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Chapter Commander Michael Menefee presented Bronze Patrick Henry awards to eight JROTC Cadets who were selected as Tops in their Cadet Leadership Challenge training (JCLC) at summer encampments. (left to right) Itzel Montoya (Pinkston HS), Brian Elizalde (Pinkston HS), Veronica Couture (W. Mesquite HS), Justin Halvorson (Wylie HS), Phoenix Oliver (Denton HS), Richard Thompson (Plano HS), David Oney (Lake Highlands HS), and Heidi Miller (Central HS, San Angelo). **Kudos to CPT Mark Smits**, Chair of our ROTC programs.

This Month's Program, November 2022

"The Vietnam War Experience"

Former US Army Captain, Colin Cahoon, is the author of *Mended Wings*.

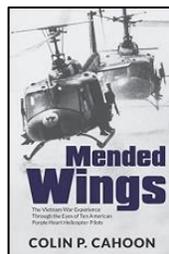


His book follows the lives of ten Purple Heart recipients as they relate their Vietnam War assignments from the perspective of their helicopter cockpit.

Colin Cahoon, author Colin introduces you to the generation of men who fought with pride, determination, skill, and courage only to be shunned when they brought their battered bodies and haunting memories home.

Their fathers and uncles were heralded as "The Greatest Generation." These became the Forgotten Generation, men whose stories did not end as names on a black wall in Washington D.C. These are the Survivors.

Colin served with distinction as an Aero Scout Platoon Leader in the 307th Attack Helicopter Battalion of the 7th Infantry Division, where he accumulated over 1000 hours of flight time in UH-1 (Iroquois) and OH-58 (Kiowa) helicopters.



In addition to *Mended Wings*, Colin is also the author of: *The Man with the Black Box and Charlie Calling*.

Commander's Comments



"It is Better To Serve..."

Companions, Our Order celebrates patriotism, the Constitution, our military services, statues, memorials, history, government, and American culture! On **10 November**, we will celebrate the **247th USMC Birthday** The Marines were founded on this date in 1775 by the Second Continental Congress. On **11 November** we will celebrate the **104th Armistice Day** (now known as **Veterans Day**) which honors all of our nation's veterans. It marks the anniversary of the end of World War I, at the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month of the year.

This month, we will induct several new Companions and Patriots. Junior Vice CDR, 2LT Natan Ton-That, will serve as the Adjutant for this meeting as 2LT Brandon Hern is recovering from surgery. Our Senior Vice CDR has asked for volunteers in several areas. These positions are critical to our missions and will help us reclaim the top large chapter in the nation position again. Volunteers are needed to help in support of **ROTC, JROTC, CAP, YLC, and Law & Order** programs. (*It is better to Serve than to be Served*). We also have additional positions available as chapter treasurer and newsletter editor. If you would like an opportunity to serve on one or more of our committees, please call me, or contact any staff member. We welcome 1st Lt. Don Crusius, USAF (Fmr) to the staff as assistant Editor of the newsletter. See page 6 for a brief bio of Don's active-duty service.

Commander's comments, cont.

I am pleased to inform the chapter that our MOWW CINC, LTC Michael Okin, MD, USA (Ret) and his lovely wife Debbie, plan to attend our **Christmas Banquet** on 06 December at the Park City Club. Please start making plans to attend. We expect between 150 to 175 Companions, Patriots, and guests to attend.



Michael Okin
MOWW CINC

My mission this year is for the Dallas chapter to place first in the nation once again! Thank each of you for your arduous work and dedication to our chapter! I am extremely proud to serve you as your Chapter Commander. **Without your dedication and help, our chapter's success would not happen!**

Ductus Exemplo,

**LtCol Michael W. Menefee, USMCR (Ret)
Commander, Dallas Chapter MOWW**

National Defense Seminar Briefings:

**11 Dec 22 – “Space: A Warfighting Domain”
General Kevin Chilton (US Air Force, Ret)
Astronaut & Fmr CDR, Strategic Command**

**29 Jan 23 – “Air and Naval Power in the 21st Century”
Admiral James Foggo (US Navy, Ret) and
Major Heather Penney (former USAF pilot)**

**2 Apr 23 – “Naval Challenges in the 21st Century”
Admiral John Richardson (US Navy, Ret)**

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

The first Season Two presentation of the extraordinarily successful National Defense Briefings has set the bar high for the remainder of this outstanding informative series.

The next briefing, on 11 December, has generated an enormous amount of interest due to the creation in 2019 of the military's newest branch, **US Space Force**, currently led by Chief of Space Operations, GEN John W Raymond.

