



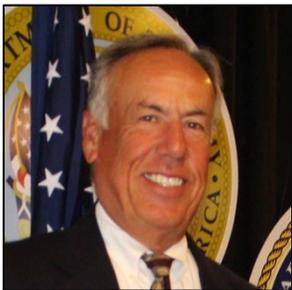
# Dallas Military Order News



Following the September Luncheon all of the Purple Heart recipients of the Dallas Chapter were assembled for a group photo with Medal of Honor Recipient SSG Giunta. (LtoR) David Robinson, Al Zapanta, SSG Sal Giunta, Sal's best friend Paul Reed, Ron Crenshaw, Gene Pugh, Don Munson, and Allen Clark. The Purple Heart is awarded to those wounded in combat.

### This Month's Program, September 2023

CPT Mark Smits, who was a Senior Counselor at the Texas A&M YLC, will present Outstanding Achievement awards in the form of Bronze Patrick Henry medallions to six of the 42 students sponsored by the Dallas Chapter.



CPT Mark Smits  
Texas A&M, Class of 79

Each year, four Youth Leadership Conferences are held, three at Texas Universities and the other at Oklahoma Christian. Over 235 students were sponsored by donations coming from 15 veterans organizations, primarily Companions of the MOWW.

The Luncheon's Guest Speaker will be Vice Admiral David Robinson, recipient of the Navy Cross for Gallantry in Action during the war in Vietnam as Captain of the gunboat USS Ready (PG 87). He will share his extensive and inspirational career experiences in Leadership with an audience that will include the award winning students, their Parents, and the Principals or Headmasters from each of their schools.



VADM Dave Robinson  
USNA, Class of 63



### The Commander's Report, October 2023



#### ***"Things I believe in Never change."***

Our SEP luncheon was a big hit. The information about progress on the construction in Arlington, TX at the Medal of Honor Museum was highly informative! This will be convenient for all of us to visit once finished. Our speaker, MSG (USA-Ret) Darrell Utt gave a tremendous talk! His service in the Army's elite Special Forces units moved some attendees to join him for a group photo after his talk. After which all our Companions, who had earned the right to wear the Green Beret, were called up to join him and our special guest of honor, SSG Sal Giunta, recipient of the Medal of Honor, our nation's highest decoration for valor in combat. SSG Giunta then posed for a second photo that included all the chapter's members, who had received a Purple Heart for wounds received in combat.

The Oct. 3 program honors a really special group of the Youth Leadership Conferences students sponsored by your chapter, this past summer. Our Patriotic Education Outreach leader, LTC Don Munson organized the recognition program to honor them with their parents and School Principals. MG Gary Bunch, the Executive Director for all MOWW Region VIII conferences and is also Director of the Texas A&M Youth Leadership Conference, will be replaced next year by fellow Texas A&M graduate and Junior Vice Commander of the Dallas chapter, CPT Mark Smits.

Companion Justin Wolf has volunteered to take over as coordinator of our Veterans Affairs Outreach efforts and we extend our gratitude for his stepping up. On the topic of stepping up: we must begin to assemble the chapter leadership team for next year, which begins on 1 Jul 2024.



We need some chapter Companions to fill the following slots: Assistants to Newsletter Editor; Adjutant; and Treasurer. I want Outreach volunteers to take over Information and Publicity and Scouting. All these opportunities are critical to the success of our chapter. My personal sincere gratitude is extended to Katherine Grogan, who will organize and conduct our Christmas banquet.



Kate Grogan

Our Military Order's Policy Manual requires us to develop a **Chapter Action Plan**. I have completed our Chapter plan for this year. It is structured based upon our national organization's Strategic Plan. Our industrious webmaster Steve Suiter has posted it for you to read on the [dallasmoww.org](http://dallasmoww.org) site under "Organization."

Please note the particularly important information contained in this newsletter's section, "Coordinator's Corner", which is where we will post important information on the variety of activities and efforts of our chapter showing our involvement in our community and nation.

One very timely report is related to the **Wreaths Across America** effort overseen by Patriot Larry Allen.

Thank you for your participation in the activities of our Order. It is good to finally get past desert heat conditions in Texas! Keep cool!

CPT. Allen Clark, Commander

### Homeland Security

### **The Price is Right**

Bob Epstein, our Homeland Security chairman, is offering to sponsor pistol clinics in Plano for any chapter members to support our Homeland Security mission. Bob will personally pay for the Instructor and the range fees for four people per clinic. You need only pay for your own ammunition. Bob will provide pistols or you may use your own. Contact Bob at 214-789-4408 for more information.



