



Pallas Military Order News



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Best Large Chapter in the Nation

July 2023



The Baton has been passed. Pictured above are the primary Staff Officers who will assist newly installed Chapter Commander, CPT Allen Clark throughout the next twelve months. (left to right) Capt David Wallace, HPM Pat Teipel, LT Brandon Hern, CPT Fred Aurbach, LTC Don Munson, CPT James Grogan, MAJ John VanBuskirk, and LT Natan Ton-That. Jr Vice Commander CPT Mark Smits was unavailable to attend and was formally installed at a later meeting.

This Month's Program, July 2023

Praising Patriotism, Liberty and Freedom

On the Fourth of July, our nation will celebrate 247 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. That



document enumerated the grievances of citizens of the 13 colonies, signaling their intent to be self-governed.

The nation that evolved in

the ensuing years has become a beacon of freedom to liberty loving people throughout the world. With all of its faults and failures, our nation continues to attract those who believe that the freedom to choose one's own path in life is an inherent right of each individual. That notion is enshrined in the words of Abraham Lincoln when he said: "this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, [with] a government of the people, by the people, and for the people."

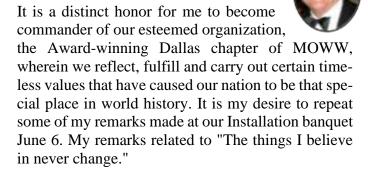
Our Speakers this month represent Americans from six different nations, born on six different continents.

Their life stories should remind us all, especially those who take our liberty and freedoms lightly, of the words of President Ronald Reagan, who famously said:

"Freedom is a fragile thing, and it is never more than one generation from extinction. It is not ours by way of inheritance; it must be fought for and defended by each generation, for it comes only once to a people. Those in world history who have known freedom and then lost it, have never known it again."

The Commander's Report, June 2023

"Things I believe in Never change."



My childhood hero was General Douglas Mac Arthur. I saw him personally twice, once in Feb. 1949, when, as a six year old, my father, an officer in the Army of Occupation of Japan, took me to the General's office building to watch him leave, to enter his vehicle, at the end of the workday. The second time was May 1962, when he presented his Farewell to the Corps of Cadets speech at West Point.

In a 1977 movie, starring Gregory Peck as General MacArthur, President Franklin Roosevelt met Mac-Arthur in 1943 in the Pacific and suggested he come back to the United States because "things were changing." I will always remember how MacArthur replied, "The things I believe in never change!"

In our Preamble we repeat the time-honored values upon which we military veterans and Hereditary

Commander's Report (continued)

members have based lifetimes of service and commitment to our United States of America, "The Land of the Free Because of the Brave."

The MOWW was established to unite us to transmit certain "ideals to posterity under God and for our Country." These are things I believe in: "Ever to maintain law and order, and to defend the honor, integrity, and supremacy of our National Government and the Constitution of the United States." A major focus of our belief is "To promote and further patriotic education in our Nation." Our Companions have been loyal and diligent in supporting worthy students attend our summer Youth Leadership to Conferences.

The associations and fellowship of our membership have always been most important to me. I desire for all of us to introduce to any prospective eligible individual the opportunity to visit with us with the hope and desire that they would be motivated to join with us in our efforts to uphold the values above.

We have much to offer. Others must be made aware of our organization. Tell others and invite them to our events! As in that baseball game movie, "Build it and they will come." We have built this chapter, tell them and hopefully they will come as we all once did. Thank you for joining me for another terrific year of service to others.

CPT Allen Clark, US Army (Ret) Commander, Dallas Chapter MOWW Vietnam Veteran (1966-1967)

Companions Down

Keep them in your prayers.

We have been informed that **Bill Farmer's** wife, **Claire**, has been moved from the hospital to a full care hospice facility. She is fighting

a losing battle with stage 4 terminal Cancer. Please keep Bill and Claire in your thoughts and prayers.



Region 8 Vice Commander, Chuck Daniels, will have to



have his left knee replaced, <u>again</u>. After enduring increasingly greater pain during physical therapy, his doctor diagnosed that the knee had become infected, so he hit the restart button and will reinstall a new one.

