



Dallas Military Order News



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Best Large Chapter in the Nation

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Academic Year 2022 is winding down. The Dallas Chapter was pleased to host the first five Outstanding Cadets of the Year during our April Luncheon. (l to r) SGM Gilbert Rangel and Cadet Sebastian Rodriguez (Pinkston HS), CW4 Christine Landers and Cadet Francisco Gutierrez (Hillcrest HS), MAJ James Simpson and Cadet Joycelynn Urteaga (Sunset HS), Dallas Commander LtCol Michael Menefee, Cadet Maynor Rosales and MGYSGT Stephen Donelson (WT White HS), and Cadet Elzie Barnett III with USMC LtCol Hamatrya Tharpe (Wilmer Hutchins HS) Eventually, we will award more than 55 JROTC and 30 SROTC Cadets. Hats off to our own MAJ Mark Smits for his superlative effort to ensure that each of the 88 Cadets received an MOWW Medal and Citation. And as always, a salute to LTC Fred Holland and CSM Juan Hernandez who supervise the Brigade Headquarters and 24 JROTC Battalions of the Dallas Independent School District and assist in making these awards

This Month's Program, May 2022

"Situation Report: Southern Border of Texas"

The imminent expiration of Title 42, the pandemic era border policy, has elevated the situation on our southern border to Front Page headlines. The current administration is on track to **end the policy on May 23rd**. Those responsible for protecting the border predict the greatest flood of illegal migrants, this century.



SA Brent Harvie, CBP, DHS

This month's Guest Speaker, Special Agent Brent Harvie, of the Dallas office of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security will brief us on the magnitude of the surge this year and the steps being taken to meet the anticipated tidal wave due to arrive.

The relatively small number of CBP personnel on hand to patrol and protect our 1,250-mile-long southern border have been overwhelmed with administrative demands to process, house, feed, transport, and care for the enormous numbers, leaving minimal agents available to actively patrol.

While CBP agents mass at one location, mules and drug traffickers cross with impunity at another, smuggling criminals and a potent mixture of addictive and deadly drugs.

Commander's Comments

"It is Better to Serve..."

Companions, our chapter continues to help young people, serve veterans, police, and our country. We still have several opportunities to serve in multiple areas. CPT Mark Smits is our ROTC/JROTC coordinator and is working hard to restore and repair our ROTC and JROTC connections. We still have numerous opportunities for you to present end of year awards to deserving young Cadets.

We have openings for you to serve at one of our five Youth Leadership Conferences as an adult leader this summer.



Students at one of over 150 YLCs, nationwide, in 2021

If you know of any qualified high school Junior, please consider nominating that young person. We still have multiple seats open at several of the YLCs.

Several of our new Companions have stepped up to serve, but we need additional volunteers to help in supporting these Youth programs.



We also have elected and appointed staff positions to fill. If you would like an opportunity to serve on the staff or on one of our committees, please call me at **817.368.7799**. I urge you to volunteer.

Commander Emeritus, Capt. Paul Brown is still recovering from open heart surgery, and Maj Terry Thorsen is still recovering from a massive stroke. Meanwhile, we have been informed that our Webmaster, HPM Steve Suiter, will join a long list of Companions who have undergone hip replacement surgery. Please continue to keep these Companions and their wives in your prayers.

Let me or anyone on the staff know if you or your spouse is ill so we can add you to our prayer list.

Our chapter is helping to host the **2022 Regional Conference in Arlington from 15-17 May**. The conference will be held at the **Holiday Inn, 1311 Wet N Wild Way, Arlington, TX 76011**. The costs to attend are very reasonable.

Attending the regional conference is a great way to increase your chapter involvement, knowledge, and commitment to MOWW. Click [HERE](#) to reserve a room at the Arlington Holiday Inn.

