



On January 27, 1973, the signing of the Paris Peace Accords "officially" ended US military involvement in the Vietnam War. The City of Dallas honored the Veterans of that war with a ceremony commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Paris Accords. On March 21, 2023, a coalition of 24 North Texas veterans' organizations met in the Frontiers of Flight Museum to salute all those who served during the War and to pay special tribute to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. See the photos on pages 6&7 for details. The thirty veterans above are all members of the Dallas Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars.

This Month's Program, April 2023

"Enduring Freedom Endures"

Major Victor Lauersdorf recently returned from spending six months in the Middle East conducting logistical operations in the Kingdoms of Saudi Arabia and Jordan, and the Emirates of Kuwait and Qatar. He will share with us a *Situation Report* on the current state of the threat from terrorist elements that continue to cause tension in the region and military concerns, globally.



Victor has a B.S. degree in Criminology from the University of Texas in Dallas, an M.S. degree in National Security Policy Studies from American Military University, and he is a graduate of the US Army Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, KS.

In a previous assignment, Victor served for two years as the Commanding Officer of a Recruiting Battalion in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. Time permitting, he has agreed to share with us the challenges of recruitment and retention in today's Texas Army National Guard. Between budget shortfalls, massive personnel and logistic problems on the border, and restrictions caused by a national medical pandemic, it was not a great time to be a Recruiter.

The Commander's Report, April 2023

"It is Better to Serve..."

Last month we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the official ending of the Vietnam War in 1973. Our chapter co-sponsored the Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration at the Dallas Frontiers of Flight Museum, on 21 March. The ceremony included dozens of our Companions who served in or during the Vietnam Era. This tremendously successful event was attended by hundreds of veterans and families.



On **02 April**, the quarterly National Defense Briefing Series will hold its meeting from 1700-1900 at the Heritage Ranch Country Club, 465 Scenic Ranch Circle, Fairview, TX. The speaker will be Admiral John Richardson, the 31st Chief of Naval Operations, and his topic will be Global Power Competition.



We still need volunteers in one of several areas. These positions are vital to our mission. Volunteers will be asked to present awards to Top Senior ROTC and Junior ROTC cadets.

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Chapter Programs Just Keep Getting Better

4 Apr 23 – Victor Lauersdorf, MAJ, TXARNG
“SitRep on the Middle East”

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

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

Law and Order Programs

Dallas Police Officer of the Month

Texas Department (and former Dallas Chapter) Commander Chuck Daniels represented us at the Dallas County Police Awards Committee, last month, during the DCPAC Luncheon in Northeast Dallas.

Last month’s recipient was Officer Sara Sandoval. She is assigned to the Northwest Patrol Division and is the volunteer trumpet of the Department’s Honor Guard. On the 5th anniversary of the attack that killed five Dallas officers, she rendered TAPS during the Memorial ceremony in July.



Officer Sara Sandoval

This month’s awards program was postponed at the last minute

due to a police department emergency in downtown Dallas that, fortunately, was resolved without injury or loss of life. It was another example of why Dallas’ police are among the finest in the country.

Woke agenda strikes again.

Base Name Changes are Announced.

These are the new names of some of the military installations whose names will change.

- Ft Benning becomes Ft Moore
- Ft Bragg becomes Ft Liberty
- Ft Gordon becomes Ft Eisenhower
- Ft Hood becomes Ft Cavazos
- Ft Lee becomes Ft Gregg-Adams
- Ft Pickett becomes Ft Barfoot
- Ft Rucker becomes Ft Novosel

The current names have recognized honorable service of Confederate soldiers who fought against the Union. The new names are intended to be more *politically correct*.

National Defense Security Briefings

2 Apr 23 – “Global Power Competition”
Admiral John Richardson (US Navy, Ret)

No seminar in MAY

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

Admiral John Richardson, U.S. Navy (Ret.), US Naval Academy (Class of 1982), served as the 31st Chief of Naval Operations from 2015 until his retirement in 2019. He previously served as Director of the Navy’s Nuclear Reactor Program.



ADM John Richardson, CNO

During his career, he held command at every level of the submarine force. He holds Masters Degrees from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, and the National War College. He serves on the board of Boeing and numerous other commercial and non-profit organizations.

ADM Richardson will address the threats to vital US national security interests posed by the challenge of China and the acute threat of a resurgent Russia. While US National Strategy integrates the traditional elements of national power, it is the military that is the ultimate guarantor of national security.

As the Chief of Naval Operations, ADM Richardson helped shape the Navy we have today, and as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, he served as the naval advisor to the President of the US and Secretary of Defense.

The National Defense Security Briefings are sponsored by **Dallas Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars**, in cooperation with Dallas Chapters of the Air and Space Force Association, Navy League of the United States, Jewish War Veterans, and Association of the US Army.

These NDBS seminars are fundraisers that benefit the Outreach programs of all five sponsoring organizations. Support your chapter by bringing guests to hear from distinguished experts on these critically important national security topics.



