



Pictured above are Staff and recipients of last year's National awards presented to the Dallas Chapter at the annual Convention, held in Jacksonville, FL. During our September Luncheon, Chapter Commander **Allen Clark** will present a trove of awards announced at the **2023** National Convention in Annapolis, Maryland, that were earned by Committee members in recognition of the continuing Excellence, this year, of our many **Outreach Programs**

This Month's Program, September 2023

MSG Darrell Utt, US Army (Ret) left active duty with 24 years of experience in Special Operations. He 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. Through stories of courage and valor, the Museum will inspire current and future generations to discover and develop the values inherently shared by every Medal of Honor recipient.



MSG Darrell Utt,
Dep. Dir. of Operations,
National MOH Museum

Chapter Commander Allen Clark is pleased to announce that Special Guest, **Medal of Honor recipient**, Staff Sergeant Salvatore (Sal) Giunta, will join us for this September Luncheon. Colonel Caldwell will present an update on the status of the Medal of Honor Museum in Arlington to include an invitation to the Chapter for us to be involved in the Grand Opening and future activities.



The Commander's Report, August 2023

"Things I believe in Never change."



COMRADES IN ARMS. When I tire from listening to talk radio, I turn on my auto radio soundtrack of the TV mini-series, "*Band of Brothers*," from almost twenty years ago. Its melodies, sometimes uplifting and sometimes haunting, are always inspiring to me. I recall in my mind the scenes of comradeship, closeness and commitments to each other of the warriors of "Easy Company, 506th PIR" of the 101st Airborne Division during their parachute assault into Normandy, and their combat in the Battle of the Bulge. When I was Public Affairs Officer of the Dallas VA Medical Center, I organized a program with two of the original soldiers of that fabled unit. Over the years I became friends with numerous combatants of WWII. They comprise some of my most treasured memories. I believe the Companions and Patriots of our chapter are a current day "*Band of Brothers*" committed in fellowship and friendship with each other as we serve Youth, Community and Nation in our shared endeavors and activities.

CAMARADERIE. Former national MOWW Commander-in-Chief Chuck Chamberlin, MG Gary Bunch, LTC Don Munson and his son, Mark, and I enjoyed the relative coolness of Annapolis, MD, for a few days, as we participated in the annual business of our Order at our annual convention.



By separate mentioning below, I sent some updates from the convention. It was thoroughly informative on many fronts and the social interactions with chapter leaders from all over the country were truly fun. We have some terrific Companions from chapters all over the United States and Puerto Rico. Personally, the convention allowed me the extraordinary opportunity to spend time with my young daughter and two grandchildren, who reside in Maryland, and with my other daughter and her husband, who traveled to be with me from their residence on Lake Lucerne, Switzerland.



Also in this newsletter, I have reported on the outstanding performance by our chapter in the past year under the outstanding leadership of **LtCol Michael Menefee**.



The awards received were due to the efforts of a committed group of leaders of our chapter, who devoted much tireless effort all year to ensuring our success in many Outreach efforts. They all set magnificent standards and are sterling examples for us all.

One new initiative for me to fulfill this year is to develop a chapter Speaker's Bureau titled: "*Defenders of Freedom*", filled with chapter Companions who can be called upon to deliver keynote addresses at civic, patriotic and veteran gatherings.

Please note, in this month's newsletter's report of awards we received at the convention we have instituted a new section titled "Coordinator's Corner." I want to show our gratitude to Companions and Patriots, who have stepped up to undertake various Outreach responsibilities, which are major and critical efforts for our chapter. We are judged each year on the extent and success of our Outreach efforts. There always seem to be questions about certain administrative details for the chapter. These will be addressed later in a special article.



It would be with a decided lack of candor, if I were to report that being Commander of this large chapter for one year is easy, even with all our terrific team members, who participate in our efforts and activities. It is most time-consuming, but personally extremely rewarding and fulfilling to be engaged with so many wonderful Brothers and Sisters.

I remain your "Brother" in service to Youth, Community and Nation, Allen Clark.

RECRUITING. Completing applications for New members is really easy. Direct your recruits to www.moww.org. At very top row is "*Become a Companion*." Very simple. Your name indicates how they heard about our chapter.