We continue to serve youth through our patriotic education programs, while providing Outreach to military, veterans, and law enforcement officers. 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!***

LtCol Michael W. Menefee, USMCR (Ret)
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[MOWW Region VIII Convention'](#)

14 Region VIII Chapters will convene in MAY

The 2022 annual Convention of the fourteen Chapters of MOWW Region VIII (which includes Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas) will meet from 15-17 May 2022 at the Holiday Inn, on 1311 WetNWild Way, in Arlington, Texas.



Business meetings and the Installation of the new Region Commander and Staff will occur on Monday, 16 May 22. All Companions are encouraged to

attend Monday night's formal evening Banquet.

An **All-Hands** email will provide you an electronic form to register for the Region Convention.

Speaker Programs Just Keep Getting Better

**3 May 22 – Special Agent Brent Harvie, CBP, DHS
SITREP: “Texas’ Southern Border”**

**7 Jun 22 – LtCol Michael Menefee, USMC (Ret)
“Installation of 2023 Commander and Staff”**

**7 Jul 22 – Col John Antal, US Army (Ret)
SITREP: “NATO and the War in Ukraine”**

[Last Month's Speaker, April 2022](#)

Texas Tea: Still Number One worldwide

Carlos Guarda, the Director of Process Engineering in one of the largest Refinery companies in the Oil and Gas industry, briefed the chapter on the current state of supply and demand in the world, today.

Having worked for Exxon Mobil, Valero, and Hess, Carlos is imminently qualified to



Carlos Guarda

explain why war in Ukraine and trouble with China do not diminish the fact that the US leads the world in proven and recoverable reserves and remains capable of remaining a net exporter of energy well into the 22nd Century.



Through a series of charts, tables, and graphs, he shed a brilliant light on the realities in the Permian Basin versus the counter-productive federal policies that interrupt the free market of supply and demand.

[Junior and Senior ROTC](#)

“Recognizing Excellence”

Your Dallas chapter is known throughout the State of Texas for its long history of supporting the **85** Senior and Junior Reserve Officer Training programs of North Texas extending from San Angelo to Sunnyvale.

It takes manpower to maximize our visibility while covering so many schools over such a broad geographical area. We cannot be present at every Awards program, but with your assistance we would like to attend as many as possible.

Contact Companion **Mark Smits** and volunteer to represent the Dallas chapter by making one of the presentations of our MOWW medals and citations.

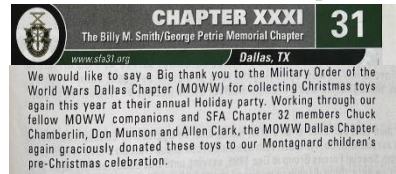


To inculcate love of our country

Dallas Chapter in the News

Our sister organization, the Billie Smith/George Petrie Chapter of the Special Forces Association (Chapter 31) publishes a superb monthly magazine called, *The Drop*.

In this month's issue, Chapter 31 paid tribute to the Dallas Chapter of MOWW for their generosity on behalf of a dozen Vietnamese and Montagnard families.



Each year, during our Christmas Banquet, Companions bring gifts for young children, which are then donated to an organization, like the US Marines Toys for Tots, to be presented by Santa at a holiday party. This year we sent over **120** Christmas gifts to our Special Forces comrades-in-arms for distribution.

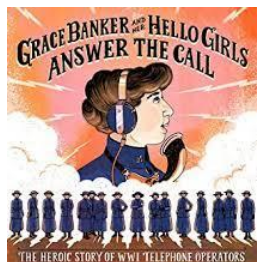


To cherish the memories of the World Wars

Women in World War I

When the American Expeditionary Force was established in 1917, a major issue arose. It was the lack of linguists, especially critical to enable our troops to communicate with our European allies. A call went out for bilingual phone operators, which was met with 450 women applicants.

While employed by the military, they were treated as equals by their male counterparts. They were assigned to the Signal Corps, held ranks and were given promotions based on merit, not on gender. They were considered armed combatants, but their primary duty was to keep the switchboards operating. At the height of operations, they often connected more than 150,000 calls a day.