Last Month's Program, JUN 2023

Annual Change of Command Banquet

In a tradition as old as organized armies, the Change of Command bids farewell to an outgoing leader, while simultaneously welcoming new leadership with an infusion of fresh ideas, new policies and a firm hand on the tiller.

Former Commander-in-Chief LTC Chuck Chamberlain officiated over the ceremony that installed Captain **Allen Clark** as the Seventy-seventh Commander of the Dallas Chapter.



Seventy-seventh Dallas Chapter Commander CPT Allen Clark, US Army.

Prior to stepping down from office, outgoing Chapter

Commander. LtCol Michael Menefee presented Patrick Henry awards, Outstanding Service medals, and Outreach medals to more than 30 members of the chapter in recognition of their efforts supporting the numerous military and civic

programs contained in the Preamble to our Order and the Goals established by the National headquarters of MOWW.

Mid-Month Installation

Our Junior Vice Commander is Installed

Captain Mark Smits was unable to attend the formal

Installation
Banquet in
June, instead
he was officially swornin during
Chapter
Commander,
LtCol (USMC)
Michael W.
Menefee's
final June
Staff Meeting.



LtCol Menefee (r) administered the Oath of Office to CPT Mark Smits, who now fills the position of Dallas Chapter Junior Vice Commander.

Chapter Programs Just Keep Getting Better

5 Jul 23 – "A Salute to America"

Multiple Patriotic Testimonials

Note: July Luncheon is on Wednesday. Park City Club is closed on the 4th of July.

8 Aug 23 – "Health care for Military Veterans" Dr. Kyle Knapp, former US Army Infantryman

5 Sep 23 – "National Medal of Honor Museum" Michael Caldwell, Dir. of Ops & Veteran Support

Law and Order Programs

Dallas Officer of the Month

This month's recipient of the Dallas Community Police Awards Committee (DCPAC) honor was Senior Corporal Amber Oliver (Badge 10113).



Dallas Police Officer Sr Corporal Amber Oliver

Sr. Corporal Oliver is a member of the Southeast Patrol Division and has been the recipient of dozens of letters of Commendation for her superior performance by local businesses and civic organizations in her community.

The rising tide lifts all ships.

Inflation is pervasive and insidious.

We are all suffering the effects of the current rate of inflation. As of the next Luncheon meeting (on 5 JULY), the cost for our lunches will be \$35.

Those who choose to pay by PayPal or other third party means will be asked to also incur a 3% surcharge to cover rising costs.

Constant Contact.

On a more pleasant note, we have arranged with our webmaster to drag us (kicking and screaming) into the 21st Century. He will send future announcements and notifications via an online system known as: Constant Contact. It is a simple and very efficient means of communicating and responding to Requests for a Reply.

Note: If you have not done so, *already*, <u>click HERE</u> to access the chapter website and reserve places for you and your guests at our July Luncheon.. The Chapter's Marshal and the Club's Chef need to know our headcount in order to prepare enough tables to accommodate us.

National Defense Briefing Series

Click **HERE** to view NDBS Seasons 1 & 2

13 Aug 23 – "Season Two Wrap-up"
Presentation of the Congressman Sam Johnson
Defender of Freedom Award

No Security Briefing in September

Date TBD – "NDBS Season Three"

Keep watching for Season Three Line-ups

Scouting Programs

Texas Girl Scouts set the Gold Standard

Every year, the Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas (GSNETX) gather to recognize all of their Scouts who have achieved the highest level of Girl Scouting, the coveted **Gold Award**.

In her opening remarks, Gerri Gordon, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of GSNETX was gracious enough to single out the Dallas Chapter of MOWW and express her gratitude for our **decades** of support of the *Gold Award* program.



Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas 2023 Gold Awards

In addition to their Letters of Congratulations from the President of the United States and the Governor of Texas, each Gold Award recipient receives an MOWW GSA Certificate of Commendation from the Commander of the Dallas Chapter.

