supporting any candidates. Using facts and data to point out flaws in decision-making, strategy, and analysis is not being political.

Some Companions may not like the facts cited in some of the national security or homeland security articles, but everything is researched, as is Open-Source intelligence writing. Any non-classified issue regarding military, strategy, homeland or national security, should be acceptable.

Senate and Congressional hearings that concern the military, homeland security, border, education, trafficking, and drugs, are all topics to be considered, unless they are overtly political (one-sided). At times, policies of any administration which affect national security (like the border), withdrawal from a conflict (like Afghanistan), or strategies toward (e.g., China, Russia, Iran, North Korea, or radical Islamists), which may lead to war, need to be discussed. Facts concerning these topics tend to upset people who have incomplete information.



Each Companion took an oath to support and defend the Constitution but did not take an oath to support and defend political persons or parties. The objective of the newsletter articles is to explain the issues with facts and data, then let our Companions decide.



Each article's goal is to *inform* the reader, not to indoctrinate. The aim is to make Companions aware of the issues which may affect them, the country, national, or homeland security. There is no intent to offend anyone.

Within every military Command, intelligence analysts observe daily what newspapers, radio, and television networks report, after having just read intelligence about the same situation or event. Much of the information distributed by today's media is inaccurate, biased, or misleading. If our Companions only receive this information, they will be misinformed.

Intelligence analysts often find the reporting is inaccurate, biased, and their conclusions were wrong. Therefore our decision-makers use intelligence rather than the news to make their decisions. They know intelligence uses multiple fact-based sources of information.



Intelligence reports may upset some decision-makers, but good leaders would rather be aware of the facts, than be swayed by incorrect opinions.

Information for this article was gathered from Open Sources – media, published articles, websites, graphs, charts, and general knowledge of the author. There is no classified information in this article, no known quotations from any source, and this article does not have footnotes or endnotes due to its brevity. The views expressed in this article are those of the author and do not reflect official policy or positions of the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) or the Dallas Chapter of MOWW.



- 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



Military Memes



Your Chapter in Action, December 2021



It is as true in Social organizations as it is in the military: 10% of the workers do 90% of the work. Captain John Wagner has been a ten percenter all his life. During our Banquet in December, Chapter Commander Michael Menefee formally recognized John, who has been the chair of our Call Committee for years, by presenting him with a richly deserved and long overdue SILVER PATRICK HENRY award.

John is the glue that holds us together!



Captain Alan Clark sponsored our newest Companion, LTC Reynold Arredondo, and was pleased to be the one who presented him with his lapel pin and MOWW pocket name badge.

Reyno was a two-time State champion and two-time All-American wrestler in high school (St. Mark's in Dallas). He was the 1996 All-Army Freestyle wrestling champion while a cadet at the US Army Military Academy at West Point, later serving as an Associate Athletic Director.



Former Chapter Commander LT Chuck Daniels is currently the Region 8 State of Texas Commander. As such he had the pleasure of presenting a Bronze Patrick Henry award to Xavier Ayala, the Number One student from the Youth Leadership Conference held on the Schreiner University campus in Kerrville, last summer.

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During a ceremony held earlier last month, US Congressman Van Scott, of Collin County's 3rd District, presented Congressional Citations to members of his District to honor their military service. Among them were Dallas Chapter Companions (l to r) Mike Carathers, Chuck Daniels, Barry Brown, Alan Clark, LTG John Campbell, and Joe Cordina.

Notice: Next Commander's Staff Meeting will be held Thursday, 14 JAN 2022 at 1:00 p.m., in the Frontiers of Flight Conference Room, 6911 Lemmon Ave., Dallas, TX, adjacent to Love Field.



What is Most Important?

The choices we make for New Year's resolutions often reveal what we hold most important in our lives.

You should start with spending more time with family, caring for your health, or renewing old friendships.

As we reflect on our priorities, let us always remember that nothing is more important than our spiritual health.

Time spent with God, whether in church, in prayer, or in the reading of Scripture, is time directed toward the most important relationship of all.

"Be still and know that I am God."
Psalm 46:10

God bless each of you. May each of you, by God's grace, walk in obedience and live by truth.

Jamie Malakoff
Chapter Chaplain



Monuments and Memorials

Wreaths Across America

Once more – A Call to Arms.

On the 18th of December, 1,500 volunteers assembled at the Dallas National Veteran's Cemetery, in Grand Prairie, to honor the fallen, by laying Wreaths on over 35,000 headstones.

Now the call is made for you to gather on Saturday, 15 January 2022, to remove the wreaths and return the gravesites to their original pristine condition.

Contact Don Munson (972-971-1413) for details.

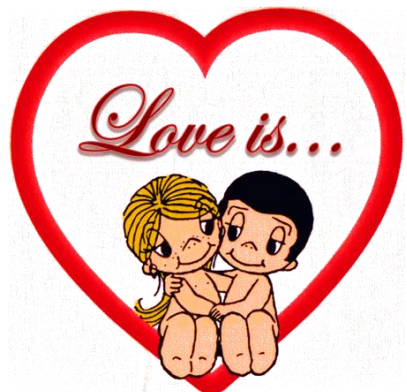
Valentine's Day Roses

Love is ...

It has been a tradition of the Dallas Chapter to observe Valentine Day, each year, by awarding roses to the spouses who have born, not just our children, but also the trials, tribulations, separations, and hardships, which made it possible for us to serve our country.

On Tuesday, 1 February 2022, every wife or significant other will be given a rose, during our February luncheon.

Please contact **John Wagner** (682-465-2615) to let him know if your spouse will attend, so that he can ensure we have sufficient roses on hand.



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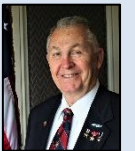
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