

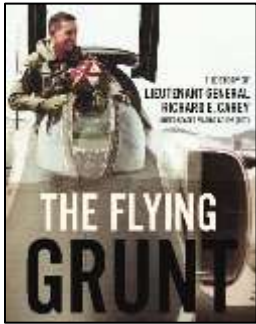


We jump at any chance we get to show our gratitude and appreciation to **Scott Murray** for all that he does for our nation's Veterans. His inspirational presentation in February was one of those occasions. Before we could thank him properly, he was on a plane and off to Phoenix to cover the Super Bowl with a host of former Dallas Cowboys Legends. Last month we finally caught up with him and gave him another well-deserved standing ovation.

*This Month's Program, May 2023*

## **"The Flying Grunt"**

**Lieutenant General Richard Carey (USMC, Ret)**



enlisted in the United States Navy's aviation cadet program in 1945. As WWII ended, he was discharged and so he enlisted in the Marine Corps where he advanced to the rank of Sergeant prior to his commissioning as a Second Lieutenant in 1948. As a rifle platoon commander, he participated in the Korean War in the 1st Marine

Division, including the landings at Inchon and the [Battle of Chosin Reservoir](#). He earned the Silver Star for heroism while serving as commander of Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines in 1951, prior to his medical evacuation to the States after being wounded in action.

During the Vietnam war, he commanded Marine Squadron 13 and later Fighter Attack Squadron 115 (VMA-115) flying the F-4 (Phantom) in combat operations, operating from Chu Lai Air Base in 1967-68.

His awards and decorations include: the Silver Star; two Legion of Merit awards; the Distinguished Flying Cross; two Bronze Stars for Valor, 15 Air Medals; a Purple Heart; the Joint Service Commendation Medal; two Presidential Unit Citations; two Navy Unit Commendations; and a Meritorious Unit Commendation.

His story is told in the book: *The Flying Grunt*, by Alan E. Mesches. Alan will join us to hear LtGen Carey's talk.

*The Commander's Report, May 2023*

## **"It is Better to Serve..."**



Our Military Order is a Patriotic Veterans Service organization. We celebrate and promote good citizenship, patriotism, the Constitution, our military services, police, fire, and other first responders. We also honor statues, memorials, American history, our representative form of government, and American culture! We support national security and youth organizations dedicated to developing leadership, better insight of our government, and an appreciation of the principles our founders gave our country.

I am pleased to inform the chapter that our speaker on 02 May will be **LtGen Richard Carey, USMC, (Ret)**. His topic will be: *"The Korean War: 70th Year Retrospective"* Our HPM Scott Murray, has generously offered to tape this speech by LtGen Carey, a copy of which will be available for viewing on our chapter website! ([dallasmoww.org](http://dallasmoww.org)). You will not want to miss the opportunity to hear from this 95-year-old true American hero. We will have a large turnout for this luncheon, so reserve your place early.



This month we will vote for next year's officers and staff at our luncheon. We will have our 2023 MOWW Region VIII Conference on 7 & 8 May 2023 in Salado, TX.

National HQ has announced that, this June, it will return to having a quarterly newsletter, in addition to the *Officer Review* magazine.

Commander's Comments continued

**29 May is Memorial Day**, a national holiday to honor those who lost their lives in defense of our country and to celebrate the commitment of our American military service men and women.

We are very close to our Goal of \$17,500 to send 50 students to our Youth Leadership Conferences. The cost is \$350 per student, which includes a week of room, board, a farewell banquet, and logistical support costs. **We need your help. Please support this outstanding program!**

In June, we will co-sponsor the quarterly National Defense Briefing Series at the Heritage Ranch Country Club, 465 Scenic Ranch Cir., Fairview, TX. The speakers are listed on page 3 of this Newsletter.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to our chapter! I am extremely proud to serve you as your Chapter Commander. Most of world history has been dominated by dictators and tyrants. The future of our country may depend upon organizations like MOWW! **Your efforts help ensure our success!**

For the Good of the Order

### MOWW in Partnership with AUSA

Our National MOWW Chief of Staff is always looking for ways to serve you better and increase the visibility of the Order.

With that in mind, he proudly announced that MOWW has become an Association Partner of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA).



