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Upon his return from the annual National MOWW Convention, Chapter Commander Menefee presented Certificates of Commendation to the Dallas Chapter Companions who chaired committees that were chosen by National as among the best. Pictured above are the Staff and Committee Chairs for FY 2023, who are charged with bringing home the PERSHING AWARD (for Best Chapter) next year, in Annapolis.

This Month's Program, October 2022

## "The Leaders of Tomorrow"

Last month, we honored top students from the summer of 2022 MOWW Youth Leadership Conferences (YLC).



Top YLC students, Michelle Johanson, Adeline Fields, and Veronica Ross and their parents, showing their Bronze Patrick Henry awards.

This month we continue our support of Youth programs by honoring the top CADETS who attended Cadet Leadership Challenge (CLC) training at military installations in Texas, during the blistering hot days of summer vacation. We will host eight Cadets who were chosen by their Senior Military Instructors as the Best of the Best.

Once again, as we do each year, it is our special pleasure to have as our VIP Guests, the Senior Military Instructors from the High Schools of these outstanding young men and women.

They join us in support of their students, but also in support of the goals and objectives of our Military Order. Please take the time to meet with them and encourage them to return with next year's crop of Tomorrow's Leaders.



## Commander's Comments

### "It is Better To Serve..."

Companions, Our Order is a Patriotic Veterans Service organization. We celebrate patriotism, the Constitution, our military services, statues, memorials, history, government, and American culture!

This month CPT Mark Smits will present JROTC awards to students for excelling at their Cadet Leadership Challenge (CLC) training, this summer. We will also proudly host their Senior Military Instructors and recognize them for their continued



Mark Smits

commitment to *Service Above Self*.

We will then induct several new Companions and Patriots, after which, our Junior Vice Commander, 2LT Natan Ton-That, will recount his harrowing story of escaping from Vietnam as a young boy and coming to the US. Natan will share with us his experiences and triumphs as a member of the Peace Corps, US Army,



Natan Ton-That

and as a successful young, upwardly mobile, business professional. I am especially proud to have Natan as a friend and our Junior Vice Commander and am eager to hear his inspiring story.

We still have some opportunities to serve. Several of our newest Companions have stepped up to serve, but we would like to have more members help in support

of the ROTC, JROTC, YLC, Law and Order, Scouting, and Homeland Security programs.

We also need to relieve MAJ Bill Coleman as our Treasurer. He has served us magnificently for more than seven years. He has earned his retirement. If you would like to serve as our Treasurer or on one of our many committees, please call me, or contact any staff member.



Bill Coleman

We welcome Lt. Don Crusius, USAF (Fmr) back to the Dallas Chapter. While on active duty, Don was a navigator in a Strategic Air Command squadron of long-range, jet-powered, sub-sonic, nuclear-capable, B-52 (*Stratofortress*)



Don Crusius

bombers. He has volunteered to understudy LTC Don Munson, as Associate Editor of our award-winning *Dallas Military Order News*.

We will once again distribute a **Membership Questionnaire** for our military Companions to complete at our chapter Luncheon. Please complete it during the luncheon and give to HPM Pat Teipel. We will soon have a similar questionnaire for Patriots.

Our chapter Historian continues to publish individual biographies of all Companions. A gallery of brief biographies is available on our chapter website ([dallas-moww.org](http://dallas-moww.org)). If yours is not there, contact Don Munson and send him your bio.

I am pleased to inform the chapter that our National Commander in Chief, LTC Michael Okin, and his lovely wife Debbie, plan to attend our Christmas Banquet on 06 December at the Park City Club. Please start making plans to attend. We expect between 150 to 175 Companions, Patriots, and guests.



Michael Okin  
MOWW CINC

Congratulations to our Companions who won National MOWW Awards in 2022.

*My mission this year is to return the Dallas chapter to its prior place as the Best Large Chapter in the nation!*

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!***

***Ductus Exemplo,***

***LtCol Michael W. Menefee, USMCR (Ret)  
Commander, Dallas Chapter MOWW***

## Speaker Programs Just Keep Getting Better

**4 Oct 22 – JROTC Awards & LT Natan Ton-That  
“From Communism to Freedom”**

**1 Nov 22 – Colin P. Cahoon, former UH-1 Pilot & Author  
“Mended Wings: the Vietnam War Experience”**

**6 Dec 22 – Annual Tri-Chapter Christmas Banquet  
“Christmas Carols and Holiday Cheer”**

### National Security

#### Veterans in need of Assistance

Major General Al Zapanta organized and conducted a world-class Symposium, last week. Twenty of the leading authorities in the field of Mental Health held panel discussions to analyze the causes of and solutions for the serious rise



Al Zapanta

in suicides among military veterans.