If your recruit is not eligible as an officer or Hereditary category, but is still interested in MOWW, please send him (or her) to dallasmoww.org and on the Home page, scroll down to print out a Patriot form. Have your recruit fill out the form and mail it back to you. You then sign it and email it to our chapter Adjutant, Brandon Hern (brandon@imctx.com). Go through the membership roster of your other veterans, civic, and religious organizations, to recruit eligible new members. Help us to continue to grow the chapter.



UPDATING MEMBER INFORMATION:

All Companions: **You** are responsible for updating your own information on the national web site, namely, email and home address changes. It is easy. Go to the national web site <https://moww.org> and find *Resources*. Fill out Form 5 to correct your mailing address. Fill it out online. When you hit enter, it will go to national headquarters and update your information, automatically.

CHAPTER COMMITTEE CHAIRS: The national web site has an incredible amount of information in the *Resources* section, relating to all our special emphasis programs, to include the award forms and grading systems (www.moww.org). Please, if you are chairman or a member of a chapter committee program, familiarize yourself with the appropriate forms relating to that activity to be ahead of the game at reporting time, next May!

LOST AND FOUND: In sorting through a box of chapter awards and medals, we unearthed three MOWW pocket name badges. If you were the original sponsor of one of these "lost" members, please contact chapter Commander Allen Clark. The names are: Lt. Col. Scott Casey, Major Rob Altman, and HPM



Martha Ann Nelson.

HELP WANTED: Every organization is constantly in need of volunteers to step up and help out in various areas of service. Our Dallas chapter MOWW needs help in the following areas: another person to assist at the sign-in table for lunches and banquets; we will need replacements next year for some long-serving chapter Companions, who are to retire from their responsibilities.

We need volunteers to assist with our awards programs for Boy and Girl Scouts. The chapter needs volunteers for the following areas: chapter Historian; Adjutant; Youth Leadership Conferences. Contact chapter Commander Clark (allenbclark@aol.com), if any of these opportunities are of interest for you to be a part of our chapter team. PLEASE STEP UP!

VETERANS ART SHOW: On 9 Sep, Chapter Companions and friends are invited to attend a Veteran Art Gala. Chapter Patriot Cristie Rimmel, President of the DFW Veterans Chamber of Commerce, is one of the organizers of this show that will feature art by veterans. The show's primary mission is to provide training in art and business education to motivated military veterans in order that they may successfully pursue careers in the fine arts. A powerful side benefit from this



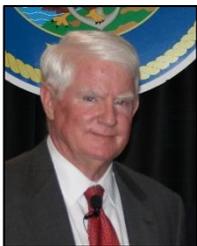
program is a substantial reduction of the depression associated with PTSD and the re-integration of these veterans into useful and fulfilling roles in civilian society. For further information and to buy tickets go to: www.veteranartgala.com. Or just call Patriot Cristie Rimmel (cristie@bludragonfly.net).

CPT Allen Clark, US Army (Ret)
Commander, Dallas Chapter MOWW

To cherish the memories of the World Wars...

Veteran's Day Parade, 10 Nov 2023

The Greater Dallas Veteran's Day Parade is Back! 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 Campbell will be the Keynote Speaker. The Grand Marshals will be former POWs Col. Ken Cordier and CDR Everett Alveraz.

Companion Ron Forest is this year's Chairman. He is ably assisted by a host of MOWW Companions serving on the many essential committees, that includes Al Zapanta, Tracy Fisher, Pat Teipel, Tom Garriss, Doug Gagliano, Gil Bernabe, King Moss, Billy Schooling, Scott Murray, Larry Patterson, Mark Smits, Don Munson, and Ken Cordier.



Last Month's Program, September 2023

Freedom from Spinal Pain

Dr Kyle Knapp proudly served in the US Army as a decorated, airborne, infantry soldier. He was Honorably discharged from the Army due to injuries to his spine. Dr. Knapp's injury from his military service inspired his life's work.



Dr. Kyle Knapp

He is now an experienced chiropractor and owner of *Kurv O2*, Chiropractic Clinic, located in McKinney, where he has forged relationships with a variety of government and military agencies and has pioneered emerging therapies, which have led to accurately identifying and treating ligament trauma. His presentation advised those having ligament issues on the current state of recovery initiatives.

