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During the Youth Leadership Conference at Texas A&M University each "Team" had the opportunity to hear an actual case that was presented before the US Supreme Court and then vote on how they would have ruled had they been the Supreme Court Justices. I am happy to report that they voted identically to the Justices in 8 of the 10 cases covering the first Ten Amendments to the US Constitution.

#### This Month's Program, August 2022

# "The History of Drugs and Mass Shooters

James L. Capra, spent over 27 years in the Department of



DEA Agent James Capra

Justice, serving as a Senior Executive Service Officer in the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). A native of New York, Jim earned his Bachelor's degree from Marist College, in Poughkeepsie, NY and his Master's degree from Seton Hall, South Orange, NJ.

Following his promotion to the Office of Congressional and Public Affairs in DEA Headquarters, he had constant contact with dozens of Congressional committees and soon became Assistant to the Chief of Operations. He is credited with developing the DEA's methamphetamine strategy and establishing the Clandestine Laboratory Group.

In 2004, he was selected to be Special Agent-in-Charge in the Miami Field Division, and two years later, he was assigned as the Special Agent-in-Charge in Dallas, responsible for DEA personnel and operations in North Texas and the State of Oklahoma. Ultimately, he was promoted to DEA's Chief of Operations,

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James L. Bapra

responsible for all global DEA activities, covering 227 domestic offices and 86 foreign offices in 67 countries, worldwide.

He is the author of <u>Leadership at the</u> <u>Front Line:</u> Lessons Learned about Loving, Leading and Legacy from a Warrior and Public Servant.

### 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. We still have some opportunities to serve in multiple areas.

Several new Companions have stepped up to serve, but we need more volunteers to help in supporting the ROTC, JROTC, YLC, and CAP programs.



Youth Leadership Conference, Texas A&M University, JUL 2022

If you would like an opportunity to serve on the staff or on one of our committees, please call me at **817-368-7799**, or contact any staff member.

One of our new Patriot Members (PMs) is making a significant contribution to our chapter. *PM Belva Lowry* is coordinating our new *Historical Look* at some of our most distinguished Companions.

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09 Oct 22 - "Future Warfighting Concepts" Colonel Mike Kennedy (USMC, Ret) and 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 21st Century" Admiral James Foggo (US Navy, Ret) and **Major Heather Penney (former USAF pilot)** 

2 Apr 23 – "Naval Challenges in the 21st 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, Part Deux

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 "Future Warfighting Concepts".



Heritage Ranch, McKinney

The U.S. history for predicting the future of warfare is notori-

ously poor. Robert Gates, former U.S. Secretary of Defense, famously quipped, "When it comes to predicting the nature and location of our next military engagements, since Vietnam, our record has been perfect. We have never once gotten it right, from the Mayaguez to Grenada, Panama, 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 on agility at every echelon.

5th Generation Drones

For more information on the Na-

tional Defense Seminars program, contact Capt. Barry Brown at 972-890-3541.

The Panel for our 9 October 2022, briefing will be:

Colonel Michael R. Kennedy (USMC, Ret) retired from the Marine Corps in 2008. As a Lance Corporal, he was sent to Officer Candidate School and subsequently Flight School. Mike flew one tour as a Naval Flight Officer in F-4s and RF-4Bs before transitioning to the Pilot Training pipeline, eventually flying the F/A-18 Hornet.



COL Mike Kennedy, USMC

A graduate of the Naval Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN), he later commanded VMFA(AW)-

225 during Operations SOUTHERN WATCH and IRAQI FREEDOM. He served as the Deputy Commander of Expeditionary Strike Force 5, supporting Operation UNIFIED ASSISTANCE providing disaster relief for Indonesian and Sri Lankan tsunami victims.

Following his service in the Marine Corps, Mike has served as the Vice President of External Operations for SkyLIFE Technology, a developer of aerial delivery systems for humanitarian relief supplies. As such, he has travelled extensively throughout Africa and Asia.

Col Kennedy has authored numerous doctrinal publications and articles, focusing on Fires, Aviation, Command and Control and is currently supporting HQMC in authoring a Primer on Digital Interoperability.

Colonel John Antal (USA, Ret) served 30 years in the US

Army as a combat arms officer. He commanded units from platoon through regiment and served on Corps and multinational staffs.

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



COL John Antal, USA

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.

He serves on the US Army Science Board educating military leaders on the lessons of recent military conflicts and changing methods of warfare.