## Annual Army Scholarship Foundation Luncheon

### **A Call to Arms**

Dallas Chapter Companion, COL Jeff Gault, is the Founder and President of the Army Scholarship Foundation, which collects donations throughout the year and then distributes the money in the form of scholarship grants to sons and daughters of military families who need financial assistance to attend college.



COL Jeff Gault

The highlight of his efforts culminates each year with an Annual Scholarship Luncheon that will feature a host of dignitaries and a number of this year's scholarship recipients. **You are cordially invited to attend.**

This year's Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 11:30 am in the Frontiers of Flight Museum, (6911 Lemmon Ave). The celebrity Master of Ceremonies will be popular radio and TV personality, Mark Davis.

The keynote speaker and *Guest of Honor* will be **General Joseph M. Martin (USA, Ret), the 37th Vice Chief of Staff of the United States Army.**



GEN Joe Martin

Please contact Jeff or Rose Gault (703-587-5181) to register for the Luncheon. The veteran community needs to support this worthy charitable effort.

### Last Month's Program, September 2023

### **Medal of Honor Museum opens in 2024.**

Darrell Utt, US Army (Ret) now serves as the Dep. Director of Operations for the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation. Grand Opening is scheduled to take place in Arlington, TX, in the Spring of 2024. The Museum will inspire future generations to discover the values shared by every Medal of Honor recipient.



MSG Darryl Utt

Our Special Guest was **the Medal of Honor recipient, Staff Sergeant Sal Giunta.** Sal and MSG Darrell Utt presented an update on the status of the Medal of Honor Museum and extended an invitation to the Dallas Chapter of MOWW to join in the Grand Opening activities.

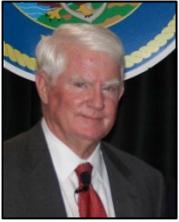


SSG Sal Giunta

To cherish the memories of the World Wars...

**Veteran's Day Parade, 9 Nov 2023**

Attention! All Hands on Deck! The City of Dallas has announced a three day weekend during the federal holiday of Veterans Day. The closure of City Hall has forced the Greater Dallas Veteran's Day Parade committee to make last minute changes, beginning with rescheduling the Parade to **Thursday, 9 Nov 23**. After two cancellations due to COVID (and one due to a torrential thunderstorm), the planning committee intends to make the 2023 Parade bigger and better than ever.



Lt Gen John Campbell will be the Keynote Speaker. The Grand Marshals will be former Prisoners of War, Col. Ken Cordier (USAF) and Commander Everett Alvarez (USN).

Coordinator's Corner

**All Hands: Here comes Commanders Guidance**

1. Communication:

Our dedicated webmaster HPM Steve Suiter has overseen our effort to transition for our chapter communications from our historic system from individual emails and calls to our members by approximately twenty stalwart individuals to one mass-produced message by the Constant Contact system. This system will be utilized to announce events, disseminate the chapter newsletter and distribute chapter announcements. Steve Suiter intermittently obtains the master membership list from our national headquarters. This is the roster we will begin to utilize for communications. Initially this list consists of approximately 280 names, both those who have chosen Perpetual status, and those who are Regular Companions and pay annual dues.

Our initial Constant Contact message received 40 "bounced" email addresses! With a time-consuming effort by Robert Ganson, Chapter Communications Committee Chair (a position relinquished after many years of effective work by John Wagner) and Chapter Commander Clark, the list was whittled down to only 25 bad addresses. Unfortunately, we discovered that five of the returned emails belonged to deceased Companions, about whom we had not been informed.

This situation revealed an especially important issue for our Companions, when there are contact, address and other changes such as death or relocation, each Companion or some family member must be responsible for updating that information on the national membership roster. This is accomplished very simply in the following manner:

A. Open "moww.org". B. Log-in on the top line of the Home page at "Companion Store" login. C. Register yourself with a name and password. D. Locate "Resources" to change your information by completing Form 5 and hitting "submit" E. Feel good about staying current with your chapter!

2. Chapter Event Registration.

Announcements will be sent by Constant Contact for events registration to include payment options. Attendance may be accomplished by one of three methods.

A. For luncheons on chapter Home Page "Events" pay \$36 with credit card (PayPal is not required. PayPal administers the payment and charges us a transaction fee of 3%). Registration for first Tuesday luncheons must be made NLT 5:00 PM the preceding Thursday. Options are available to add additional remarks, such as identifying guests with their rank/title, if applicable, and seating preferences.

B. Mail check for \$35 to our Treasurer, David Wallace, P.O. Box 12018 Dallas, Tx 75225 to arrive by mail NLT the Thursday preceding the first Tuesday event.