Homeland Security

The Price is Right

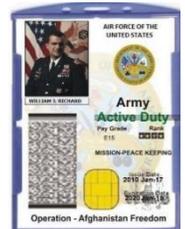
Bob Epstein, our Homeland Security chairman, is offering to sponsor pistol clinics for any chapter members at Mission Ridge Range (located at Pres. George Bush Freeway and Hillcrest) in Plano to support our Homeland Security mission. Bob will personally pay for the Instructor and the range fees for four people per clinic. You need only pay for your own ammunition. Bob will provide pistols or you may use your own. The Clinics will be scheduled on weekdays at 5:30 pm. Contact Bob at 214-789-4408 for more information.



Deadline: December 2025

DOD requires new military ID's.

All retired military personnel and dependents will need to get a new military retiree ID card as soon as possible. DOD has announced the phase-out date of December 2025 for the existing cards. After that date, personnel with the old ID cards will not be allowed to gain entry to a military base, use military medical facilities, commissaries, or post exchanges. JRB-NAS, Ft. Worth (formerly Carswell AFB) will issue new ID's, but you must schedule an appointment. Check to determine the necessary documents you need, as the requirements have changed.



Upcoming Luncheon Speakers

Chapter Programs Just Keep Getting Better

**5 Sep 23 – “National Medal of Honor Museum”
Michael Caldwell, Dir. of Ops & Veteran Support**

**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)**

Companions Down

An Update - with just a skosh TMI.

Former Chapter and current Region VIII Vice Commander, Chuck Daniels reports that his right knee is fine. He had the left knee replaced in October. In June, he developed a serious infection in the bones in the left knee. The infection spread into the left leg tissue as well.

On June 26th the left knee prosthesis was removed and replaced with temporary antibiotic infused spacers, so that he would be able to walk.



After 3 days in the hospital, receiving IV antibiotics, he was sent home with an IV line installed, which requires daily infusions.

He reports that the first couple weeks, after the surgery, were tough. Due to the infection, he slept a lot, sometimes 12-15 hours per day.

This did not leave a great deal of time for anything else, so he apologizes if he owes you an answer or an action. Please resend any emails to him if that is the case.

Chuck said:” I am now mobile and cleared to drive. I am starting to resume my duties, and I appreciate your understanding. Thank you for your calls and text messages”.

**Chuck Daniels, LT, USN (FMR)
Region VIII Vice-Commander, MOWW
Executive Committee, NDBS
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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**



**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



Veterans Helping Veterans

Open to the Public

Who: Congressman Keith Self

What: Veterans Information Forum.

When: 9 Sep 23 from 10:00 until noon.

Where: Collin College, Wylie Conference Center,
391 Country Club Road, Wylie, TX 75098



Know Your New Companions

Travis R. Allison, LCDR, US Navy (Fmr)

Travis Allison is a native of Houston, Texas. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 2002, earning a BBA degree in Finance and, later a commission in the US Navy. He served 13 years on active duty as a Naval Aviator flying the F/A-18 (*Hornet and Super Hornet*). He deployed on the USS Enterprise (CVN-65) and USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN-71) in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR).



Travis graduated from the elite US Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN). After graduation from TOPGUN, he returned to Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia Beach, VA, to be a Strike Fighter Weapons Instructor at the prestigious US Navy Strike Fighter Weapons School.

Before leaving active duty service, he earned his MBA from The College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Travis moved to Dallas, TX in the summer of 2015, with his beautiful wife, Cameron, and 2 lovely children, Aubrey and Hall. He started work with Crow Holdings Capital specializing in all aspects of the Crow Family Office business to include Private Equity, Hedge Funds, Public Markets and Reinsurance Funds.

After learning his craft at Crow Holdings, he was hired by America's Auto Auction Company and helped grow the Company from 9 auto auction locations to 21 locations, nationwide. He now is the Chief Finance Officer and part owner of the Pennington Auto Group, in Texas and Oklahoma.

He continues to give back to the community by supporting Sons of the Flag, a non-profit supporting US military veterans and first responders, who have experienced life changing burns, and is the lead director for the *Happy Warriors* club at The Frontiers of Flight Museum at Dallas Love Field.

Travis and his wife, Cameron, live in Dallas.

Justin Derek Wolf, CPT, US Army (Fmr)

Justin Wolf was born and raised on a working farm in southern York County, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Penn State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering, with emphasis in gas turbine theory and rocket propulsion. He received his commission from the Penn State Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program.