The gathering was sponsored by more than two



dozen local organizations to include stakeholders in the fields of medicine, psychology, non-government healthcare agencies, and first responders seeking to expedite the exchange of best practices and enhance better caregiving.

Moderators included: the former Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the President and CEO of Parkland Clinic, the former Executive Director of the VA Center for Women Veterans, and the President of Dallas University.

The event concluded with MG Zapanta awarding Gold Star Family, Larry and Ginny Monschke, a generous financial gift from the CEO of H.E.B.

### Scholastic support for Military Dependents

#### The Army Scholarship Foundation

Dallas Companion Jeff Gault and his Patriot wife, Rose, have dedicated themselves for two decades to steering the Army Scholarship Foundation. Each year they organize and conduct a **Help our Heroes** fundraising luncheon to raise money for scholarships that are given to young students of financially strapped military families.

This year's Luncheon will be held on 4 Nov 22, at 11:30 a.m., in the Frontiers of Flight Museum (6911 Lemmon Avenue, Dallas, TX). Please come out to support this worthy program.



MG Kamper

Keynote Speaker will be Major General Kenneth L. Kamper, Commanding General of Fort Sill, OK.

## National Defense Seminar Briefings:

**09 Oct 22 – “Future Warfighting Concepts”  
Colonel John Antal (US Army, Ret)**

**11 Dec 22 – “Space: A Warfighting Domain”  
General Kevin Chilton (US Air Force, Ret)**

**29 Jan 23 – “Air and Naval Power in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”  
Admiral James Foggo (US Navy, Ret) and  
Major Heather Penney (former USAF pilot)**

**2 Apr 23 – “Naval Challenges in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”  
Admiral John Richardson (US Navy, Ret)**

**4 Jun 23 – “Season Two Wrap-up”  
Presentation of the Congressman Sam Johnson  
Defender of Freedom Award**

## National Security

### National Defense Seminars, Season Two

At 4:00 p.m. on **9 October 2022**, in the Heritage Ranch Country Club (465 Scenic Ranch Circle, McKinney, TX), **Season Two** of the National Defense Briefing Series will focus on “*Future Warfighting Concepts*”.

The U.S. record for predicting the future of warfare is notoriously poor. Former U.S. Secretary of Defense, Robert Gates, famously quipped, “When it comes to predicting the nature and location of our next military engagements, our record has been *perfect*. We have never once gotten it right, from the Mayaguez to Grenada, Panama,



Hon. Robert Gates

Somalia, the Balkans, Haiti, Kuwait, Iraq, and more—we had no idea a year before any of these missions that we would be so engaged.” And yet, for better or worse, the U.S. military is deeply invested in the forecasting business because the services need to start building today what will be needed one or even two decades from now.

The future of warfare will require additional investments in precision, information, and automation; more capacity to tackle the challenges posed by each of our five potential adversaries; enhanced forward posture in all three theaters of concern; and a renewed emphasis



5<sup>th</sup> Generation Drones

on agility at every echelon.

The NDSB Keynote Speaker on 09 Oct 22, will be Dallas Chapter Companion, John Antal:

**Colonel John Antal (USA, Ret)** served 30 years in the US Army as a combat arms (Armor) officer. He commanded units from platoon through regiment and served on Corps and *multinational* staffs.

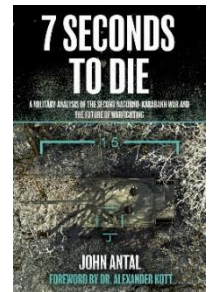


COL John Antal, USA

At the Pentagon, he served as Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and later retired after serving at Fort Hood, Texas, where he was the Operations Officer (G-3) of the 165,000 personnel of III Armored Corps.

In his post-Army career, he has been a military consultant, a video game producer, a magazine editor, a talk show host, and the author of sixteen books and hundreds of articles on military and leadership subjects, including: *7 Leadership Lessons of D-Day* and *7 Leadership Lessons of the American Revolution*.

John’s latest book, *7 Seconds to Die*, is an excellent textbook for today’s military strategists and should be required reading for anyone interested in understanding the changing methods of war.