Dallas Companion Down

Gone to Rest in Flanders Fields



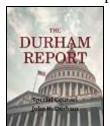
We Mourn the passing of one of our long time Companions, LTC Stonell B. Greene. Stoney was Director of the Veterans Services Office in Mesquite and later at the Dallas VA Hospital for the past twenty years.

National Defense and Homeland Security

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, INTELLIGENCE, AND MEDIA CONFLICTS IDENTIFIED IN THE DURHAM REPORT

By LtCol Michael W. Menefee, USMCR (Ret)

The Durham Report is a 316-page unclassified report



which details and debunks the Steele dossier opposition research, which was funded by the 2016 Hillary Clinton (HRC) Presidential campaign.

The report is the written conclusion of a four-year comprehensive

investigation concerning former President Donald J. Trump's (DJT) 2016 campaign by Special Counsel John Durham.

The FBI had opened the *Crossfire Hurricane* investigation against President Trump in 2016, primarily because of the Steele dossier. The Steele dossier was a narrative intended to divert public attention from Hillary Clinton's (HRC) illegal home email server, where she stored classified intelligence.

The report denounces the activities of the HRC campaign's false opposition research narrative; FBI Director James Comey; the Department of Justice (DOJ); the intelligence community; and the media for collaborating to spread false information. The report confirms the DOJ weaponized several federal agencies to fabricate a false scheme about Trump-Russia collusion. It also severely criticizes the CIA, FBI, and NSA.

The Durham report is unclassified, but also has a 29-page classified appendix where it outlines investigation activities and intelligence related to DJT's links to Russia. It concluded the FBI suffered from "confirmation bias" and a "lack of analytical rigor" while pursuing President Trump. The report further implies the FBI investigation was dishonest and not objective, as it did not find any evidence of Trump-Russia collusion.

It reproaches the FBI for even launching the *Crossfire Hurricane* investigation and the illegal methods it used to obtained Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Activity (FISA) Warrants based on

"raw and uncorroborated information." The FBI also withheld critical information to mislead FISA court judges, and then illegally surveilled several members of the DJT Administration, including, Carter Page, LTG Michael Flynn, George Papadopoulos, and Paul Manafort. The NSA tried to "conceal activities beyond their regular mission." The report specifically condemns FBI agents Andrew McCabe, Peter Strzok, and James Comey for political bias and helping to collaborate and spread false information.

The mainstream media (print, broadcast, and Internet) had labeled the false information of the Steele dossier as "Russia collusion." The Durham Report is critical of the media for its failure to investigate and for spreading false information in the Steele dossier. The corporate media has been a willing partner to the bias. Most media did not even cover the Durham Report release on 12 May 2023.

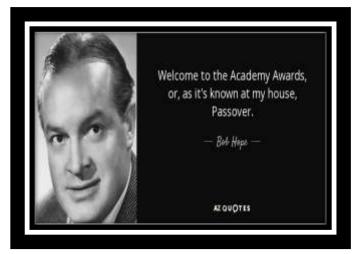
Without public confidence in the justice system, the media, the intelligence agencies, and the elected representatives and executives of those organizations, it is difficult if not impossible to maintain public trust. Recent polling indicates 60% of the American public believe the US has a corrupt two-tier justice system. Last week, Adam Schiff became only the 25th Congressman to be censured by US House of Representatives for his role of spreading false information to the American people and the media, when he was the Chairman of the House Intelligence Committee in the previous Congress. Schiff was accused of abusing sensitive information and leaking classified information. He was removed from the House Intelligence Committee. The extreme bias of the leadership of intelligence agencies', DOJ, and media have caused a lack of confidence in these agencies and the US justice system. The New York Times and Washington Post received Pulitzer Prizes and other awards for their false and inaccurate reporting. The corrupt players in these agencies, departments, Congress, and media must be held to account and brought to justice. Until these organizations return to Constitutional non-partisan leadership, our republic may not survive, as governments do not survive without public confidence.

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Where there is BOB, There is HOPE

Vietnam 1967 I was there, where were you?