Do not miss this briefing. Make your reservations, now. The briefings include a seated and served evening meal. Confirm your attendance by clicking [HERE](#) or contact: **Captain (USN) Barry Brown at 972-890-3541.**

To transmit these ideals to posterity

Speaker Programs Just Keep Getting Better

**1 Nov 22 – Colin P. Cahoon, former UH-1 Pilot & Author
“Mended Wings: the Vietnam War Experience”**

**6 Dec 22 – Annual Tri-Chapter Christmas Banquet
“Christmas Carols and Holiday Cheer”**

**3 Jan 23 – Elizabeth McCormick, #1 Best Selling author
“Succeeding – in spite of Everything”**

Scholastic support for Military Dependents

The Army Scholarship Foundation

This year's Army Scholarship Luncheon will be held on 4 Nov 22, at 11:30 a.m., in the Frontiers of Flight Museum (6911 Lemmon Avenue, Dallas, TX). The Keynote Speaker will be Major General Kenneth L. Kamper, Commanding General of Fort Sill, OK.



MG Ken Kamper

Dallas Companion Jeff Gault and his Patriot wife, Rose, have dedicated themselves for two decades to steering the Army Scholarship Foundation. Each year they conduct a **Help our Heroes** fundraising luncheon to raise money for scholarships that are given to students of financially strapped military families. To attend the Luncheon, contact Jeff or Rose Gault at: 703-587-5181.



Last Month's Program, Oct 2022

Answering the Call of Freedom

Following the presentation of awards to JROTC Cadets, we were mesmerized by our Junior Vice Commander, Lieutenant Natan Ton-That, telling the harrowing tale of his escape from Communist Vietnam, his years in Malaysia and Canada, and his eventual arrival in the Land of the Free.

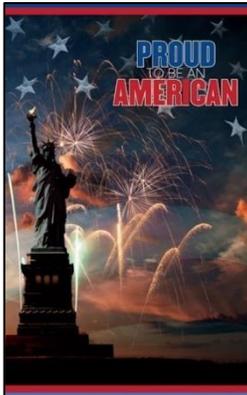


Natan Ton-That

His inspirational story of perseverance to obtain US citizenship should be mandatory reading in every Civics class in America.

We are pleased and honored to have Natan as a Perpetual Companion.

Veterans Day, 11/11/22, "Proud to be an American"



Dallas Veterans Day Parade

- Friday, Nov 11 in front of Dallas City Hall
- 10:50 – Enlistment of new DFW-area recruits
- 11:00 – 11th Hour Ceremony with a flyover of T-38s from Sheppard AFB
- Parade featuring military, school and civic marching units

For more info see www.vetsdayindallas.org or contact Ric Hamer



Celebrating the Greater Dallas Veterans Day Parade on November 11, 2022 vetsdayindallas.org

To promote the cultivation of Military, Navy & Air Science

Youth Leadership Conferences

Volunteers are Needed! Our MOWW chapter has many **Outreach** initiatives in which we engage with our local communities. The most rewarding one involves interviewing sophomore and junior high school students, who are nominated by their School Counselor to attend one of our Youth Leadership Conferences (YLC). Each



YLC is a week-long program covering leadership, patriotism, the US judicial system, and free-market concepts.

We need Companions (and *Patriots*) to engage with Home Schoolers, and private schools

(such as Jesuit, Greenhill, Episcopal, and St. Marks), as well as the traditional North Dallas public schools. As a volunteer you and a fellow Companion will interview and select candidates for our 2023 YLC's. To become an interviewer, contact Don Munson at: don.munson@tx.rr.com.

Volunteers are Needed to honor members of law enforcement and first responders. We want to broaden our **Outreach** to honor individuals, who serve and protect us. As a volunteer, you will contact local fire departments and paramedic organizations and offer to honor their [*Person*] of the Year. This is a major and important way in which we may continue to serve our fellow citizens. To coordinate these Law and Order programs, please contact Allen Clark at: allenbclark@aol.com.



To maintain Law and Order

Chapter salutes Dallas' Finest Officers in Blue

This month's *Officer of the Month*, Senior Corporal Tiffany Mercado (#8880) received an MOWW Certificate of Commendation from former Dallas Chapter Commander, Chuck Daniels.



Sr. Cpl. Mercado serves in the DPD Disposition Unit of the Property Division. In addition to juggling the demands of being a housewife, Mom, and Police officer, she is a Staff Sergeant in the US Army Reserves and has been deployed, for a year each, in Iraq and Afghanistan. We commend her for her distinguished service to the Police Department and the City of Dallas, and we proudly salute her for her dedication to the Nation.

Sr. Corporal Tiffany Mercado

To preserve records of Service...