His book was the basis for his presentation to the chapter during our July Luncheon. In it, he documents the Second Nagorno-Karabakh War -- the first war in history won primarily by unmanned drones and combat systems.

John served on the US Army Science Board educating active-duty military leaders on the lessons of recent military conflicts highlighting the changing methods of warfare.

The National Defense Seminar briefings are one of the best fundraising programs we currently conduct. You can support this worthy program by attending the seminar supporters. The food is excellent, the speakers are magnificent, the camaraderie is superior, and the money goes to support the chapter’s many other charitable events.

For more information on the National Defense Seminars series, click [HERE](#) or contact:

**Captain (USN) [Barry Brown](#) at 972-890-3541.**

**Notice: The next Commander and Staff Meeting of the Operating Year, will be held Thursday, 13 OCT 2022, at 1300 hrs (1:00 p.m.), in the Frontiers of Flight Conference Room, 6911 Lemmon Avenue, Dallas, TX (adjacent to Love Field).**

**The Commander urges all Staff and Committee Chairs to send Agenda reports to him (NLT: 9 Oct 22)**

To maintain Law and Order

### Chapter salutes Dallas' Finest Officers in Blue

Our Chapter's Law and Order Committee Chair, LT Chuck Daniels was unable to attend the Dallas Community Police (DCPAC) Awards in September, so Commander Emeritus, Paul Brown did the honors.

This month's *Officers of the Month*, Sergeant Andrew Fifield (#9014) and Senior Corporal Jose Bernal (#9000)



received Citations from Police Chief Eric Garcia, the DCPAC, and the Dallas Chapter.

SGT Andy Fifield Sr CPL Jose Bernal DCPAC is composed entirely of civic clubs and individuals who volunteer their resources to honor the men and women of the Dallas Police Department. Your Dallas Chapter has been a member of the Board of Directors for the past six years.

Last Month's Program, Sept 2022

### "Youth Leadership Conferences"

Too often, we credit ourselves with "supporting Youth programs" when, in fact, all we do is handout Citations to students who have succeeded, without mentors or adult participation. The one program, more than any other, in which chapter Companions have the opportunity to truly become involved in molding Tomorrow's Leaders is at one of our week-long Youth Leadership Conferences.



YLC Students are welcomed by Texas A&M students, who then lead them on a tour of the Aggie Cadet museum.

The agenda for the YLC covers five days, during which adult counselors become *influencers* with more than 90 hours of face-to-face contact in workshops and practical exercises.

Think of it. The average college course meets for one hour, three times a week for six weeks. YLC sessions have 5 times more contact hours to teach, train, explain, and mentor than a full semester college course.

To preserve records of Service...

### Companions Down

Our Chapter Surgeon, "Doc" Aurbach, sadly reports the passing of Perpetual Companion LT Jack Hall, US Army. Jack joined the chapter in 2018, at the tender age of 88. He was within days of his 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday. Unfortunately, his sponsor, John Wagner, was notified of the funeral service too late to organize a proper chapter turnout to pay tribute to Jack.



Jack Hall

Special thanks to Maj Bill Coleman for sending the flowers.



Terry Thorsen

Maj Terry Thorsen is still recovering from a massive paralyzing stroke and although the physical therapy is punishing, he insists that he will "soon" be strong enough to return.

HPM Steve Suiter, our Webmaster, is recovering quickly from hip replacement surgery. Those of you with hip replacements can attest that walking with a new hip is reminiscent of your first year on Earth. Nevertheless, Steve insists that he will join us for Lunch in October.



Steve Suiter, Webmaster

Please continue to keep these Comrades in Arms 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.

To promote Patriotic Education...

### Bill Farmer is a triple threat

Chapter Companion, Dr. Bill Farmer, recipient of the BSA's highest award, the **Silver Beaver**, continues to represent us with his participation on *three Scout Councils*: Lone Star, Circle 10, and Longhorn. The Scouts of America would not make it without that level of dedication.



These are just a few of the latest Eagle Scouts that Bill has presented MOWW Certificates of Commendation, last month, for achieving Scouting's highest award.



# National Defense and Homeland Security

## THE AMERICAN STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE

By LtCol Michael W. Menefee, USMCR (Ret)

The American Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) is administered by the Department of Energy (DOE) and has historically been the world's largest supply of crude oil to be used in an emergency.