Commanders Report continued

I am pleased to inform the chapter that our speaker on 4 April will be MAJ Victor Lauersdorf, S-3 (Operations) for the 36th Sustainment Brigade, 36th Infantry, Texas Army National Guard.

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 the Military Order of World Wars!

Your efforts help ensure our success!

**LtCol Michael W. Menefee, USMCR (Ret)
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For the good of the Order

Elections will be conducted in May

The Chapter’s nominating Committee has proposed the following Companions to be elected to the positions indicated.

If elected, they will be installed during the Banquet to be held on the evening of 6 June 2023.

The Nominations are:

- Commander CPT Allen Clark
- Sr. Vice Cdr. 1LT Natan Ton That
- Jr. Vice Cdr. CPT Mark Smits
- Adjutant 2LT Brandon Hern
- Treasurer HPM 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

Last Month’s Program, March 2023

Iilir Ademaj is an expert on Communism. He learned it the hard way – as a native Albanian who lived under Socialism for many years. Albania had emerged from World War II under the control of the Soviet Union which lasted from 1946 until 1991.



Dallas Companion
Iilir Ademaj

Iilir is a naturalized US citizen and scholar and now is actively involved in educating youth about the evil of Totalitarian governments. He uses his personal experiences to explain life under Communism and his journey to create a new life with the opportunities that are afforded in a free and democratic society.

Iilir proudly described Albania’s rich history which has included centuries of glorious Empires and wreckages of civilizations from Alexander the Great to Genghis Khan.

Law and Order

FREE Legal Representation

Perpetual Companion John VanBuskirk, our chapter Judge Advocate, has been helping low income veterans and their families receive free legal representation since 2014.



John VanBuskirk, JAG

John is a volunteer in the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program (DVAP). He is also co-chair of the Veterans Outreach Subcommittee on the Pro Bono Activities Committee of the Dallas Bar Association.

The DVAP clinic is the largest legal clinic, serving veterans and their family members. DVAP provides full representation in a variety of cases, including housing, employment, real property, wills, expunctions, non-disclosures, probate, bankruptcy, small business issues, veterans VA benefits, and more.

The clinic cannot help with criminal cases, tickets, or fee-generating cases such as personal injury matters.

Anyone seeking assistance from the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program is encouraged to contact John at (214-321-5101) or send an email to (johnc47@tx.rr.com) for further information.

National Defense and Homeland Security

Concerns about the Paris Climate Accords

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

The 2016 Paris Climate Accords are an international United Nations (UN) treaty set-up to mitigate climate change, specifically, to reduce carbon emissions. Many wealthy billionaires, bureaucrats, diplomats, environmentalists, globalists, politicians, and technocrats from all over the world support this treaty. Fossil fuels are the dominant energy source for most electrical generation and transportation.

Advocates argue there is enough data to support the thesis that global warming is a planet killer, and that global warming/climate change is a manmade phenomenon. Furthermore, if action is not taken immediately, they say the planet will die. Activists



believe carbon emissions are the culprit and the solution is to eliminate fossil fuels, regardless of the costs to society, economies, or standards of living.

Opponents challenge the belief there is enough data to determine if mankind is changing the climate, and that climate variations are not natural cyclical events. Many scientists estimate the Earth is nearly 4.5 billion years old, plus or minus 50 million years. Challengers argue that if the world is billions of years old, we do not have the weather data to adequately analyze the results without significant mathematical estimation and probability. The smaller the sample size (a shorter time frame measuring weather data), increases probability of error in that data. **A one percent miscalculation in 4.5 billion is an error of 45 million.** Antagonists agree the world needs to reduce and eventually eliminate pollution, but there are significant policy questions of how to do it, and at what cost to society. Economic considerations, standards of living, and pollution seem to be ignored or underweighted. Opponents also argue advances in technology, research and development may have a greater impact than any changes made today.

While most of the inhabitants of the world are against pollution, over 60 percent are more interested in feeding their families and having clean water. An additional 40 percent are concerned about being able to cook their food, and 13 percent have no electricity. Pollution remains a massive problem and China is the world's largest polluter. They are the largest polluter of fossil fuel emissions and ocean plastics. China is also destroying the world's oceans by overfishing with its fishing factory fleets. India is also an exceptionally large air and ocean polluter. Climate-based policy decisions impact poor people more severely than the rich.

Under the UN treaty, China does not have to comply until after 2030, and India may never have to comply. China expects to achieve its maximum carbon dioxide output after 2030. China is building an average of 28 coal plants per year within its borders for electricity and plans to build 300 more in other countries. India and China are buying Russian oil which helps Russia offset American sanctions to fund Putin's war in Ukraine. The US is cutting back its oil production, causing prices to rise. The Chinese consistently undermine the US having made recent treaties with Russia, Saudi Arabia, Iran, and in Africa and Latin America. They challenge the US dollar, by insisting their allies use the Chinese *yuan* instead.