Lieutenant Wolf spent the majority of his 4 years active duty assigned to the United Nations Special Commission (UNSCOM) deploying to Iraq (seven times), searching for weapons of mass destruction and supporting missile inspection teams. At the termination of this assignment, he was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal for his actions in Iraq.

After serving his country in uniform, Justin graduated from Columbia School of Business, with an MBA focused in finance and entrepreneurship. He worked for the International Netherlands Group (ING) as an investment banker in the Renewable Resources department.

Later, he was the Manager of a team of over 40 technicians in Bank of America's technology group, who were responsible for the bank's wire transfer platform. After that, he was Director of all North America projects for the Brinks Corporation. In his spare time, he currently owns a wine importation company.

Justin serves as Director of Operations for a small network of physical rehabilitation clinics in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. He is also an active member and graduate of the Save a Warrior Foundation.

Justin and his wife, Katya, live in Irving, and are proud Texas transplants.

National Defense and Homeland Security

NOW IS THE TIME FOR POLICYMAKERS TO RE-CONSIDER UNIVERSAL MILITARY SERVICE

By LtCol Michael W. Menefee, USMCR (Ret)



The US military needs adequate manpower to ensure American continued superpower dominance. Today our armed forces are not meeting their recruiting goals. Additionally, 77 percent of eligible America youth do not meet DOD recruiting standards the military services have set because the youth have a history of drug use, criminal backgrounds, being medically, or academically unqualified. Lastly, only nine percent of the eligible Americans would desire to serve in the military according to a DOD survey. This is the most severe military recruiting crisis since the draft ended in 1973. *Pentagon officials are so concerned, they now question the sustainability of an all-voluntary military.* Only 23 percent of young Americans between 17-24 are qualified to serve without a waiver.

Parents are the primary influence of youth recruitment, and middle-class parents often want their children to attend college instead of joining the military. Confidence in US government institutions has also declined to historic lows. Army recruiting is 40 percent of its FY 2022 recruiting goal, USCG is 55 percent of its goal, the USAF is 4,000 airmen below its goal, and the USN is 6,000 below its goals. Only the Marines and Space Force are likely to meet their recruiting goals. The Army National Guard is just below its number, while the ANG is 4,000 below goal. The Reserve components are also short of their recruiting goals.

Unless the US accepts a smaller military, there seem to be three possible fixes, but only one viable solution. **The military can lower its standards; shorten enlistments and increase pay and bonuses; or have conscription.** **Mandatory universal military service** seems to be the only satisfactory solution to the nation's recruiting crisis. Lowering standards may increase numbers of recruits but hurt the readiness of the military and exacerbate the recruiting issues down the road. Incentives and increasing pay are traditional solutions but are not working. *The \$33 Trillion US debt is so large the country will only be able to pay 80 percent of the Social Security benefits by 2035, if fixes are not made.* Our budget deficits and debt make increasing military pay less likely under current projections.

Poor policy decisions have led to increases in inflation which have resulted in rising interest rates. *The interest on our debt is expected to be greater than the current defense budget by 2025.* The US should seriously consider returning to having a mandatory universal military service requirement for men and women to help offset recruiting shortfalls, as the US debt burden will no longer support an all-volunteer military.

There are various arguments against conscription. The strongest argument against it is the lack of political will, as the Congress and Senate may not support an unpopular draft despite the need to do so. There are multiple arguments in favor of universal military service. Universal military service would help American youth become better citizens, by teaching them government, history, and US traditions. These subjects are not being taught well in high schools. They can also learn life and vocational skills. Many adversaries and allies have compulsory service including China, Russia, Israel, Sweden, Norway, Finland, and Switzerland. Having a Universal Military Service requirement would strengthen our national security and allow the US to rapidly mobilize its citizen reserve population, to deal with the significant threats our nation faces.

Global stability depends upon a well-manned, competent, and well-equipped US military.

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Lighten Up

NAVY SEALS



Retired US Sailor wears his whites for the first time in years



If you remember this you deserve a veterans discount.



