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Passing of a Legend. Companions from the North Texas Region of MOWW assembled to pay their respects to US Air Force Colonel Clifford D. Way. Cliff held leadership positions at every level, culminating in his election as the 80th National Commander-in-Chief of the Order. Ten former **Dallas Chapter Commanders** formed his Honor Guard, Pictured above: (l-r) Paul Brown, John Hayes, Lyle Mueller, Don Munson, Walt Laidlaw, Joe Cordina, John Wagner, Doug Gagliano, Cliff's Pastor, and an Airman from Dyess AFB in Abilene, TX, who sounded TAPS and participated in folding the US flag from the coffin and presenting it to Cliff's widow, Wanda.

In Memoriam

Colonel Cliff Way (1935-2021)



Col Cliff Way, 80th Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order

Cliff Way devoted the latter half of his life to the Military Order of World Wars. Shortly after retiring from Texas Instruments, he joined the Dallas Chapter and in less than a year, he was immersed in service to others. As Chairman of the Patriotic Education Foundation, he is credited with implementing the Program that has sent over 3,000 students to one of our Southwest Youth Leadership Conferences.

Every year, Cliff single-handedly coordinated with more than 50 local area high school Principals, Counselors and Senior Military Advisors to ensure that Top Cadets received end-of-year Merit awards, then without skipping a beat, he would proceed to gather the requisite eligibility documents from several hundred parents, and equitably distribute the best of the best to one of our Southwest YLC's.

To paraphrase the immortal Cowboy sage, Will Rogers, *Cliff never met a stranger*. We will miss his charm, wisdom, and effervescent personality. When God finished with Cliff, He broke the mold. Rest in Peace, Noble Companion.

The Commander's Corner

Time, Talents and Tithes

Some time ago, when we all could go to church freely, I heard our Minister talk about ways we could support our Church. Large, non-profit, organizations generally have national donor bases that provide funds to hire teams of people to carry out their missions. This is not the case with smaller Veteran Service Organizations, like MOWW. Our programs are largely funded by our members, not a National Mailing List, and our labor is provided, *pro bono*, from within our ranks.

So, how can we best support MOWW? According to my minister, there are three tried and true methods. They are Time, Talents and Tithes. (The definition of Tithing is financial support, and it is not exclusive to the church, it applies to MOWW as well.)



Time and Talents are self-explanatory, and they almost always go together. MOWW supports seven distinct community Outreach programs and they always welcome additional participation. Whether it is visiting veterans in the VA Hospital, supporting programs like Scouting, Law and Order or ROTC and JROTC, more hands are always needed. Also, helping to set up for a Chapter meeting, helping the Treasurer, helping to find good speakers, and recruiting are all tasks that require the time and talents of our membership.

I would ask that all Companions ask themselves, "What are my talents, and how can they help my Chapter?" You can always ask any Staff member how your talents could best be used, and if they do not know, ask me! I am quite sure I can help you find an answer. There are dozens of necessary tasks (that most Companions never see), just to have a Chapter meeting. I am always grateful for your time and talents.

Finally, the third option, your Tithes, or in other words, your donations. It is true for almost any organization, no matter their purpose, that 10% of the membership carry 90% of the load for the continued survival of the group. This is true for MOWW, too.

Our major program, Youth Leadership Conferences, is funded each year by less than 30 (of our more than 400 living members).



TAMU YLC students at the Bush Library

Not 30%, which would be 120, I said **30**. Just think how many more young men and women we could train and educate,

if we could just double that number to 60 Companions.

Please ask yourself a question. If we want our country to improve in the years to come, who do we need to train, change, educate, and mentor? It is not the post-retirement group, like us. The answer is simple, it is the young folks, who will be leading us 10-20 years from now. That is where the most bang for the buck will come from.

Please consider giving your *time, talents, and tithes* to MOWW, particularly a donation to Youth Leadership. And, please, do it now.

Click [HERE](#) to access our chapter website – then select "Activities" for additional information and a link to facilitate your generosity.