Happy Birthday



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

FOURTH OF THE	COL Terrell Hoebeke
FUUKIH UF JULY	COL Reynaldo Rodriguez
6 July	LTG Rick Lynch
7 July	COL Rodney P. Reed
10 July	Col Jack Bryan
10 July	LT Keith L. Griffitts
11 July	Capt Tomasz Nowak
13 July	HPM Jay Minton
14 July	LTC James Brown
15 July	COL George Germond
15 July	BG Terry L. Holden
16 July	CDR David Ayres
17 July	Col Richard C. Groesch
18 July	Miss Caroline Paleschic
20 July	Capt James Coffee
23 July	HPM Valerie Bullock
23 July	Lt Col James W. Haskell
23 July	CAPT Marc Liebman
24 July	LT Walter Laidlaw
24 July	MRS Diane L. Schmidt
26 July	LTC Bonnie Sweitzer
28 July	LCDR Jerril Burnett
28 July	MAJ Joseph K. Merton
29 July	Capt W. Lyle Mueller
29 July	CPT Mark W. Smits
30 July	COL Raymond L. Foster



Installation Banquet, JUNE 2023



The Installation Banquet traditionally draws one of the largest turnouts of the year.



We set a table for the four Companions who have gone to be with the Commander of us all.



Michael presented a Silver Patrick Henry to Charla Fields, for her generous support of Youth Leadership and Wreaths across America



Michael then presented a Silver Patrick Henry to Rob O'Brien, who has volunteered his exceptional talent and experience to our Investment committee.



Michael's third SPH of the evening went to Senior Vice Commander, Natan Ton That



Senior Vice Commander of Region VIII, Chuck Daniels presented a SPH plaque to Marc Liebmann

Installation Banquet, JUNE 2023.



Past Commander Don Munson presented Michael with a gavel in deep appreciation for his two consecutive years as Chapter Commander.



Incoming Commander Allen Clark then presented Michael with a special tribute to his Leadership (and a nod to his service as a United States Marine)



Past National Commander-in Chief Chuck Chamberlin opened the ceremony with his usual wit, charm, and candor.



Bob Epstein received both the Outstanding Service and the Outreach medals for his contributions to programs both within and outside of the Chapter.







A House Built on a Rock

The Book of Matthew tells us that Jesus once contrasted a house built on rock with a house built on sand.

Of that built on rock, Jesus said, "The rain came, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock."

But of that on sand, Jesus said, "The rain came, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

In good weather, one cannot distinguish between the two houses. It is only when the storm hits that the foundation is revealed. The same can be said of us as individuals, and as a nation. It is in times of great challenge that our true character is uncovered.

As the entire world stood on the brink of darkness in 1940, Winston Churchill rallied his people saying, "If the Empire shall last a thousand years, men will still say this was their finest hour." We too shall overcome all the uncertainty and hardship of the present. It is our history. It is who we are.

God bless each of you.

James Grogan Chapter Chaplain

Mark Your Calendar

247th Birthday, 4 Jul 23



Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of

Independence, marking the. Birth of the Nation.

Chapter Lunch, 5 Jul 23



Note that the July Luncheon will be held on <u>Wednesday</u>. The Park City Club will be closed on

Tuesday, 4 Jul 23.

TWU YLC, 9-13 Jul 23



Texas Wesleyan University's Youth Leadership Conference is the third YLC

this summer. MOWW members are cordially invited to visit.

TAMU YLC, 16-20 Jul 23



Texas A&M University's Youth Leadership Conference is the fourth and final

YLC this summer.

AUGUST 2023

NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1-6 August 2023



MOWW Companions will assemble in Annapolis, Maryland at the Crowne Plaza.

The hotel is walking distance to the United States Naval Academy. All Companions are invited to attend.

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<u>Notice</u>: Next Commander's Staff Meeting will be held Thursday, 20 JUN 2023 at 16:00 p.m. This will be a ZOOM meeting. Check your Inbox in mid-June for the link to the ZOOM website.