Companions Down

Our Chapter Surgeon, "Doc" Aurbach, sadly reports the passing of Perpetual Companion LT Jack Hall, US Army. Jack joined the chapter in 2018, at the tender age of 88. He was within days of his 92nd Birthday.



Jack Hall

LT Brandon Hern is hospitalized to repair an injury incurred during his recent Kick Boxing tournament. (Let's Go, Brandon!). Just rub some dirt on it.

Maj Terry Thorsen is still recovering from a massive paralyzing stroke and although the physical therapy is punishing, he insists that he will "soon" be strong enough to return.

HPM Steve Suiter, our Webmaster, has recovered quickly from hip replacement surgery and is back to work improving our Chapter website. As soon as he completes final coding, all Companions will be able to register and pay *online* for Luncheons, Banquets, and other activities. Bill Coleman's long nightmare will at last be over.



Steve Suiter, Webmaster

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

National Defense and Homeland Security

THE AMERICAN STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE

By LtCol Michael W. Menefee, USMCR (Ret)

Illegal immigration into the US is a major national security issue. In the last two years, **over 5 million migrants have entered the US illegally**, and 124 of these illegal aliens were arrested as suspected terrorists. In fiscal year (FY) 2021, **1.7 million** migrants surrendered to Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) agents after illegally crossing the US border. **In FY 2022, approximately 2.4 million** migrants surrendered to CBP agents after they illegally crossed the southern US border.



Large numbers of women and girls are raped by cartels; 856 died attempting to cross. Also, over **1 million** illegal aliens (often criminals, terrorists, and gang members) crossed but did not surrender to CBP agents in the last two years. **These numbers exceed the size of every major city in the US except New York City, and they exceed the entire populations of 31 US states.**

Open borders do not benefit any country. **Illegal immigration** hurts the economy by flooding the country with low-skilled workers, who lower the wages of low-income citizens. **The US already admits over 1 million legal immigrants per year.** In Europe, 2.2 million migrants sought asylum in 2017. This refugee influx has permanently changed the populations and culture of western Europe.

If immigrants do not speak the same language, have a similar culture, and have transferable job skills, they often become generational wards of the state. Migrants from 106 countries criminally entered the US, from 2021 to 2022, and Venezuela emptied their prisons to send violent convicts.



In April 2021, the President of the National Border Patrol Council stated the CBP no longer had operational control of the border. Mexican cartels now control the US southern border. DHS estimates Mexican cartels collected \$500 Million in 2018 from drugs and human trafficking and that number grew to \$13 Billion in 2022.

Over 10,071 pounds of fentanyl was seized at the southern border in FY 2022. This is enough to kill every man, woman, and child in the US.

It only takes two milligrams of pure fentanyl to kill the average adult (about four individual grains of table salt). Over 120,000 Americans have died from fentanyl overdoses from 2020-22. It is the leading cause of death for adults, 18-45 years of age.



Many in Congress want to impeach the DHS Secretary for not securing the border and the Attorney Generals of 17 states are asking the US government to declare fentanyl a weapon of mass destruction and label the Mexican and Columbian cartels as terrorist organizations.

The Sinaloa Cartel is the largest drug cartel and supplier of illegal drugs to the US. This cartel makes billions of dollars from trafficking illegal drugs into the US. The Jalisco New Generation Cartel (CJNG) is the largest competitor to the Sinaloa cartel. It is the primary distributor of synthetic drugs to North America.



The Gulf Cartel specializes in marijuana and cocaine and maintains close ties to Columbian cartels. The Los Zetas Cartel was founded by corrupt Mexican special forces but has lost ground as many of its leaders have been captured or killed. They were the largest drug gang and brutally torture and behead their rivals.

They have branched into human trafficking, where migrants pay cartels large sums of money to be smuggled into the US, and if they cannot pay, they may become sex slaves or drug mules. Human trafficking is now the primary revenue source for cartels, as they now make over **\$1 Billion per month.**



If the US wants to retain its preeminent strategic position as the dominant superpower, it needs a responsible border policy which only allows **legal** immigration. Successful immigrants need to have a trade or formal education, speak English, and have transferable job skills, to assimilate into US culture. It takes up to three generations (60-90 years) for many illegal immigrants to acquire these skills. Policy makers should declare fentanyl a weapon of mass destruction, and label transnational cartels as terrorists.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