# **Speaker Programs Just Keep Getting Better**

2 Aug 22 – CPT James L. Capra, US Army (Fmr) "The History of Drugs and Mass Shooters"

6 Sep 22 - YLC Awards & LT Natan Ton-that "From Refugee to Proud American Patriot"

4 Oct 22 – Kevin Freeman, CEO, Freeman Global Holdings "Secret Weapon: Economic Terrorism"

To promote a suitable policy of National Security

# **Monthly Military Book Discussions**

This month's topic will be: The Washington War. It covers

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the five critical US leaders who led our nation during World War II.

Discussions begin at 7:30 a.m. and wrap-up by 8:30 a.m., at the Prestonwood Country Club, 6600 Columbine Way, Plano, TX. Come early, a light breakfast is availa-

Please RSVP to Mark Rutledge at:

mrut@flash.net

# To cherish the memories...

# "I'll See You On the Beach"

Our Order will hold its annual National MOWW

Convention in Jacksonville, FL, from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the-7<sup>th</sup> of August. The convention will be held at the Southbank Marriott Hotel, 1515 Prudential Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32207.





MG Cedric T. Wins

The final event at the annual Conference is the formal Banquet, during which the Guest Speaker, MG Cedric T. Wins, Superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute, will receive the 2022 **MOWW** Distinguished Service Award.

Following that presentation, the incoming National

Commander-in-Chief, BG Victor Perez will be installed.



BG Victor S. Perez

# Commanders Comments, continued from page 1

HPM Scott Murray has agreed to film and moderate this effort. VADM David Robinson, USN will be our first distinguished Companion to be recognized. ADM Robinson was awarded a Navy Cross for his gallantry in action. More of our distinguished Companions will be recognized and their stories will also be told.



VADM Dave Robinson

We will be distributing a new chapter Membership Questionnaire for our

military Companions to complete, and we are having discussions about a similar questionnaire for Hereditary and Patriot members. Our chapter Historian, LTC Don Munson, will continue to collect and catalog individual biographies of our Companions and members. We hope to create a book with the historical data and biographies for all chapter Companions and members.

At our last chapter Staff meeting, we voted, unanimously, to recommend the Honorable Allen B. Clark, CPT, USA become next Senior (Ret) our Commander, Allen is a distinguished West Point graduate and a decorated war hero. In addition to an MBA from SMU, he was awarded the Silver Star, Purple Heart, and Combat Infantry Badge. Allen is Airborne, Ranger, and Special Forces qualified. We welcome Allen as our new Senior Vice Commander!

Commander Emeritus, Capt. Paul Brown is planning to

attend our August chapter meeting after recovering from open heart surgery. It will be good to see Paul again!





Commander Emeritus, LT Chuck Daniels is

Paul Brown & Chuck Daniels

also planning to attend our August Chapter meeting after knee replacement surgery. Chuck is the MOWW Texas Department Commander, Welcome back Chuck!

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

# Warfare Distractors: The Next Level

Colonel John Antal's latest book, 7 Seconds to Die, is an



excellent textbook for today's military strategists and for anyone interested in understanding the changing methods of war.

His book was the basis for his presentation to the chapter during last month's July Luncheon. In it, he documents the

second Nagorno-Karabakh War--the first war in history won primarily by unmanned combat systems.

According to John, the fact that Azerbaijan won the war is not extraordinary, what is exceptional is that this was the first modern war primarily decided by unmanned weapons. In this war the Turkish-made BAYRAKTAR TB2 Unmanned Air Combat Vehicle and the Israeli-made HAROP Loitering Munition dominated the fighting and provided Azerbaijan with war-winning advantages, which presage the future of unmanned Warfare.

His book is available on Amazon. It is a blueprint for tracking the incredible pace of change that even today is causing the Armed Forces to reorganize to fight and win on the next battlefield.

# To maintain Law and Order

# **Chapter salutes Dallas' Finest Officers in Blue**

Our Chapter's Law and Order Committee Chair, LT Chuck Daniels reports that the Dallas Community Police Awards Committee (DCPAC) have postponed the awards presentation Luncheons for the second time this year, due to concerns concerning the Covid pandemic.

Chuck reports that the DCPAC Chairman announced that



Dallas Police Officers continue to be selected as the Department's *Officer of the Month*, and they will all be individually recognized at a "catch-up" ceremony, next month.