C. Walk-ins without reservation are welcome to attend and pay \$40 at sign-in.

Note: Coffee or tea is available at \$4.

3. Patriot Communications

The special category of members, who join our chapter as **Patriots**, will only receive our announcements and the newsletter, after they or their chapter Sponsors:

A. Go to [dallasmoww.org](http://dallasmoww.org). B. Scroll down the Home Page to "Manage Your information" C. Complete the "Patriot Application", print out form, complete. D. If the person who recruits a Patriot is not a Chapter Companion, find one and have them send it to our Chapter Adjutant, Brandon Hern.

4. Become a new Companion

Applications are completed electronically!

A. Scroll on Home page [dallasmoww.org](http://dallasmoww.org) to "Become a Companion," which takes you to national membership site.

B. You will enter Dallas chapter Region VIII. Name your sponsor, who first introduced you to MOWW. Regular membership renewable each year is currently \$40, but increases to \$60 Dec. 31, 2023. Perpetual membership (with no future annual dues is \$350, increasing Dec. 31, 2023, to \$500).

Upcoming Luncheon Speakers

**Chapter Programs Just Keep Getting Better**

**3 Oct 23 – “Youth Leadership (YLC) Awards”**  
VADM David Robinson , US Navy (Ret)

**7 Nov 23 – “JROTC Leadership Awards”**  
MG Al Zapanta, US Army (Ret)

**5 Dec 23 – “Annual Christmas Banquet”**  
Taylor Swift, Singer and Songwriter (in your dreams)

Companions Down

**The Chapter mourns its losses.**

Our Chaplain has reported the loss of two long time Companions of the Dallas Chapter. Chaplain (CPT) Weldon Estes and Lt Col Paul Pfrommer. They represent the last of our Korean War veterans. Please read their obituaries on page 5 of this month’s Newsletter.

Law and Order

**Dallas Police Officer of the Month**

While Region VIII Vice Commander (and former Dallas Chapter Commander Chuck Daniels suffers through yet another operation on his knee, former Chapter Commander Paul Brown has reprised his role as our representative at the monthly awards supper held by members of the Dallas Community Awards



Veterans Affairs

**Dallas Chapter supports the 9 Nov Parade**

Chapter Commander Allen Clark presented a check to Ron Forest, this year’s Chairman of the Dallas Veterans Day to support the 2023 Greater Dallas Veterans Foundation that oversees the Veterans Day Parade and its ancillary activities. Ron is flanked by Pat Teipel, City Hall Coordinator for Parade support and Al Zapanta, Chairman of the Greater Dallas Veterans Foundation.



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National Defense Briefing Series

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

**No National Defense Briefing in September**

**19 Nov 23 – “Our Critical Infrastructure”**  
Distinguished Panel of Experts (see below)

**Jan 2024 – “Season Two Wrap-up”**  
Presentation of the Congressman Sam Johnson  
Defender of Freedom Award

Register early. The last two National Defense Briefing events have been sold out. This outstanding Speakers program is organized by a consortium of veterans organizations working together to mutually support their Outreach activities.



**National Defense Briefing Series**  
**Our Critical Infrastructure: Vulnerabilities and Threats**  
November 19, 2023

What if you woke up tomorrow with no power, no cell service, no internet and no access to your bank? The 2021 Texas power outage demonstrated the devastating effects of a regional power outage, and we know today that our national adversaries--Russia, China, Iran and North Korea—are actively seeking tools and access to destroy or disrupt our power grid, communications networks, finance system, and other of our 16 Critical Infrastructures. These three experts will discuss the vulnerabilities, threats and defenses of our national critical infrastructures.



Marc Sachs  
Auburn University



Mark Weatherford  
National Cybersecurity Center



Drew Hamilton  
Texas A&M University

Heritage Ranch Golf and Country Club  
Check-in starts at 4:30  
Program starts at 5pm and includes dinner, the presentation with an interactive Q&A session  
See <https://ndbsinc.org/> for registration and more information, or scan the QR code



# Rest in Peace Fellow Companions

## Dr. Weldon L. Estes, Chaplain (CPT), US Army

Weldon Lee Estes was born on 8 January 1929 at his uncle's house near Rio Hondo, Texas. He grew up during the Great Depression but remained proud of his roots throughout his lifetime. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Hardin Simmons University and then went on to earn Master of Divinity and Master of Theology degrees from Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Education degree from the University of Tennessee.



In 1954, he was commissioned in the United States Army and went to Chaplain's school in New Rochelle, New York. While he was there, a call came for volunteers to become paratroopers and he answered the call, going to Jump School at Fort Bragg, NC, after which he was assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 504<sup>th</sup> Airborne Infantry Regiment (known as the "*Devils in Baggy Pants*") of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division (America's Guard of Honor).