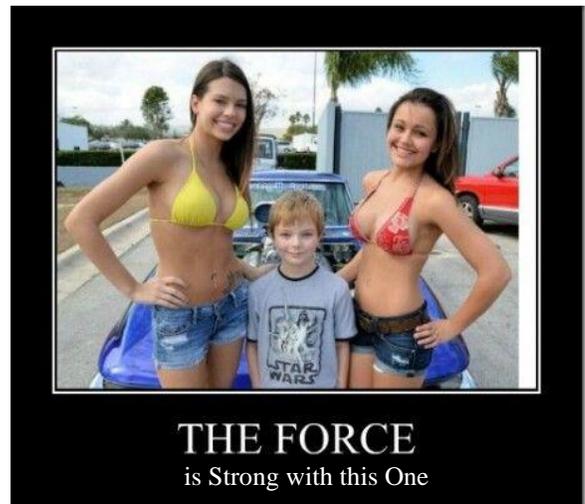
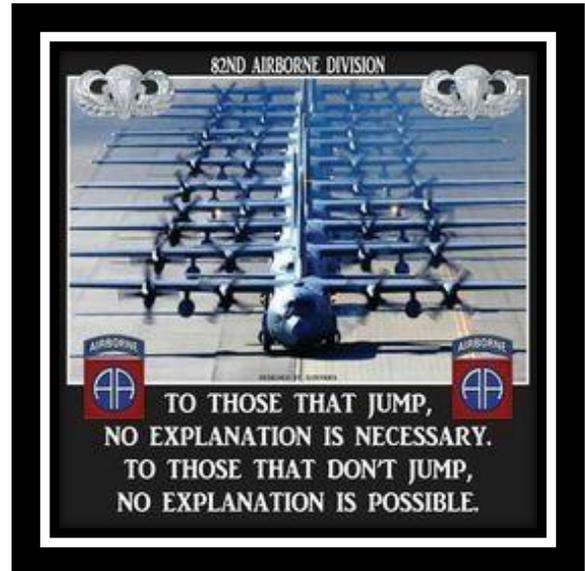
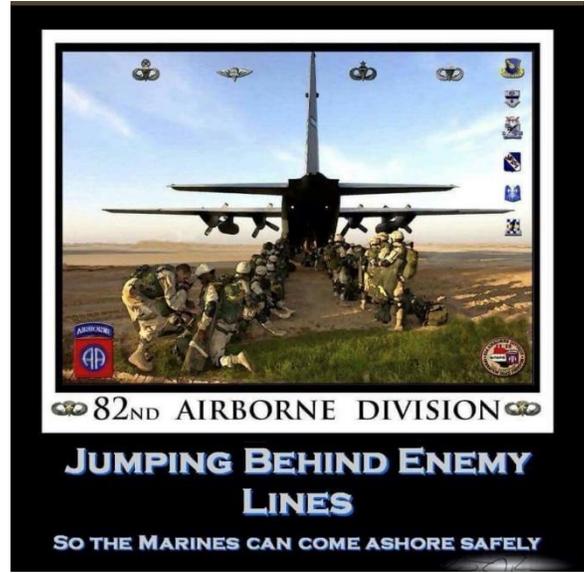
Military Memes

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

- 1 November HPM Angela Ward
- 2 November COL Earl Buys
- 3 November HPM Adele Chamberlin
- 3 November LTC Earl Dunnington
- 5 November HPM Georgeann Moss
- 7 November Lt Col David Portillo
- 7 November COL Anthony Wood
- 9 November LT Raymond Adams
- 9 November CPT Ronald Williams
- 11 November HPM Joseph Latimer**
- 14 November CW3 James Hume
- 14 November MAJ Cedric Ingram,
- 15 November Lt Col Phil Hardin
- 18 November HPM Nicholas Paleschic
- 19 November HPM Katherine Merbler
- 20 November HPM Martha Nelson
- 21 November CPT Dennis Sheridan
- 21 November MAJ Thomas Stanzel
- 22 November COL Larry Greene
- 23 November MAJ Jimmy Cox
- 25 November HPM Janie Paleschic
- 25 November CAPT Rollie Stevens