DCPAC is composed entirely of civic clubs and individuals who volunteer their resources to honor deserving men and women of the Dallas Police Department. Your Dallas Chapter has been a member of the Board of Directors for the past five years.

To preserve records of Service...

# Companions Down

Our Chapter Surgeon, "Doc" Aurbach, reports that we still have Companions down.

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 to the Park City Club.

HPM Steve Suiter, our Webmaster, is

recovering from hip replacement surgery.



Terry Thorsen, Major, USAF



Steve Suiter, Webmaster

Please continue to keep these Companions and their wives in your prayers. Let me or anyone on the staff know if you or

Those of you with hip replacements can

attest that driving becomes a special chal-

lenge with a new hip. Nevertheless, Steve

insists that he will join us for Lunch in

your spouse is ill so we can add you to our prayer list.

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To foster fraternal relations...

# Seidel Chapter, AFSA Scholarship Luncheon

Saturday, 6 August 2022, 110:30 a.m. This is the annual Scholarship Luncheon where the Seidel chapter recognizes the outstanding young students who are the 2022 recipients of Air Force and Space Assn. scholarships.

The Luncheon will be at the Gleneagles Country Club, 5401 W Park Blvd, Plano, TX. Checkin starts at 11:30 and lunch will be served at 12:00 noon.



You are cordially invited to attend.

Notice: The first Commander and Staff Meeting of the new Operating Year, will be held Thursday, 18 AUG 2022, at 1300 hrs (1:00 p.m.), in the Frontiers of Flight Conference Room, 6911 Lemmon Avenue, Dallas, TX (adjacent to Love Field).

# **National Defense and Homeland Security**

# PITFALLS OF GLOBALIZATION FOR THE US AND THE WEST

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

After World War II, the US was the preeminent global



military and economic superpower. In the 77 years since the war, the US has shared its wealth with the world and promoted Globalism. The 21st Century has seen tremendous

advances in technology and reduced barriers to trade, leading the US to shift its capital, services, and technology offshore for much of its manufacturing.

China has been the primary beneficiary of American "offshoring," even with its severe limitations on personal freedoms and liberties. Americans hoped countries like China would move away from their authoritarian systems of government, and gradually democratize, as trade increased. Instead, China has emerged as the number one military, political, and economic threat to the US and the West.

The US was sharing its resources, technology, equipment, and intellectual property, because our political leaders, diplomats, and business leaders believed if we

"globalize," the world would become a freer and more secure place. A popular paradigm was, "If we trade with them, they will democratize."



As America moved manufacturing abroad corporate owners and politicians became multimillionaires and billionaires. Japan, the Republic of Korea, and India moved from being Third World to industrialized economic dynamos and now challenge the US, the very country which saved them from tyranny and domination in WWII and the Cold War.

In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the world has seen extraordinary global integration. Globalists consider themselves to be like mythical gods among men. They include many of the world's billionaires, multimillionaires, politicians, and corporate executives, who are trying to transition the world into an economically sustainable, "green energy" economy.

They hope to eventually move the US and the West into a one-world socialist government. Many of these

oligarchs believe in eliminating Christianity, the dollar, the US Constitution, international borders, and individual rights.

The Global Climate Change agenda is promoted by the *Environmental, Social, Governance* (ESG) movement. Their goal is to eliminate the use of fossil fuels.



Without fossil fuels, heating, cooling, transportation and food costs will rise. Western economies will encounter high inflation, recession,

and perhaps depression. Crop yields will decline, resulting in famine, poverty, and the rapid decline of the US and the West.

As the US spends billions of dollars converting to green energy, China, Russia, India, and other countries will not comply, even though they have all signed the Paris Climate Accords.

The US entered a recession in July 2022. Inflation is at a 40-year high and interest rates are rising. The University of Michigan Consumer Report, which measures confidence in the economy is at the lowest level ever recorded. Ray Dalio, hedge fund billionaire, stated this week he expects "stagflation" (low employment; high inflation).

Rather than an all or nothing approach, perhaps phasing into some ESG technology may be a better tactic. China controls the manufacturing of most solar pannels, wind turbines, and computer chips to the US, as well as Lithium for electric car batteries.

The infrastructure, technologies, and manufacturing

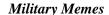
capabilities do not currently exist to move us to an ESG electric grid and we are currently 10-20 years from that point. If we eliminate oil and gas and do not provide



capital funding to build, refurbish, and maintain our current energy infrastructure, we will face severe economic consequences in the near future.