“This new Member benefit program connects you to even more resources at no additional cost to you or to the Order. You now have free access to exclusive AUSA membership benefits, including:

- AUSA Jobs Central .
- AUSA scholarships .
- Free ACT/SAT Test Prep .
- Legal document service
- Discounts on travel, dining, entertainment, healthcare and more, offered by dozens of AUSA partners.

To review the complimentary AUSA Membership benefits, simply follow the links to each of the specific tools and resources listed above”.

**Mike Farrell**, COL, (US Army, Ret)  
Chief of Staff and Chief Operating Officer  
The Military Order of the World Wars

Last Month's Program, April 2023

**Major Victor Lauersdorf** recently returned from spending six months in the Middle East supervising anticipatory logistical operations in the Kingdoms of Saudi Arabia and Jordan, and the Emirates of Kuwait and Qatar. His *Situation Report* on the current state of the terrorist threats in the region was a vivid reminder of the critical role that US National Guard units continue to play in peacekeeping roles, worldwide.



His insights on current budget shortfalls, and the massive personnel and logistic problems that Texas National Guard units face on the border underscored the need for a national policy to address the issue of immigration before the massive flood of immigrants overwhelms our nation's ability to absorb the exorbitant costs to our society.

For the good of the Order

### Election of FY 2024 Commander and Staff

The Dallas Chapter's nominating Committee has proposed the following Companions for election to the positions indicated. Voting will occur during the monthly Luncheon on 2 May 2023. Elected officers will be installed during the formal **Installation Banquet** to be held on the evening of 6 June 2023.



The Nominations are:

Commander	CPT Allen Clark
Sr. Vice Cdr.	LT Natan Ton That
Jr. Vice Cdr.	CPT Mark Smits
Adjutant	LT Brandon Hern
Treasurer	CPT David Wallace
Marshall	HPM Pat Teipel
Asst. Marshall	MAJ Doug Gagliano
Chaplain	CPT James Grogan
Judge Advocate	MAJ John VanBuskirk
Surgeon	CPT Fred Aurbach
Historian	LTC Don Munson

Companion Down

### Keep them in your prayers.

Bill Farmer has been a Perpetual Companion of our chapter for two decades. He has won National Scouting awards four times. We have just learned that his wife, Claire, has been diagnosed with stage 4 terminal Cancer. Please keep Claire and Bill in your thoughts and prayers. His phone number is: 214-608-0718.



Upcoming Luncheon Speakers

**Chapter Programs Just Keep Getting Better**

**2 May 23 – Richard Carey, LTG, US Marine Corps**  
*“The Korean War: 70<sup>th</sup> Year Retrospective”*

**6 Jun 23 – Installation Formal Banquet**  
*“Command and Staff for FY 2024”*

**5 Jul 23 – Multiple Patriotic Testimonials**  
*“A Heartfelt Salute to America”*

Law and Order Programs

**Dallas Firemen of the Month**

In addition to our monthly participation with the Dallas Community Police Awards Committee (DCPAC), we also support annual awards to local Fire and emergency medical teams (EMT) “first responders”.

Last month’s recipients were Fire Dept. Lieutenants Clinton Page and Kevin Carlin.



Dallas Fire Department Lieutenants Clinton Page and Kevin Carlin

The Dallas FD Officers were guests of honor at our monthly chapter luncheon, accompanied by their Division Chief and our Law and Order Committee Chair.

To cherish the memories

**Patriots are stepping up to serve.**

Last month we urged members to volunteer to assist in presenting awards, interviewing YLC candidates and to serve on our many Outreach committees.

The response has been superb. Mark Smits and Don Munson added more than a dozen names to their list of assistants. Additionally, the follow Companions have been added to staff and other Outreach activities:

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| Michael Menefee      | National Security Chair    |
| Bob Epstein          | Homeland Security Chair    |
| Katherine Grogan     | Assistant Treasurer        |
| Christie Rimmel      | Assistant Treasurer        |
| Carolyn Foust Walker | Assistant Marshal          |
| Iilir Ademaj         | Deputy Newsletter Editor   |
| Justin Wolf          | Assistant News Editor      |
| Mary Moore           | Assistant Technical Editor |
| Belva Lowry          | Hospitality                |

Homeland Security

Click [HERE](#) to view NDBS Seasons 1 & 2

**11 Jun 23 – “Southern Border Perspective”**  
**Congressman Keith Self, BG Matt Barker, and Collin County Sheriff Jim Skinner**

**No Security Briefing in July**

**Date TBD – “Season Two Wrap-up”**  
**Presentation of the Congressman Sam Johnson Defender of Freedom Award**

*“The border is secure” ... Alejandro Mayorkas*

The border between the United States and Mexico has been a flash point for years and is a particular issue for border states like Texas, where the impacts of the immigrant flow are obvious. While this issue is politically charged, we’ll have a non-political, non-partisan discussion, exploring facts and solutions rather than assessing blame. The discussion will be moderated by Congressman Self.