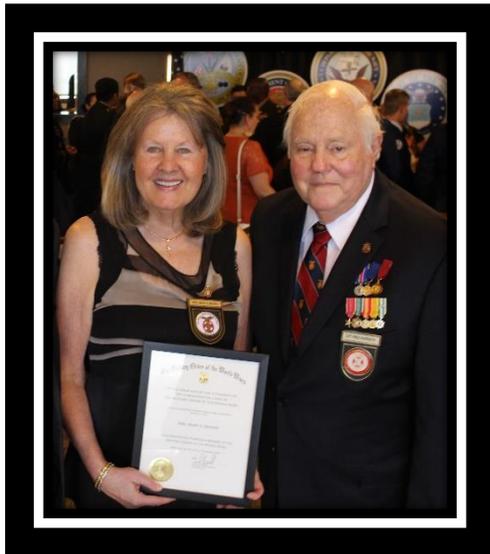
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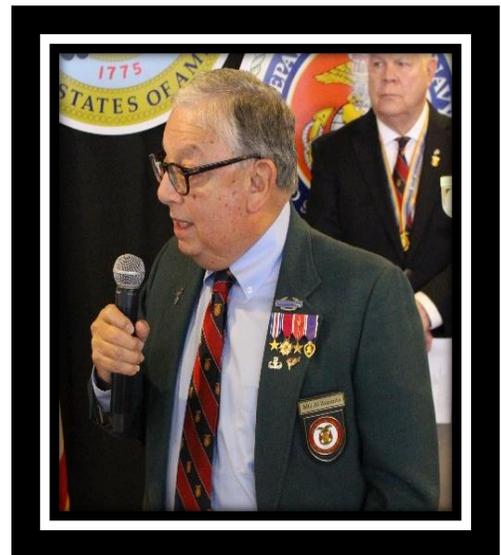
Your Chapter in Action, October 2022



Our Cover photo featured the Cadets. Here they are with their Senior Military and Air Science Instructors. (front row) Justin Halvorson, Phoenix Oliver, Heidi Miller, Veronica Couture, Itzel Montoya, Brian Elizalde, and Richard Thompson (back row) LtCol Michael Menefee, Col Brooks McFarland (Wylie HS), CPT Mark Smits, Maj Chris Carney (Central HS), COL James McGrory (W. Mesquite), SGM Gilbert Rangel (Pinkston), SGM Anthony Henry (Plano) and COL Robert West (Denton HS)



Our ranks continue to swell with the addition of more members. This month we inducted Hereditary Perpetual Mary S. Moore, seen with her Sponsor CPT (Dr) Fred Aurbach, our Chapter Surgeon.



Maj Gen Al Zapanta briefed the chapter on the success of his recent all-day Symposium on Mental Health, PTSD, and Suicide Prevention. He is already planning an even better Encore event.



Col Ric Hamer, USAF (Ret), Chairman of this year's Greater Dallas Veterans Day Parade, briefed the chapter on the biggest and best in parade in the Great State of Texas. This year's theme is "Proud to be an American"



Congratulations to Dallas Companion, COL Gil Bernabe, whose son (left) LTG Sean Bernabe assumed command of III Armored Corps and Fort Hood, last month. Next to LTG Bernabe is GEN Andrew Pappas, CG of Forscom and CSM Cliff Burgoyne, the Corps Command Sergeant Major. At the far right is COL Ron Forest, close friend of COL Barnabe and a former member of the 1st Cavalry Division during service in Vietnam.



Several years ago, a serviceman wrote of an unintended comedy he witnessed in the army. It happened during a company inspection at the Redstone Arsenal in Alabama.

An officer was conducting the inspection, and everything had gone smoothly until the officer came to the man standing next to the soldier who recalled the incident.

The officer stopped, looked the man up and down and snapped "Button that pocket trooper!"

The soldier, more than a little rattled, stammered, "You mean right now, sir?"

"Of course, right now!" was the officer's reply.

The soldier very carefully reached and buttoned the flap on the officer's shirt pocket.

For some reason peculiar to our human nature, it is always easier to see the unbuttoned pocket of others than to see our own.

Jesus said, "And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the log in your own eye?"

The scripture says, "*Judge not, lest ye be judged.*"

*Jamie Malakoff
Chapter Chaplain*

Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar

November and December present numerous opportunities for you to excel by supporting your Chapter.

3 November – Skyball XX

The best veteran's Gala of the year. Hosted by American Airlines and featuring the best in music and entertainment at Globe Life Field, in Arlington.

4 November – Army Luncheon

The fundraiser in support of the annual Army Scholarships Foundation, Frontiers of Flight Museum.

10 November – USMC Birthday

247 years of being the policemen of the US Navy.

11 November – Veterans Day

Your fellow Companions have organized the biggest and best Veterans Day Parade in the Great State of Texas. The Parade will *Pass in Review* in front of Dallas City Hall on the 11th Hour of the 11th Day of the 11th Month.

22 November – Thanksgiving

The 402nd anniversary of the meal at which Pilgrims thanked the Indians for saving them.

6 December – Christmas Banquet

Companions will meet at the Park City Club to celebrate another trip around the sun.

17 Dec – Wreaths Across America

Companions will meet at the DFW National Cemetery to place wreaths on hundreds of headstones.

25 December – Christmas

Companions will gather with family and friends to celebrate the 2022nd anniversary of the birth of Jesus.

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