For the good of the Order,

Charles D. Daniels,
Commander, Dallas Chapter
, Military Order of World Wars

This Month's Speaker, May 2021

Evolution of Officer Training Programs

During the Civil War, the need for officers to fill the ranks of the Union Army exceeded the ability of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point to meet the need. Thus, the concept of ROTC began with the Land-Grant College Act of 1862. In return for the gift of federal land, the government required these colleges to include military tactics in their curriculum.

LTC Richard Crossley has been involved with officer training for over 50 years. First as a student in his college ROTC program in the 1970's, then as a Senior Army Instructor at North Side High School in Fort Worth, and finally, for the past decade, as the Director of all Junior Officer Training Corps schools in the Fort Worth Independent School District.



LTC Rich Crossley, USA

Today's JROTC is not your Father's program. Those of you who attended while in high school or taught in a post-military second career, would not recognize today's Cadet training courses.

LTC Crossley will summarize the evolution of the program from that of boring Drill and Ceremonies class, to the vibrant and challenging program it has become today.

Last Month's Speaker, Apr 2021

A Backseat View of the Vietnam War

Terry Thorsen is the author of, *Phantom in the Sky*, the first-hand account of Dallas Companion Thorsen's tours of duty as a Radar Intercept Officer (RIO) in the back seat of the supersonic F-4 (*Phantom*), during the Vietnam War. Terry related humorous - and deadly serious - stories from the tactical perspective of the GIB ("guy in back").



LT Terry Thorsen,

Terry spoke nostalgically about the legendary Phantom jet which he rode into combat and reprised the role of the Radar Intercept Officer in combat operations, while sharing memories of several harrowing Vietnam air war experiences. During a spirited Q&A session, he also shared fond memories of the Red Devil squadron (VMFA-232) which, at 96 years old, is the oldest and most decorated squadron in the Marine Corps.

Quarterly National Security Briefings

Dallas Chapter (MOWW), Seidel Chapter (AFA), and Dallas Council (NLUS) have joined forces in support of strategic briefings on contemporary military topics.

The first of these presentations will occur on **13 June 21** with an evening dinner, including members from all the above Armed Forces organizations, featuring Dallas native,



Admiral Patrick Walsh, USN
Former COMPACFLEET

Admiral Patrick M. Walsh, former Commander of the US Pacific Fleet and *Vice Chief of Naval Operations*.

Admiral Walsh will discuss the rise of China's military and its influence on National Security throughout the Pacific Rim.

Please contact Barry Brown (972-890-3541), or register online at navyleaguedallas.org, if you plan to attend and wish to ensure that a seat

will be available.

Heritage Ranch Country Club
FAIRVIEW, TEXAS

June 13, 2021 | Time 3:00 PM

Topic:

Critical Security Issues: Asia-Pacific

Guest Speaker:

Admiral Pat M. Walsh, USN (Ret),
former Commander US Pacific Fleet and VCNO

Registration will open May 1, 2021
Make your reservation and pay at:
www.navyleaguedallas.org
For registration information contact:
Barry Brown at 972-890-3541

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- 1 May LTC Guillermo Cisneros
- 1 May Col Robert Lanham
- 1 May HPM Sharon Sexton
- 2 May LT Jack Coleman
- 3 May MR Christopher Adams
- 3 May MR Eric Bradford
- 4 May LTC Gilbert Collins
- 4 May LT Charles Daniels
- 7 May LT William Ferrill III
- 8 May Capt Thomas Jones
- 10 May Lt Col Paul Pfrommer
- 10 May HPM Donna Starnes
- 11 May Lt Col Donald Saddler
- 12 May HPM Hal Moore III
- 14 May MR Terry Brown
- 14 May MR Ryan Moss
- 14 May Lt Col Don Payne
- 14 May LTC James Sammons
- 17 May LTG Ricardo Sanchez
- 18 May COL Pete Malik
- 19 May MR James Applewhite
- 19 May LTC Robert Brown
- 19 May LCDR Howard Custer
- 19 May LT James Gooch
- 20 May Lt Col Phelicia Geary
- 20 May Col Christopher Kulas
- 21 May MR Robert Epstein
- 26 May LTC John Byrns
- 27 May LtCol Norm van Gilmore
- 29 May MRS Diane Johnson
- 30 May COL Emmett Dubose
- 31 May MR William Bradford
- 31 May MAJ Beverly Johnson



KNOW YOUR DALLAS COMPANIONS

LTC Richard Crossley Jr., US Army

Richard Crossley was born in McComb, MS. He is a Distinguished Military Graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, in Hattiesburg, in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant of Armor. He later earned a Master's Degree in Public Service from Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY.