In 1955, Weldon was sent to Korea for 18 months serving with the 36th Engineer Group. Upon completing his tour of duty in Korea, he was assigned Ft. Campbell, KY to help reactivate the famous 101st Airborne Division. While there, he made 36 parachute jumps. On orders from President Dwight Eisenhower, Weldon and his Battle Group of the 101st Airborne Division were sent to Little Rock, Arkansas to help integrate Central High School. The 101st Airborne Division spent the entire school year in Little Rock.

Upon being discharged from the Service, Chaplain Estes pastored churches in Tennessee and North Carolina. He then came to Dallas to do administration and serve as a Professor in the Divinity School at Dallas Baptist University, where he served for 45 years.

In 2000, Weldon led the prayer of dedication at the opening of the D/FW National Cemetery and continued to serve as Chaplain at D/FW Cemetery until well into his 90's. He was the Chaplain for the Dallas Chapter of MOWW for over 20 years.

In each of his Invocations for the chapter, he always thanked the US Air Force for riding him to work but fussed that they always made him walk home.

"All the way, Weldon. Airborne."

## Paul E. Pfrommer, Lt Col, US Air Force

Paul Emil Pfrommer was born on 5 October 1930 in Chicago, Illinois. He entered the US Air Force Aviation Cadet program in 1952 and received his Silver Wings in 1953.



Paul served as a navigator in Boeing B-29 (Superfortress) bombers during the Korean War, then as a navigator in Strategic Air Command Boeing KC-97 (Stratofreighter) tankers during the Cold War and

finally in Douglas C-124 (Globemaster) heavy lift transports during the war in Vietnam.

After 38 years of active duty and reserve service, Paul received 11 Air Force medals, including the USAF Commendation Medal and the Presidential Unit Citation. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

While in the Reserves, he worked for Schumacher & Co for 40 years. In retirement, he continued to serve by volunteering countless hours at the Frontiers of Flight Museum and the Veterans Administration Hospital. He had a perfect attendance record at the weekly gathering of former aviators to socialize and relive their Days of Glory.

Paul joined numerous veterans' groups, enjoying especially those whose activities supported the greater Dallas civic community. He was a President of the Korean War Veterans Association, the Military Order of the World Wars, and the DFW Honor Flights (who escort World War II veterans to the WWII memorial in Washington DC). He served for many years as a Committee Chair on the non-profit body called the Greater Dallas Veterans Day Foundation.

His primary function in the GDVF was to Chair the Massing of the Colors which preceded the Veterans Day Parade each year. In coordination with the Dallas Independent School District's JROTC units, Paul supervised the assembly and presentation of the 50 US flags and 50 US State Flags in front of Dallas City Hall on November 11th (Veterans Day) to pay tribute to all those who have served, who are serving, and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

During his career, Paul logged over 3,000 hours, flying missions all over the world. In the words of the poet, he "slipped the surly bonds of Earth and touched the face of God."

# National Defense Update

## INFLATION AND DEBT ARE NATIONAL SECURITY THREATS

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

Inflation in the US today is a national security threat, and it is a direct result of poor policy decisions by the Executive Branch of the US government. The US and the world are fossil fuel dependent for energy. It will take many years and trillions of dollars to build the infrastructure and manufacturing processes necessary to change the economy into a green energy economy.

When the president issued an Executive Order on his first day in office to shut down the Keystone Pipeline and laid off thousands of workers, US inflation began to rise. At that time, the US was energy independent, and the inflation rate measured by the Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index was under two percent.

Over the next two years, the US suffered its highest inflation in over 40 years. For example, if one had \$1,000,000 in 2020, that amount of money would be worth only \$813,790 today because of inflation, not counting any tax effects or the stock market.

Fossil fuels and especially petroleum energy, affect every aspect of transportation as petroleum products and fossil fuels are used in every fuel for airplanes, ships, trains, trucks, and cars.

A secondary reason for US inflation is government spending. The US federal government has three ways to collect revenue – they can borrow money, print money, or tax US citizens, who are creating or generating wealth. The federal government operates on a yearly budget cycle. When the government spends more than they collect, debt occurs.

The federal government creates debt when the revenues are less than expenditures and deficits rise. Countries generally offset deficits by raising taxes or reducing spending. Today, the US National Debt exceeds \$33 Trillion. Inflation and debt devalue the dollar.

CNBC has reported only 43 percent of the US population pays income taxes. Since most citizens and working non-citizens do not pay federal income taxes, the burden falls on the upper and middle class. Poor people and most illegals do not pay income taxes. Federal income taxes pay for national defense, law enforcement, benefits and pensions for federal employees, and a multitude of other assistance plans.