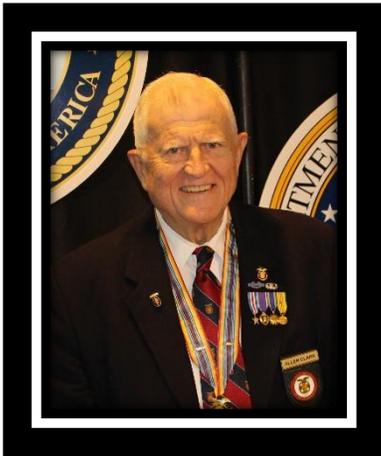
Happy Birthday

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

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| 1 September | HPM John D. Lester |
| 1 September | CPT Weldon W. Nash, Jr |
| 5 September | WO Billy W. Franklin |
| 7 September | MS Kathleen L. Spangler |
| 8 September | LTC Jerry B. Jochum |
| 8 September | LT Derrick W. Watson |
| 10 September | Mr Spencer J. Adams |
| 10 September | COL Jeffrey W. Gault |
| 13 September | LCDR Harry Chris |
| 13 September | Ms. Maurine P. Dickey |
| 13 September | Capt Curtis L. Frisbie |
| 13 September | COL Gary D. Jackson |
| 13 September | CDR Kurt Richter |
| 15 September | LCDR David Minton |
| 16 September | CPT Robert E. Sanders |
| 17 September | LTC Milton C. Henderson |
| 17 September | Mr John R. Warterfield |
| 18 September | LTC Kenneth W. Boatman |
| 18 September | Col Bennett W. Cervin |
| 18 September | LTC Kaaren J. Teuber |
| 19 September | CAPT David L. Love |
| 19 September | LTC Donald R. Willis |
| 21 September | LT Curtis Baggett |
| 21 September | LT James W. Crysedale |
| 21 September | Lt Col Bryan Maupin |
| 21 September | Mr Aaron K. Schmidt |
| 24 September | MAJ James S. Angelino |
| 25 September | GEN Gordon Sullivan |
| 28 September | Mr Christopher Neumeier |
| 29 September | Mr Andrew Warner |
| 30 September | CPT James Grogan |



Your Dallas Chapter, AUG 2023



Chapter Commander Allen Clark opens the meeting punctually and keeps to his self-imposed time schedule.



Immediate Past Chapter Commander Michael Menefee presented awards for service during his tenure.



Michael recognized LTC Marti Cencki and VADM David Robinson for Outstanding performance in support of several of our Outreach programs for veterans.



Region VIII Vice Commander Chuck Daniels once again presented our Law and Order award to the Officer of the Month during the DCPAC AUG Luncheon



At the National Convention, incoming Commander-in-Chief BG Victor Perez presents an Eagle award to Outgoing CINC LTC Michael Okin.

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The first order of business at our monthly Luncheons is the Induction of new Companions. The August meeting was no different. Chapter Adjutant LT Brandon Hern administered the Oath of Induction to three new Companions: LCDR (USN) Travis Allison, COL (USA) Hon. William Wallace, & CPT (USA) Chase Cappo.



In Psalm 23, David states that "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want". The psalmist is saying that the Lord is sufficient for all we want and need in every area of life.

In the Physical Life. "Green pastures" are symbolic of property and provision. He has made us physical creatures, knows our creative needs, and will supply what we need.

In the Crisis Life. The valley of the shadow of death is the price that everyone pays for the privilege of life. When we walk through this shadow and loved ones leave us, His comfort is with us. He has walked this way before us, and knows where He is leading us. We need "fear not evil" for He is with us.

In the Eternal Life. "The house of the Lord" awaits those who have known Him. What is Heaven to you? Does it mean streets of gold, gates of pearl, and walls of jasper? Does it mean reunion with loved ones and rest for Eternity? Above all else it should mean the place where the Lord is.

He is all we need.

*James Grogan
Chapter Chaplain*

Mark Your Calendar

September Events

Chapter Lunch, 5 Sep 23



Join us to bid farewell to the summer of 2023 and the latest Texas heatwave records.

Vets Info Forum, 9 Sep 23



Congressman Keith Self will conduct a Veterans Information Forum at the Collin College Conference Center, in Wylie, for any person needing assistance on programs available to veterans.

Veterans Art Gala, 9 Sep 23

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

October Events

Chapter Lunch, 3 Oct 23



Our Speaker will be Companion Vice Admiral David Robinson, a recipient of the **Navy Cross**. He will present Bronze Patrick Henry awards to students who excelled during this year's YLCs and then share his thoughts on Leadership and Patriotic Education.

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.

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Notice: Next Commander's Staff Meeting will be held Thursday, 21 SEP 2023 at 16:00 p.m. This will be a ZOOM meeting. Check your Inbox in mid-August for the link to the ZOOM website.