Following a series of junior officer assignments, he was selected to serve as an Instructor at the US Army Armor School, Fort Knox, KY, a position he held for the next five years. He participated in Operation Desert Storm with the 1st Armored Division in 1991 and later served as Secretary to the General Staff, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas, until he retired from active duty in 1996.

He was immediately hired to be the Inspector General of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, in Dallas, TX, where he served for the next four years, after which he joined the US Army JROTC Cadet Command and was assigned to North Side High School in Fort Worth. In 2011, he became the Director of Army Instruction for the entire Fort Worth Independent School District, a position he has held for the following 10 years.

While serving at North Side HS, he was honored to receive the Distinguished Bronze Instructor Award, the USACC Army Instructor of the Year award, and the Daughter of the American Revolution Distinguished Service Medal. He is the current President of the East Fort Worth Chapter of Rotary International.

He is a member of numerous veterans' organizations, to include: the Military Officers Association of America, the Association of the US Army, and *both* the Fort Worth and Dallas Chapters of the Military Order of the World Wars.

He has received the MOWW National Citation for Exceptional Service, the Silver Patrick Henry for Patriotic Service, and an Outreach Service Medal for contributions to his local community.

Richard and his wife, Gail, currently live in Flower Mound, TX.

Major General Gary Bunch, US Army

Major General Harold Gary Bunch graduated from Texas A&M University, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology. He also holds a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. His military education includes the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College. He is the current Director of the Youth Leadership Conference at Texas A&M University, in College Station.



MG Bunch was commissioned as a Regular Army Second Lieutenant, in 1976. He began his military career as a Platoon Leader with the 501st Supply & Transportation Battalion, 1st Armored Division, Furth, Germany. He later served as Operations Officer (S-3), for the 501st S&T Battalion and as Supply Officer (S-4), for the Special Troops Battalion, 13th Support Command, Ft Hood, TX. He left active duty in 1982 and joined the Army Reserve.

His command assignments include: Logistics Support Element of *Task Force 420* in Honduras; Logistics Support Company of *Joint Task Force Jaguar* in Belize and Guatemala; 694th Maintenance Battalion, San Antonio, TX; and 172nd Corps Support Group, Broken Arrow, OK. He mobilized and deployed with the 172nd CSG to Bilad, Iraq, in 2004. He then commanded the Logistics Support Unit, Fort Belvoir, Va. and was Deputy Commanding General, 1st Sustainment Command, Camp Arifjan, in Kuwait, later in Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

His awards and decorations include the Combat Action Badge, Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (two Oak Leaf Clusters), Bronze Star Medal, (four Oak Leaf Clusters), and 14 awards for Meritorious Service (Dept of Army and JCS).

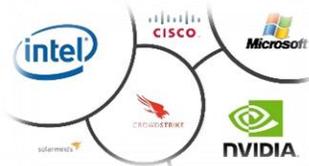
He served as the Deputy Commander for Mobilization and Operations, U.S. Army Sustainment Command, Rock Island Arsenal, IL, and as the Assistant Deputy Commanding General of US Army Materiel Command. Gary retired from the U.S. Army in 2012. In civilian life, he has served as a Senior Military Analyst and Director for Business Development in Fort Lee, VA, and as the Senior Director for Logistics Programs in San Diego, CA.

MG Bunch and his wife, Lauren [Artesi] Bunch, have two sons, Kyle and Carl, and a daughter, Alicia.