This supply is a federally owned emergency stockpile which is stored in four underground salt caverns near the Louisiana and Texas Gulf coast. The purpose of the American SPR is to prevent economic and political disruption to the US if its oil supply is restricted or cutoff. This makes the SPR a valuable political and economic tool for the US to prevent oil import cutoffs from any source.

The amount of oil typically stored in the SPR is a deterrent to those seeking to disrupt the US economy, because it provides physical and economic insurance against oil interruption. The President has the authority to release supplies of the SPR, as authorized by the **Energy Policy and Conservation Act**, if there is a significant supply disruption.

The American SPR came into existence because of the 1973 Arab embargo to the US from the *Organization of Arab and Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC)* when they executed an oil embargo against the US. This *OAPEC* action created historic oil supply disruptions within the US and Western Allies and led to a severe US recession.



Historically, the SPR has been used only in emergencies when the US is faced with critical, economically damaging conditions which would disrupt oil supplies. *Desert Storm*, *Hurricane Katrina*, and the *IEA Coordinated release* were times the SPR was tapped into.

Most other countries now have SPRs. Australia, Germany, Japan, UK, Chile, Columbia, Israel, all EU countries, and many Asian countries have SPRs.



China, India, and Russia are building their SPRs.

China is the largest energy importer in the world and has contracted with Russia for even larger amounts of petroleum. China's SPR plans to provide it with a 90-day oil supply, whereas the US SPR is a 60-day supply when filled to capacity.

Using the SPR for political purposes to lower gasoline prices is not in the strategic interests of the US. Some politicians seem to not understand that the price of oil is determined by supply and demand.

Communist China has the second largest SPR. Selling millions of barrels of oil from the American SPR to the Communist Chinese government is also not in the strategic interests of the US. In 2019, DOE reported the SPR was 727 million barrels, now, it is at a 38-year low (1984).

The drawbacks of not having an adequate SPR for emergencies such as war, natural disasters, and other national defense contingencies are irresponsible. According to the American Petroleum Institute CEO, Mike Sommers, today's American SPR is at its lowest level since 1984.

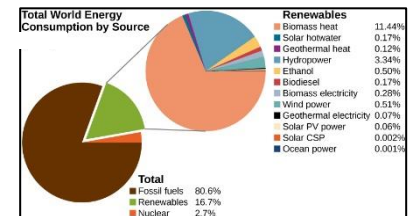
In the same interview, he stated that policy makers should be concerned about these depleted levels of petroleum which are now at historically low levels. The DOE also stated last month that the SPR should be replenished for national security reasons.

Until an alternate energy source is developed, petroleum supply disruptions severely curtail the US economy. If supplies of oil are reduced by government policy, and demand increases, prices rise. Since US energy policy is petroleum based, restricting petroleum supplies is a formula for increased prices.



As most goods in the US and world are transported by ships, airplanes, trains, and trucks, which all use petroleum products, prices will rise on those goods shipped, causing inflation. A more thoughtful energy policy is needed by the US.

America and the rest of the world are decades from a petroleum-free world. Destroying the American economy and energy industry is a recipe for the US to become dependent on dictators, oligarchs, corporate socialists, and tyrants who are motivated to eliminate American freedoms, sovereignty, and power if they are allowed to dominate or dictate US energy policy.



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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## Military Memes

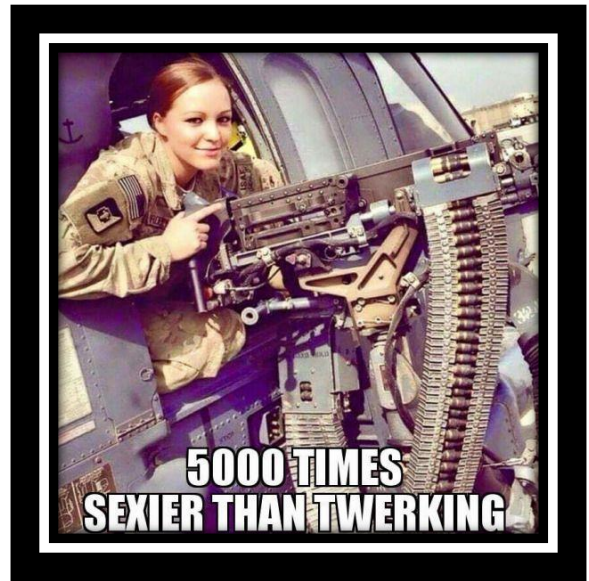
*"The secret to Birthdays is to pick one you like and stick to it!" ...Snoopy*