They earned the nickname: the “**Hello Girls**”, and their efforts are credited with contributing to ending the war earlier than anticipated due to their proficiency, dedication, and language skills.

To maintain Law and Order

Chapter salutes Dallas' Finest Officers in Blue

On 17 April 22, our Law & Order Chair, LT Chuck Daniels presented an MOWW Citation for Outstanding Service to Dallas Police Officer Maria Cole (#8029), for her selection as DPD's *Officer of the Month*. Officer Cole is assigned to the Legal Services Unit working with the District Attorney to ensuring proper compliance. Maria is another reason that Dallas' Officers in Blue are the Finest in Texas.

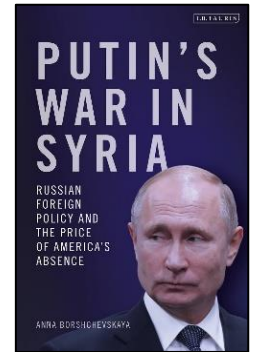


To promote a suitable policy of National Security

Monthly Military Book Discussions

This month's topic is “*Putin's War in Syria: Russian Foreign Policy and the Price of America's Absence.*” It traces Putin's political, military, and diplomatic intervention with the leadership in Damascus and laid the groundwork for his current invasion of Ukraine.

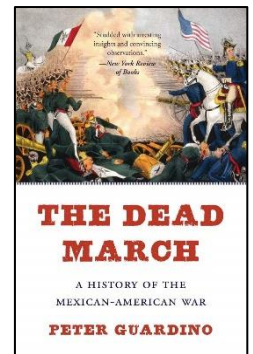
These lively and informative discussions occur every third Thursday at the Prestonwood Country Club (15909 Prestonwood Road, Dallas, TX) and are sponsored by Bob Epstein and moderated by award winning author, Marc Liebman.



Later in the month, on 16 May, same time, same place, the featured book will be: “*The Dead March: A History of the Mexican-American War*” by Peter Guardino. It tells far more of the Mexican experience than any other work and it clearly demonstrates the social and cultural dynamics that shaped both Mexican and American politics and military force.”

Meetings begin at 7:30 a.m. and wrap-up by 8:30, so the working class can get to the office and make some money.

For additional information, contact Jacques Loraine. (jbloraine3@gmail.com).



Know Your Dallas Companions

LTG Rick Lynch, US Army (Ret)



Lieutenant General Lynch is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, Class of 1977. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers. In his early career, he commanded an Assault Bridge Company and, later, a Combat Engineer Company in the 2nd Armored Division.

He branch transferred to Armor and subsequently commanded both a tank battalion (1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry, of the 1st Cavalry Division) and a tank brigade (1st Brigade, of the 4th Infantry Division).

Rick was promoted to Brigadier General in 2001. He served as the Assistant Division Commander, 4th Infantry Division; Chief of Staff, Kosovo Forces; and Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations for Joint Force Command Naples, Italy. He later served in Iraq as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Effects and the spokesman for Multinational Forces Iraq from 2005-2006,

He commanded the 3rd Infantry Division from 2006-2008. During that time he deployed the Division to Iraq, and while there, commanded Task Force Marne for 15 months. After redeployment, he was selected to command III Corps and Fort Hood, TX.

General Lynch's last position in the Army was Commanding General, Installation Management Command as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management. He was responsible for 163 Army Installations worldwide with an annual budget of \$12 billion and a workforce of 120,000.

After retirement, General Lynch became the Executive Director of the Research Institute of University of Texas at Arlington, focused on advanced technology to help humanity find affordable solutions to complex problems.

General Lynch is the CEO of his own company, R. Lynch Enterprises. He published a book on adaptive leadership entitled *Adapt or Die: Leadership Principles from an American General*.

LTG Lynch & his wife Sarah live in Southlake, TX.