RUSSIAN CYBER-ATTACKS OR CYBER WAR WITH THE UNITED STATES?

By LtCol Michael W. Menefee, USMCR (Ret)

Russian spies recently conducted the most extensive and complex cyber-attack against the US in history and defeated government and private cyber security detection programs. This cyber-attack involved over 18,000 organizations from large multinational technology firms to multiple government departments. Several cyber security and intelligence experts have labeled this attack as the beginning of a cyber war. The computer networks of some of the largest and presumed most secure US technology firms were affected – Microsoft, Cisco, Intel, Nvidia, CrowdStrike, and SolarWinds.



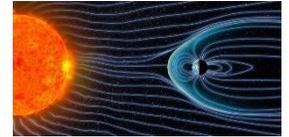
Furthermore, senior level communications within the US departments of Commerce, Energy, Justice, State, and Treasury were also attacked, and sensitive court documents and records were accessed. Cyber-spies also penetrated the National Nuclear Security Administration which holds our nuclear secrets and nuclear weapons. Additionally, the Department of Energy and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) were attacked. FERC is responsible for protecting and regulating national electric grids. Even worse, the attack lasted nine months before it was discovered. Many cyber security experts believe the attack is still ongoing and the extent of the intelligence damage may never be fully known. The Cyber and Infrastructure Security Agency and Department of Homeland Security failed to detect the breach.



Many US military and intelligence cyber security experts believe this attack is more than an espionage probe and should be considered as cyber warfare, rather than a cyber-attack. These intelligence experts believe one of the major problems of US cyber security strategy is our failure to retaliate so that our enemies or adversaries will fear the effects of our retaliation, more than any competitive advantage they can

gain or harm they can cause by conducting a cyber war or cyber-attack against us. These experts state the US is rule-bound, while our adversaries are not. Some cyber security experts fear escalation if the US powerfully strikes back at our enemies, while other experts believe Russians and other adversaries will continue cyber-attacks or conduct cyber warfare against the US, until US cyber strategy is changed.

In March 2019, the Russians piggybacked malware on a small amount of computer code in a widely used software developed by SolarWinds. This software is used to update, link, monitor, and manage computer networks. The Russians installed malware to activate when an update occurred. Since SolarWinds is so popular with organizational information technology departments, both government and commercial organizations use it. Microsoft did not detect the attack, but now has 500 engineers working on the attack. They estimate over 1,000 Russian engineers implemented the attack. However, the cybersecurity firm FireEye did detect the attack. In one day, the attack damaged 10% of our nation's computers.



The debate continues as private sector technology firms, and many Washington bureaucrats believe that Russia is only conducting enhanced spying by just probing our firewalls and systems. They believe this



cyber-attack is another way of spying to gain economic or military advantage. Additionally, they believe our adversaries and enemies will abide by a global treaty. Intelligence and military cyber experts believe this Russian attack is the beginning of a cyber war, and the Russians are trying to sabotage our cyber capabilities and probe our defenses, as a prelude to further military attacks. Military and intelligence experts have little confidence that authoritarian regimes will comply with a global treaty and believe that without stern direct retaliatory action, our country's information security will continue to be at risk.

Chapter Activities, April 2021



Chapter Commander LT Chuck Daniels presented our Certificate of Appreciation to LT Terry Thorsen for a great presentation.



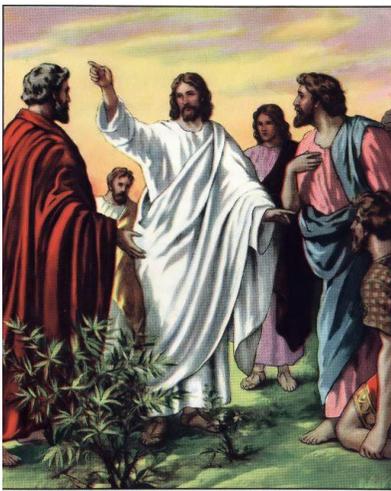
Each Companion placed a flower on our former CINC's casket, then rendered a farewell salute to a fallen comrade-in-arms.