The US Federal Reserve (Fed) is the central bank of the US and is responsible for the US economy. It has a Congressional mandate to keep inflation at two percent (2%) or lower. It has been calculated that two percent is the best rate for stable prices and maximum employment, as it helps consumers and businesses conduct future planning to make good purchasing and investment decisions.

The Fed has many additional duties such as supervising - banks, money supply, security of financial institutions, and monitoring the US dollar. It also tracks world economies and conducts research on consumer trends and laws.

If changes are not made, it is estimated that the interest on the national debt will exceed the US DOD budget by 2025; and be the size of the current US economy by 2028. The US national debt to GDP will exceed the World War II debt level this year. Leaders must develop workable budgets, objectives, and goals. The Legislative and Executive branches of government must realize only the upper and middle classes pay federal income taxes. When the US government wastes money, it is taxpayer money they are wasting.

The US government budget process needs to be fixed. Until spending is controlled, and realistic energy policies are developed to become energy independent again, utilizing America's vast fossil fuel resources, the US will continue its slide toward mediocrity. If the US continues its current path, the greatest nation the world has ever known will become a failed promise and a lost dream to future Americans.

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# Lighten Up



**FINANCIAL PLANNING**  
LONG TERM: THE CAR IS CHEAPER



**SHE'LL BE HOME BY 10PM**



**ARMY**



**NAVY**



**MARINES**



**AIR FORCE**

# Happy Birthday

*"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
- 31 October HPM Jeremy Moore
- 31 October HPM Mary Moore



# Your Dallas Chapter, SEP 2023



Also following the Luncheon, all Companions/Patriots who served in Special Forces or Ranger units held a mini-Reunion. (LtoR) Doug Gagliano, Al Zapanta, Chuck Chamberlin, SSG Sai Giunta, MSG Darryl Utt, Ron Crenshaw, Gene Pugh, Don Munson, James Runzheimer, and Allen Clark.



September's Luncheon brought seven new Companions. (clockwise) Fred Aurbach sponsored CPT Dale Monroe, USMC. Chuck Aris sponsored COL David Webb, US Army. The Oath of induction added LTC Greg Schmitz, US Army; Janet Rawe, HPM; CPT Rob Hartmann, US Army; and Lainie Myer, HPM. And finally, Chuck Daniels sponsored Col Raymond Williams, USAF.



Pictured above are Board members of the Greater Dallas Veterans Day Foundation. (LtoR) Joe Cordina, Don Munson, Al Zapanta, Tracy Fisher, King Moss, Ron Forest, Larry Patterson, Maggie Croxville, David Iverson, and Pat Teipel. Ron Forest is this year's Parade Chairman. Everyone else in the photo (except Maggie) has already served as Parade Chairman and all (except Maggie) are Perpetual Companions of the Dallas Chapter of MOWW.



### Jesus Calms the Storm

As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake." So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind. But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water.

Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up shouting. "Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?"

When Jesus awakened, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm.

The disciples were absolutely terrified. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and waves obey him!" (Mark 4:35)

Do you have storms and fears in your life? Jesus can help you right now. He has told us, "Come to me all of you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

*James Grogan*  
*Chapter Chaplain*

## Mark Your Calendar

### October Events

#### Chapter Lunch, 3 Oct 23



Patrick Henry awards will be given to students who excelled at their YLC conferences this summer. VADM David Robinson will be our Guest Speaker.

#### AFA Fundraiser, 6 Oct 23



Seidel Chapter's Heritage Ranch Golf and Country Club in Fairview, 11:30 am Lunch, 1:00 pm Shotgun start.

#### Veterans Art Gala, Oct 23

For further information and to buy tickets go to: [www.veteranartgala.com](http://www.veteranartgala.com). Or just contact Patriot Cristie Rimmel ([cristie@bludragonfly.net](mailto:cristie@bludragonfly.net)).

### Future Events

#### Chapter Lunch, 7 Nov 23



Our Speaker will be Companion MG Al Zapanta, highly decorated Vietnam veteran and President of the US-Mexico Chamber of Commerce. CPT Mark Smits will present Bronze Patrick Henry awards to JROTC cadets.

#### Museum Opening, 17 Apr 24



Ribbon cutting and Grand Opening of the Medal of Honor Museum in Arlington, next to Texas Rangers Ball Park.

## Command and Staff, FY 202

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**Notice:** Next Commander's Staff Meeting will be held Thursday, 19 OCT 2023 at 16:00 p.m. This will be a ZOOM meeting. Check your Inbox in mid-October for the link to the ZOOM website.