**Congressman Keith Self** earned a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering from the United States Military Academy. He served on active duty from 1975-1999 as an Army Ranger and Special Forces officer. He is in his first term as US Representative for Texas’ 3<sup>rd</sup> District.



**BG Matt Barker, TXANG,** Commander, Joint Task Force Lone Star, graduated from George Washington University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in 1992 as an Air Force ROTC Distinguished Graduate. He completed ICBM training in 1993, serving 192 alert tours as a Minuteman III launch officer.



**Sheriff Jim Skinner** is the Sheriff of Collin County. He is a 32-year law-enforcement veteran, trial attorney, and former prosecutor who oversees 550 personnel, and over 1.1 million citizens across 880 square miles of the northeast quadrant of the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex.



The NDBS seminars are [Fundraisers](#) that benefit the Outreach programs of MOWW. Support your chapter by

bringing guests to learn from distinguished experts.

# National Defense and Homeland Security

## Concerns about the US Dollar remaining the World's Reserve Currency

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

Since 1945, the US dollar has been the primary reserve currency of the world economy. Historically, reserve currencies of the world endure for about 100 years. Unless more attention is paid to maintaining the US dollar as the world's reserve currency, it is unlikely to escape the fate of its predecessors.

The dollar is not only the most widely held reserve currency, but it is a fiat currency, not backed by a commodity, but backed by the "full faith and credit" of the US government. Every previous fiat currency has ended in devaluation or hyperinflation. Most hyper-inflation is caused by government overspending, where budget shortfalls are financed by printing more currency.

The International Monetary Fund recently stated they will not use the US dollar to benchmark other countries' economies. The US dollar is losing its status as the primary reserve currency because other countries (Great Britain, France, Germany, Russia, Brazil, India) are replacing it and using their own currencies, or China's *yuan*.

If other nation's respect and have confidence in the US government because of its rule of law, justice system, military preparedness, and economic system, it could remain the primary reserve currency. However, faith in the US government and its systems are diminishing both at home and abroad.

Many American citizens believe America has a multi-tiered justice system. Numerous former military officers believe our military is less prepared and equipped to fight a war now than in the past. Lastly, many allies and other countries are beginning to doubt the credibility and sincerity of our diplomats and the leadership of the US government.

There is less confidence in our economic and banking system, because of poor policies by our government leaders. Allies and adversaries are questioning US economic decision-making concerning US debt, inflation, banking crises, and planned energy spending.

American leadership is not inspiring many in the world, and some allies and enemies are looking for another reserve currency. Adversaries and enemies are always plotting to unseat American military and economic leadership, and lately, they seem to be succeeding.

China has agreed to a military cooperation treaty with Russia where they will provide arms to the Russians in return for buying Russian oil. China also penned an agreement with Saudi Arabia to buy their oil using the yuan, rather than the dollar for currency. Additionally, China made agreements with Turkey, India, and Brazil which agreed to use their currencies instead of the dollar.

Afghanistan was not the finest moment for the world to observe US military and diplomatic success. The resulting chaos has created doubt with allies and opportunities for enemies. France just penned an agreement with China for liquified natural gas to be purchased in yuan, not dollars.

The US is rapidly moving away from its once preeminent superpower status, while China is maneuvering to replace it. Fortunately, China does not follow the rule of law, or observe international accounting standards, but does have the second largest bond market in the world. It is a one-party authoritarian communist government, and concerns remain over China's political stability and the fact the yuan is not fully convertible. China does have a strong and growing military. This is concerning at a time when US military power is waning.

Having the world's reserve currency and a strong US dollar has been good for both the world and America. Unfortunately, the US is once again dependent on others to provide the fossil fuels necessary to run its economy. The current administration released 180 million barrels of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and even sent a million barrels to help China. Inflation is likely to remain high in the US, as petroleum prices increase, and the Federal Reserve keeps interest rates high.