ESG policy must be weighed economically against our need for defense, national debt reduction, maintenance of social programs, and a balanced budget versus an economy without oil and gas.

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

2 August Mr Ian Barton

4 August Mr Paul Epply-Schmidt

4 August Lt Col Sid Snedeker

5 August CPT James Runzheimer

8 August LT Thor James Hansen

8 August CPT Chris Kite-Powell

9 August Capt Paul Welch

12 August MAJ Doug Gagliano

12 August CPT Tom Garriss

13 August CPT Ira Archer

13 August MAJ Docia Buckner

14 August JUSTICE Lana Myers

14 August Capt William Sweitzer

15 August CPT Bernard Kenan

16 August LTC Fred Holland

17 August Capt Stanley Seat

17 August Brig Gen Michael Torma

18 August Lt David Dewhurst

19 August MAJ Ivan Wong

21 August Ms. Christine Hogan

21 August CPT Peter Maurer

21 August HPM Scott Murray

23 August Mr. William Farmer

23 August Mr. Louis Felini

26 August Ms. Catherine Moore

26 August LT Jerry Prater

27 August LT Thomas Meyer

27 August LTC Don Munson

28 August CPT Katherine Stewart

31 August LT John Hall









# Your Chapter in Action, August 2022



As the pandemic fades in Dallas, our Luncheons have seen ever increasing attendance. Adjutant Brandon Hern organizes the activities, while our Surgeon, Fred Aurbach reports on Companions who are recovering from hospitalizations, et al.



Our new Junior Vice Commander Natan Ton-That will head the committee to schedule future Guest Speakers, while long-time Companion Allen Clark, will assume the role of Senior Vice Commander. JAG John Van Buskirk continues to scrub our By-Laws



Michael Menefee presented the prestigious National Citation to Past Commander Chuck Daniels and then awarded John Antal our Certificate of Appreciation for his outstanding presentation on the future of warfare.



Michael welcomed our newest Hereditary Perpetual member, Jean Shiflett-Kenas, whose father flew fighter jets during the Vietnam War. Her sponsor and Coppell neighbor is Don Munson



The Military Order of World Wars has created a new category of Membership called PATRIOT. We have begun to receive a tidal wave of applications from friends who have no direct ties to military veterans but have long sought to join the Chapter and share in our Companionship. We are pleased to welcome two new PATRIOTS, Susan Cohrs and Carlos Guarda.



"Walking With God"

Man was made to walk and talk with God. Man finds his highest possible happiness and his most satisfying sense of achievement as he walks through life in fellowship with his Maker.

Throughout the Bible, we are encouraged to walk and talk with God. Noah walked with God (Gen 6:9). Abraham was instructed to walk with God "Walk before me and be perfect (Gen 17:1) God promised to walk among His people "and I will walk among you and will be your God; and you shall be my people". (Gen 26:12).

He who walks with God walks in a happy road of life, for at the right hand of God there are pleasures and joys forevermore (Ps 16:111).

To walk with God is to walk in an honorable way. God will honor them. Those who will honor Him as they behold his life are blessed by his character and are challenged by his influence

Such are the words of King Solomon, given to us in the 14<sup>th</sup> Proverb.

As we celebrate our nation's independence, we are right to feel thankful for and to take heart in our nation's moral goodness.

All who have served in uniform know first-hand that achieving and sustaining a righteousness nation requires sacrifice.

Jamie Malakoff Chapter Chaplain

### Patriotic Education

# **Tomorrow's Leaders**

The Chapters of Region VIII of our Military Order conducted four (4) Patriotic Education Foundation Youth Leadership Conferences, during the months of June and July.

They were attended by more than <u>300 students</u> from over 200 high schools throughout the State of Texas.



Students at College Station spent several hours visiting the George HW Bush Presidential Library.

The students attended the Conferences at no cost to themselves or their parents, as 100% of the expenses for meals, lodging, audio visual services, and oncampus transportation were paid for by the chapters of MOWW and a number of other veterans' organizations, to include chapters of the Air and Space Force, the Navy League, and National Sojourners (Masonic Lodge members who are retired military).

As soon as the *Top Students* have been announced, the Sponsoring chapters of those winners will host them during our September Youth Leadership Conference



Youthful enthusiasm breaks out when the DJ blasts rock tunes marking the end of **Talent Night**.

Awards Luncheon.

### Command and Staff, FY 2022

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