- 1 October Lawrence L. Anderson
- 1 October LT Thomas E. Hartin
- 2 October MS Gayle D. Westapher
- 7 October HPM Frank Sutherland Hall
- 10 October Capt John B. Belvin III
- 10 October CAPT Scott O'Grady
- 12 October Col Joseph L. Cordina
- 12 October Capt John M. Hayes
- 12 October Capt James M. Malakoff
- 12 October HPM Kenneth A. Mayfield
- 12 October HPM Scott Morris
- 12 October LCDR Larry Wilcock
- 16 October LCDR Ben J. Petrick
- 16 October LTG Ricardo Sanchez
- 18 October Lt Col William H. Whitten
- 19 October Lt Col Martha Cencki
- 21 October HPM Tracy K. Fisher
- 22 October LtCol Mike W. Menefee
- 23 October CHAP Mark R. Johnston
- 25 October HPM Katherine Blair
- 25 October Capt David Pickett
- 26 October VADM David Robinson
- 27 October HPM Joanne Epply-Schmidt
- 28 October LTC Michael S. Christians
- 28 October HPM Catherine Hogan
- 29 October MAJ James Hamlin, Jr



31 October HPM Jeremy Moore

31 October HPM Mary Moore



# Your Chapter in Action, September 2022



Allen Clark sponsored former CPT Elizabeth McCormick, US Army, who was inducted as a Perpetual Companion. She flew UH-1 helicopters in Iraq and will soon be a featured Guest Speaker.



Dallas Companion (and Texas Dept. Commander) Chuck Daniels sponsored former CPT Winston Williams, US Army, who was inducted as a Regular Companion. Winston is a Korean War veteran.



Our ranks continue to swell with the addition of more Patriot members. This month we inducted Jess Johnson, Harold Parsons, Gene and Phyllis Pugh. Jess and Gene are decorated former Special Forces NCO's



Allen Clark, Don Munson, and Jamie Malakoff were among the chapter members who were recognized for their contributions to our recent National Awards and other accomplishments



Following the presentation of Patrick Henry awards to three outstanding YLC students, we assembled their parents, School Principals, and Senior Military Instructors for a traditional mass "photo op."



## DOES ONE VOTE COUNT?

*"You shall select out of all the people able men who fear God, men of truth, those who hate dishonest gain; and you shall place these over them, as leaders of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties and of tens." (Exodus 18:21)*

By One Vote in 1941, the Congress kept the US Army from collapse by extending the Selective Service Act of 1940 for 18 months. Four months later, Pearl Harbor was attacked.

By One Vote in 1939, Hitler became the Leader of the Nazi Party.

By One Vote in 1866, Andrew Johnson was saved from impeachment.

By One Vote, in 1845, Texas was admitted to the Union.

By One Vote, in 1775, English was chosen over German as the official language for America.

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." (*Edmund Burke*)

**YOU ARE IMPORTANT  
MAKE YOUR VOTE  
COUNT**

Vote on 8 NOVEMBER 2022

*Jamie Malakoff  
Chapter Chaplain*

## Upcoming Events

### Mark Your Calendar

October and November present numerous opportunities for you to excel by supporting your Chapter.

**4 October** – Chapter Luncheon  
Guest Speaker **Natan Ton-That** will remind you why you have every right to be proud to be an American,

**6 October** – Documentary interviews  
Our latest program to get the word out on the excellence of MOWW.

**9 October** – NDBS Season Two  
The next presentation in the phenomenally successful series of National Defense briefings

**26 October** – Media Day  
Radio, TV, and social media representatives receive a briefing on the Veterans Day Parade. Frontiers of Flight Museum.

**3 November** – Skyball XX  
The best veteran's Gala of the year. Hosted by American Airlines and featuring the best in music and entertainment at Globe Life Field, in Arlington.

**4 November** – Army Luncheon  
The fundraiser in support of the annual Army **Scholarships** Foundation, Frontiers of Flight Museum.

**11 November** – Veterans Day  
Join your Companions who organize and conduct the biggest and best Veterans Day Parade in the Great State of Texas. Downtown Dallas. The Parade *Passes in Review* in front of Dallas City Hall on the 11<sup>th</sup> Hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of the 11<sup>th</sup> Month.

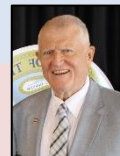


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