Humor in (and out) of Uniform



After recently receiving a law degree, at the age of 71, John Van Buskirk (above right) recalled the reaction of one of his fellow students, upon hearing who had passed the recent Texas bar exam. When asked "Did you hear that John Van Buskirk passed?" His classmate said, "That's too bad, I really liked that guy." John will be our newest Chapter Judge Advocate.

Notice: Next Commander's Staff Meeting will be held Thursday, 20 May 2021 at 1:30 p.m., in the Frontiers of Flight Conference Room, 6911 Lemmon Avenue, Dallas, TX



The Explanation of Religion

Tradition has it that in ancient Israel, a man went to a Rabbi and said he would convert if the Rabbi could explain religion in the time a person can stand on one leg. The Rabbi felt the faith was too intricate for such a challenge. Undiscouraged, the man went to another Rabbi for the same purpose. This one found the request easy and said, “Whatsoever you find offensive to yourself, don’t do that to someone else. This is the law. Everything else is interpretation.”

Several decades later, a man asked Jesus what he must do to achieve salvation. Jesus replied, “*Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.* This is the great and first commandment. And the second is similar: *You shall love your neighbor as yourself.* On these two depend all the laws of the prophets”. (Mt. 22:35-40)

May we each commit ourselves to loving God and neighbors in such a way, for in doing so we are drawn ever nearer to God himself.

Chaplain Jamie Malakoff

Collaborative Programs

Get Involved

The **Girl Scouts** of Northeast Texas are proud to announce that 140 girls have earned their Gold Award in FY 2021.

All Dallas Companions are invited to attend the awards ceremony to be held in Garland Convention Center, on Saturday, 29 May 21. Please join the Chapter Commander and his staff at this worthy event to commend the Girls on their outstanding achievement.



Region VIII will host a regional Convention in Fredericksburg, Texas, on 13-15 June 21, to convene members from all 14 Texas chapters of MOWW, tour the Nimitz Museum of the Pacific,



and hold a banquet to install next year’s Commander and Staff. Contact Chuck Daniels (972-396-1883) if you would like to participate.

The National Convention of the Military Order of World Wars will be held in Dearborn, Michigan from 4-7 August 21. All



Chapter Companions are urged to attend and support the Order.

Best Chapter awards, this year, will cover chapter participation covering two years (both 2020 and 2021), since last year’s Convention was cancelled in response to the COVID pandemic.

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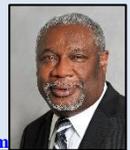
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The Military Order of the World Wars



Dallas Chapter

*The Companions and Spouses
of the Dallas Chapter
cordially invite
all MOWW Companions and their guests
to attend the*

Change of Command Installation Banquet

*at the
Park City Club
5956 Sherry Lane, Dallas Texas 75225
In the Skyline Room, on the 17th floor
Tuesday, 1 June 2021*

1700 hours cocktails

1800 dinner

Dress Blue/Mess Dress/Tuxedo/Suit (formal attire)

(Cut off this portion and mail with payment)

**SEATING MAY BE RESERVED FOR YOU AND YOUR GUESTS AT ONE OR MORE TABLES
(only for those reservations received No Later Than: Tuesday, 25 May 2021).**

AFTER THAT DATE – IT WILL BE OPEN SEATING

Rank & name _____

Spouse's Name _____

Guest name(s) _____

(Qty) (Please identify how many of *each choice* of Entrée)

_____ Sauteed **Chicken Breast** stuffed with mushrooms and artichokes,
served with Beurre Blanc sauce

_____ Petite Tender **Beef Medallions** & Grilled Shrimp topped with wild
Mushroom sauce

_____ Crab crusted **Atlantic Salmon** filet, lightly grilled, and topped with
Citrus Beurre Blanc sauce

Mail check to: Bill Coleman 381 Casa Linda Plaza #148 Dallas, TX 75218 Total: _____

or pay by **PayPal** via the Chapter website (dallasmoww.org)

(\$60.00 per person)

If you choose to pay by Pay Pal, you must still send in this paper Registration with above information.

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