The Paris Climate Accords are a UN treaty which treats China and India as third world countries, even though China is the second largest, and India is the fifth largest economy in the world. The Paris Climate treaty penalizes the US economy by letting China, India, and third world countries continue to massively pollute. At the same time, the treaty requires the US to mitigate this pollution thereby hurting the American economy and lowering American living standards while reducing its freedoms.

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Humor in Uniform



- 4 April ADM Bobby Inman
- 4 April LT David Iverson
- 5 April COL John Moffett
- 6 April LT Bill Pry
- 6 April Maj Howard Roberts
- 7 April MG Charles Aris
- 7 April LtCol Gregory Dowell
- 7 April MG Keith Thurgood
- 10 April Capt Ed Fitzmaurice
- 10 April HPM Anne Gentry
- 10 April COL Robert Gill
- 11 April CAPT Barry Brown
- 12 April HPM Carolina Pace
- 13 April LTC Robert Davis
- 14 April LT Richard Forster
- 16 April Capt Earl Barnette
- 18 April MAJ Paul Davis
- 20 April Mr. Chris Rajala
- 20 April MR John Rajala
- 20 April MR Lamar Richardson
- 21 April MS April Adams
- 22 April LTC Woody Alexander
- 24 April LTC Michel Minear
- 26 April LTC Jesse Bullard
- 26 April COL Alan DiMiero
- 26 April COL Ed Elder
- 26 April COL William Lee
- 26 April Lt (JG) Win Padgett
- 27 April LTC Chris Carney
- 27 April MAJ Paul Rittmuller
- 28 April Lt Gen John Campbell
- 29 April LTC Gilbert Bernabe



Chapter Activity, March 2023



The City of Dallas recognized the 50th Anniversary of the official end of the American involvement in the Viet Nam War with a special Ceremony on 21 March 2023. Dallas Companion, Scott Murray, (above left) was the Master of Ceremonies and presided eloquently and emotionally. US Representative, COL Keith Self, USA (Ret) (Texas, Dist. 3) made the opening remarks.



Our incoming Chapter Commander, Allen Clark, who lost both legs in combat, gave the Keynote Address. He was followed by our incoming Jr. Vice Commander, Natan Ton-That, who took the opportunity to thank the 2.7 million Americans who had fought to keep Vietnam free. Natan's comments were an inspiration to those who had served valiantly and well but returned home without fanfare or gratitude.

Chapter Activity, March 2023



A special Congressional Citation was presented to Dallas Chapter Companion Ken Cordier, USAF (Ret) by Congressman Self (above right) and LTG John Campbell, USAF (Ret) (center). Ken's F-4 (Phantom) was shot down on 2 Dec 1966. Ken spent the next seven years in Prisoner of War camps in North Vietnam. He returned Home exactly 50 years ago on 4 March 1973. He received two Silver Star medals for Valor.



Prior to the conclusion of the ceremonies, the Emcee asked that all those who had served in the War rise to be recognized. The warm and prolonged ovation that followed was a reminder that younger generations realize the sacrifices and courage of those who served were not in vain and have not been forgotten.



Easter

Every year at Easter, Christians the world over celebrate Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead.

This holy day parallels the Jewish celebration of Passover, which commemorates the liberation of the Israelites from their slavery in Egypt.

Throughout scripture, we confront the dynamic of slavery and liberation. From the Garden of Eden to the Tower of Babel to the present day, some people seek to liberate themselves from God's authority and moral order.

But in doing so, they have only cast themselves into deeper bondage. Submission to God's authority is the path to true freedom and peace.

This is not only available to each of us, but scripture also tells us that this is what God desires for each of us.

May God bless you all in this time of spiritual celebration.

Jamie Malakoff
Chapter Chaplain



Mark Your Calendar

NDBS Dinner, 2 Apr 23



The third Briefing in this outstanding *National Defense Series* will be held at the Heritage Golf and Country Club (465 Scenic Ranch Circle) in McKinney. Registration begins at 5:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Chapter Lunch, 4 Apr 23



Our Guest Speaker in April will be MAJ Victor Lauersdorf, currently G-3 (Operations) for the Texas Army National Guard.

DVDP Lunch, 20 Apr 23



The Veterans Day Parade planning committee will meet at American Legion Post #453 (2755 Bachman Lake, Dallas).

NOTE: this is a change of venue due to an event at the Frontiers of Flight Museum.

Chapter Lunch, 5 Apr 23



Seidel Chapter (Air Force and Space Assn) will meet in the Glenn Eagles Country Club (5401 W. Park Blvd, Plano) on Wednesday, 8 Mar 23 at 11:30.

Coming in MAY 2023 :

Region VIII, 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.

Command and Staff, FY 202

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Notice: Next Commander's Staff Meeting will be held Thursday, 20 APR 2023 at 1:00 p.m., in the American Legion Post #453, 2755 Bachman Drive, Dallas, TX, 75220, on the north end of Lake Bachman.