LTG Ricardo Sanchez, US Army (Ret)



Lieutenant General Sanchez was born in Rio Grande City, Texas. He attended the University of Texas at Austin on an ROTC scholarship, then transferred to Texas A&M University, Kingsville, where he graduated in 1973 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry.

His first assignment was as a rifle platoon leader in the 82nd Airborne Division, at Fort Bragg, NC. In 1977, he transferred from the Infantry to Armor. In 1991, Lieutenant Colonel Sanchez commanded a battalion of the 197th Mechanized Infantry Brigade during *Operation Desert Storm*. He successfully led his battalion into Basra, Iraq, without sustaining any casualties.

Shortly after the War, he was promoted and given command of the 2nd Brigade of the 1st Infantry Division. Subsequently, he served on the staff of U.S. Southern Command, first as Deputy Chief of Staff, and then as Director of Operations (G-3).

As a Brigadier General, he was given command of the 1st Armored Division, the largest combat unit in V Corps. In June, 2003, he assumed command of the entire Fifth US **Corps** and, simultaneously, became Commander of Combined Joint Task Force 7, a Coalition of all multi-national, ground forces, during the occupation of Iraq.

Lt. Gen. Sanchez held the top military position in Iraq throughout one of the most critical periods of the war. During his tenure as JTF-7 Commander in Iraq, Coalition Forces found and killed Saddam Hussein's two notorious sons, Uday and Qusay, and later captured Saddam Hussein himself. In June of 2004, he returned to Germany where he continued as Commanding General of V Corps.

He relinquished command on September 6, 2006, having commanded longer than any previous commander in the history of the Corps.

On November 1, 2006, after having served with distinction in the United States Army for 33 years, LTG Sanchez retired. He now resides in San Antonio, TX.

National Defense and Homeland Security

INFLATION CONCERNS AFFECTING AMERICA

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

America has shifted much of its industrial manufacturing capabilities offshore, with China being the primary recipient of this shift, thus making the global supply chain dependent on Chinese manufacturing. This dependence on China impacts inflation in America more than most people realize.



During the recent pandemic, we began to appreciate our supply chain problems when we could not get the Personal Protection Equipment we needed and had paid for. The Chinese COVID crackdowns have negatively impacted supply chains. When Shenzhen, the third largest city in China (almost 13 million population) and the second largest port in China was shutdown, it slowed supply chains from China. Shenzhen is known as the “Silicon Valley of China.” Its shutdown slowed manufacturing of smartphones, computer chips, electronics, and car batteries. These shortages have caused supply chain delays, and these delays often cause inflation.

Shanghai, the largest city in China (about 24 million population) is now locked down. It is the largest port in the world, and if it is shut down, products cannot be shipped worldwide. Normally, over 2,000 container ships are loaded in the port of Shanghai every month.



Inflation is a tax which affects every income bracket. The Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) index is a measure of the change in goods and services consumed by all households. The Core PCE is 5.2 percent (excluding food and energy!). This index is the number the Federal Reserve uses to adjust interest rates. According to the Bureau of Economic Analysis, PCE inflation increased from 0.5% in February to 0.9% in March.

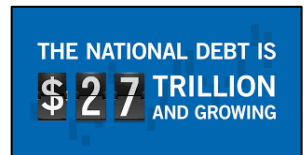
Most economists believe inflation is caused by government spending. The president is proposing a student loan forgiveness package forgiving \$10,000 per borrower. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York has calculated, it would require writing off \$321 billion in government student loans. The administration is also seeking \$33 billion in military aid to Ukraine. The White House has ignored economists' warnings that cancelling student loan debt will significantly increase inflation.



Recession prospects are growing more likely with the highest inflation and energy costs in 40 years, the highest debt in US history, and reality that the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates. The economy contracted 1.4% in the first quarter of 2022. The surprise drop in the economy increases the likelihood of a recession. A recession is two quarters of negative growth in the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The S&P 500 had its worst yearly start since 1939, while the Nasdaq Composite had its worst since 1971.