If the US dollar were not the reserve currency of the world, American citizens would suffer a lower standard of living. Unless the US maintains a strong military, and improves its policy decision-making, our time having the reserve currency of the world may come to an end. If the US desires to keep the dollar as the world's reserve currency, it should consider the negative effects of poor policy decisions, which have led to debt, inflation, printing money, an undermanned military, and jeopardizes the strength of the US dollar.

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# Humor in Uniform

- 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
- 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 HPM 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



# Chapter Activity, April 2023



**Texas Department Commander Chuck Daniels (left) briefed the membership on the upcoming Region VIII Conference and the Speakers for the June National Defense Briefing series. Don Munson then made another appeal for funding to sponsor as many as 50 students to our four 2023 YLCs.**

**We welcomed two new Companions into the Chapter. Capt Justin Wolf, USAF, was recruited by Col Don Crusius, USAF. Don flew B-52 (Stratofortress) bombers during the Vietnam war. CPT Allen Clark sponsored MAJ Ivan Wong, the 65<sup>th</sup> Regular Companion of the Chapter.**



**Chapter Commander LtCol Michael Menefee presented our Certificate of Appreciation to LTC Victor Lauersdorf for his detailed and erudite description of the problems faced by troops of the Texas National Guard during their deployments in the Middle East and on the Texas southern border.**

**Mark Smits has supervised the presentation of MOWW JROTC Certificates of Achievement to Cadets of 43 high school units throughout North Texas Independent School Districts.**



**Proud parents of Eagle Scout Noah Cole, Troop 194, Lone Star Council of Texas. He is the 100<sup>th</sup> Eagle that Bill Farmer has awarded, so far, this year.**

# Chapter Activity, April 2023



**We are always proud to recognize the achievements of Cadets in the Senior ROTC programs of Texas. Unlike JROTC awards, at the University awards ceremonies we give a Certificate of Commendation and a medal to Cadets from each year group (Bronze for Freshmen, Silver for Sophomores, and Gold for Juniors. Seniors, of course, are awarded a commission and the gold bars of a Second Lieutenant)**

**Seen in the photo (far left) is BG Patrick Michaelis, the Commandant of the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets, (Class of '93) and (far right) Dallas Perpetual Companion CPT Alan Backof (Class of '68). Between them are recipients from the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps ROTC programs of Texas A&M. Thank you, Alan, for covering this event for the Dallas chapter and especially for the sixteen Aggies on our chapter's active rolls.**



## Fear of the Lord

In the 34<sup>th</sup> Psalm, David writes “Come, my children, listen to me. I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days, keep your tongue from evil and your lips from telling lies.

Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.”

What Scripture tells us we need for a fulfilling life is often at odds with what the world tells us.

May God give us the grace and the strength we need to follow the way of Scripture; to use our tongues for good and to follow the way of peace.

God bless each of you.

*Jamie Malakoff*  
*Chapter Chaplain*



### Mark Your Calendar

#### **Chapter Lunch, 2 May 23**



Our Guest Speaker in May will be LtGen Richard Carey, (USMC). He will draw a “*standing room only*” crowd. Please register early. The room will be packed.

#### **MOWW Region VIII Conference, 7-8 May 23**



The annual Conference of the Texas Chapters of MOWW will meet at the Inn on the Creek in Salado, TX. Call 254-947-5554 to get details on registration. The sessions are Open to all Dallas Companions.

### Coming in JUNE 2023

#### **Installation, 6 Jun 23**



Our annual Formal Banquet to install the new Chapter Commander and his Staff. They will serve from 1 July 2023 until 30 June 2024.

#### **NDBS Dinner, 11 Jun 23**



The sixth Briefing in this outstanding *National Defense Series* will be held at the Heritage Golf and Country Club (465 Scenic Ranch Circle) in McKinney.

Featured Panelists include Congressman Keith Self, BG Matt Barker and Collin County Sheriff Jim Skinner. Registration begins at 5:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

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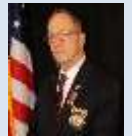
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**Notice: Next Commander's Staff Meeting will be held Thursday, 18 MAY 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at the Frontiers of Flight Museum, 6911 Lemmon Avenue, Dallas, TX, 75209.**