It is imperative that the federal government reduce deficit spending and national debt. Current geopolitical issues clearly indicate the need for adequate military spending concurrent - with a review of foreign aid and entitlement spending. Border protection laws must be enforced. To reduce inflation, government needs to postpone aspirational projects and replace them with projects essential to our national security and economic stability.

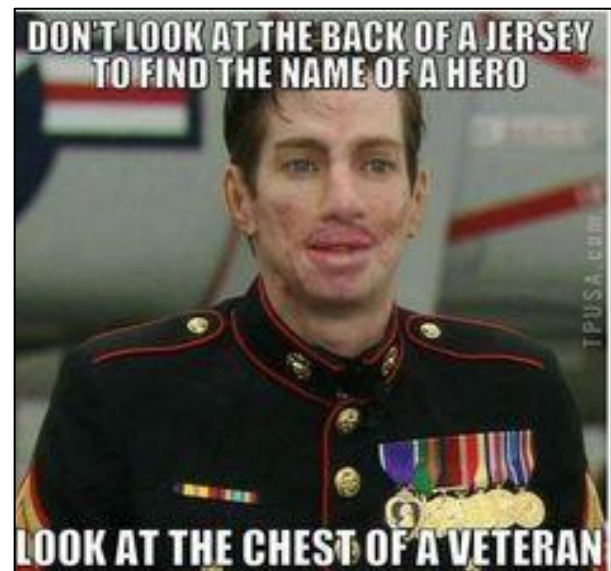


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1 May LTC Guillermo Cisneros
 1 May Col Robert Lanham
 1 May HPM Sharon Sexton
 2 May ` LT Jack Coleman
 3 May ` MR Christopher Adams
 3 May ` MR Eric Bradford
 4 May LTC Gilbert Collins
 4 May LT Charles Daniels
 7 May LT William Ferrill III
 8 May Capt Thomas Jones
 10 May Lt Col Paul Pfrommer
 10 May HPM Donna Starnes
 11 May Lt Col Donald Saddler
 12 May HPM Hal Moore III
 14 May HPM Terry Brown
 14 May HPM Ryan Moss
 14 May Lt Col Don Payne
 14 May LTC James Sammons
 17 May LTG Ricardo Sanchez
 18 May COL Pete Malik
 19 May HPM James Applewhite
 19 May LTC Robert Brown
 19 May LCDR Howard Custer
 19 May LT James Gooch
 20 May Lt Col Phelicia Geary
 20 May Col Christopher Kulas
 21 May MAJ Robert Epstein
 26 May LTC John Byrns
 27 May LtCol Norm van Gilmore
 29 May HPM Diane Johnson
 30 May COL Emmett Dubose
 31 May HPM William Bradford
 31 May MAJ Beverly Johnson



Military Memes



Your Chapter in Action, APRIL 2022



Recent newlywed Katherine Grogan is sworn in as a Hereditary Perpetual Companion. Her sponsor is the love of her life, her very own Perpetual Companion, Dr. James Grogan.



Chapter Commander, Michael Menefee, swears in our 356th Companion, MAJ Ivan T. Wong, BS, MS, and PhD in Criminology. His sponsor is Perpetual Companion Allen Clark.



Our Guest Speaker, Carlos Guarda, was impressed by the diversity of military ranks and bios of those whom he met at our April meeting. In fact, upon returning home, he posted as much on his website and within two days had over 3,000 "hits" from gas and oil industry officials and co-workers. He has indicated his desire to join the Chapter as a Patriot.



Companion Bob Epstein announced a number of fundraising opportunities that he proposes to enable us to expand our Outreach into new veteran and Law & Order activities. He was proud to report, for those who knew his son, Jonah, had been deployed, that he is in Qatar, training EOD specialists from 16 NATO nations.



A tip of the hat to Mark Smits, who was able to convince five Senior Military Advisors (as well as the head of DISD JROTC programs, LTC Fred Holland, and his Command Sergeant Major, CSM Juan Hernandez) to join us for Lunch in April. It marks the Kickoff of End-of-Year School Awards presentations.

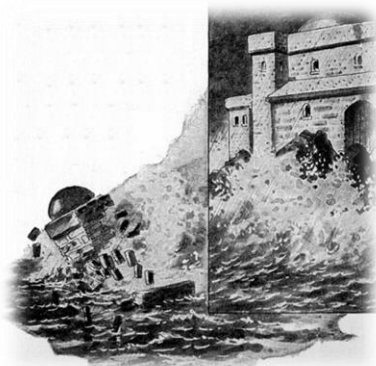
Notice: Next Commander's Staff Meeting will be held Thursday, 21 APR 2022, at 1300 hrs (1:00 p.m.), in the Frontiers of Flight Conference Room, 6911 Lemmon Ave., Dallas, TX (adjacent to Love Field).

Chaplain's Message

Build Your House on Rock

In our current times, many are wrestling with a sense of uncertainty. Yet, we only need to look back as far as 1941, 1963, 2001, or 2008 to see that what seemed secure and unshakable was actually not so. These dates show us that putting our ultimate trust in earthly things is folly. Our trust and our hope belong with God alone, and our lives should reflect this.

As Jesus teaches in the Parable of the Builders, "Everyone who hears these words and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rains came, the streams rose, and the winds beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.



But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rains came, the streams rose, and the winds beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

(Matthew 7:24-27)

May each of us examine in our own lives where we are placing our hope.

Jamie Malakoff
Chapter Chaplain

Request for input

Gig 'em Aggies

The Dallas Chapter was not allowed to present our annual end-of-year medals and citations in 2021, due to COVID-19 restrictions.

We are pleased to announce that the restrictions have been lifted and we are once again pleased to present Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals to the Top Junior, Sophomore, and Freshman in each class.



This always raises the question:

What about the Top Seniors?

MOWW's policy has been that Seniors will attend commissioning ceremonies during the next seven to ten days, at which their award will be the Gold bars of a Second Lieutenant (or Ensign).

North Texas Companion, John Guandolo, was on campus during Parents' Day activities at College Station, visiting with his son, and graciously saw to it that this year's Top Cadets were properly recognized.

The Dallas Chapter ROTC committee chairman, Mark Smits, is a classmate and close personal friend of the current Commandant of the Corps of Cadets. He brings to fourteen the number of former Aggies who are Companions of the Dallas Chapter.



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Dallas Chapter

*The Companions and Spouses
of the Dallas Chapter
cordially invite
all MOWW Companions and their guests
to attend the*

Change of Command Installation Banquet

at the

Park City Club

5956 Sherry Lane, Dallas Texas 75225

In the Skyline Room, on the 17th floor

Tuesday, 7 June 2022

1700 hours cocktails

1800 dinner

Dress Blue/Mess Dress/Tuxedo/Suit (formal attire)

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(Cut off this portion) (and mail it with your payment)

SEATING MAY BE RESERVED FOR YOU AND YOUR GUESTS AT ONE OR MORE TABLES

Rank & name _____

Spouse's Name _____

Guest name(s) _____

(Qty) (Please identify how many of *each choice* of Entrée)

___ Sautéed **Chicken Breast** stuffed with mushrooms and artichokes,
served with Beurre Blanc sauce

___ Petite Tender **Beef Medallions** & Grilled Shrimp topped with wild
Mushroom sauce

___ Crab crusted **Atlantic Salmon** filet, lightly grilled, and topped with
Citrus Beurre Blanc sauce

Mail check to: Bill Coleman 381 Casa Linda Plaza #148 Dallas, TX 75218 Total: _____

or pay by **PayPal** via the Chapter website (dallasmoww.org) (\$60.00 per person)

If you choose to pay by Pay Pal, you must still send in this paper Registration with above information.

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