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Best Chapter Newsletter in the Nation

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As we pass the gavel to a new Commander, we salute those who have earned the title of **Commander Emeritus** (awarded to officers who were Chapter Commander during a year in which the Chapter was selected as Best in the Nation. (l to r) Col Joe Cordina, LT Walt Laidlaw, Capt Lyle Mueller, LTC Chuck Chamberlin, LTC King Moss, LTC Don Munson, Capt John Hayes, LTC Walt Capps, Col Cliff Way, LTC Charlie Alford, and CAPT Rollie Stevens. Missing from the photo are LT Bill Fox, LTC Ken Boatman, LTC Jim Blunk, and Capt Paul Brown.

Awards and Decorations

Recognizing Outstanding Performance

COMPANIONS, THANK YOU - for your unwavering support, this year, under trying circumstances. I am proud to have served as the Chapter Commander and now, am prepared to pass the gavel to your new Chapter Commander, former US Navy Lieutenant, Charles (*Chuck*) Daniels.

This month, I submitted the **Chapter Activity Report** to MOWW National Headquarters. Here are the Membership, Awards, and Activities statistics for the Dallas Chapter:

Membership

The Chapter has 317 *Perpetual* and *Hereditary* Perpetual (living) Companions and 50 Regular Companions for a total of **367** Perpetual, Regular and Hereditary Companions.

We inducted 12 New Companions, 3 of whom are younger than 55 years of age, and 5 Regular Companions chose to become Perpetual Companions.

Awards

This Year, the Chapter presented the following Awards:

- ❖ 2 **National** MOWW Citations
- ❖ 3 Silver Patrick Henry Awards
- ❖ 18 Bronze Patrick Henry Awards
- ❖ 14 Outstanding Service Awards
- ❖ 35 Outreach Service Medals
- ❖ 150 Girl Scout Gold Award Certificates
- ❖ 764 Boy Scout Eagle Award Certificates
- ❖ 63 JROTC Cadet Medals and Certificates
- ❖ 27 SROTC Cadet Medals and Certificates
- ❖ 12 Outstanding Law and Order Certificates



Activities

Raised Funding for 60 High School Students to attend Region VIII Youth Leadership Conferences.

Partnered with the DAR to lay Christmas Wreaths on Veterans' headstones at the Dallas Ft. Worth National Cemetery. The Chapter raised **\$2,730** and laid **182** wreaths, resulting for the first time in DFW Cemetery history, every Veteran had a wreath on his or her grave site.



Donated **\$500** to *Allies in Service* to assist local Veterans at Christmas.

Delivered toys donated at the Annual Christmas Party to the *Special Forces Association* and *Allies in Service* for distribution to Veterans' families.

Hosted the "*Ladies Liberty*" Show Troupe for a Vietnam era USO Show Experience at the Christmas Party.



As part of the Chapter Veterans Affairs Program, Companions visited long-term care military veteran patients at the VA Hospital of Dallas and presented MOWW Challenge Coins.

(click [HERE](#) to read articles on p.7 & 23, in the June issue of **Officer Review**).

As part of the Chapter Memorial Program, the Chapter presented to the Director of the North Texas Health Care System, a **MEMORIAL PLAQUE** in grateful appreciation for 80 years of service to the Veterans of the US Armed Forces.

As part of the National and Homeland Security Programs, the Chapter published monthly articles explaining global threats facing the United States.

The Final Approach

Your Chapter is now on Final Approach; flaps, and landing gear down, descending for a landing on 2 June. Now, it is a



World of the “*New Normal*”. Unlike the end of my first term as Commander when I wrote that we could see the runway lights brightly burning to guide us for a

Successful Landing and Celebration Dinner, with all the Military Ceremony befitting the “**Best Large Chapter**” in the MOWW Nation.

This year, we are on approach on **IFR**, with limited visibility of the future. The celebratory dinner and military ceremony have been postponed until the fall. We will land, change the Command Staff by taking written Oaths of Office, refuel and quickly take off to meet what the future holds.

We are working with the Park City Club during this transition period to get back on track to meet safely under the new rules to enjoy this coming year and continue service to our Community.

For now, let us take a moment to recognize your hard work this year. Once again, you have taken this Chapter to heights never seen before. When you were called to perform, you accepted the challenge and delivered more than was asked notwithstanding the COVID-19 headwinds. You can see the Chapter’s Performance Statistics on page one in this Newsletter. I want to highlight a few of the Challenges you faced and in which you excelled.



Fund Raising – The Goal was to raise \$21,000 to send 60 students to Region VIII Youth Leadership Conferences. You rose to the task.

Outreach Programs – Your generosity funded all our Outreach Programs this past year, and more importantly, you enhanced them with your time.



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Setting Sail, Adjusting to the Blowing Winds

First, let me start by thanking the outgoing staff for all their diligence, hard work and enthusiasm in the last 12 months. In the Navy, *Bravo Zulu* means “*Well Done*”, so BZ to all the current staff!



Let me add to Paul’s commendation of the Chapter accomplishments and achievements over the last year. You took on new challenges, embraced new opportunities and adapted to meet circumstances that no one would have ever thought to imagine.

You warmly welcomed new Companions, supported the Strategic Goals of MOWW, enjoyed new and various speakers, and friends, and did it all with a hearty smile and a well displayed sense of pride. Bravo Zulu to the Dallas Chapter for all it achieved in the last year.

Paul Brown, our Dallas Chapter Commander Emeritus, being an Air Force Veteran, is used to providing analysis, guidance, and direction, using Air Force vernacular and terminology. When Paul says “Final Approach”, I think “Entering Port”. When he says, “Flaps and landing gear down”, I think “Set the Sea and Anchor detail”. Regardless of the terminology, we all know that the term of our current staff is ending, and a new staff is “**Coming Aboard**”.

So, the ship is sailing into port, but it will be provisioning and immediately getting underway. The direction we all want to sail is known. It is the direction of the winds that are uncertain. This means some unusual steering techniques may have to be used to return to desired course. Sometimes a ship needs to come starboard, let us say 45 degrees. That can be accomplished by turning starboard 45 degrees or turning port 315 degrees. Let us hope that our course corrections will not be that severe but let us be ready to do whatever is required to return to our intended course. *(continued on p. 3)*



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Companions Thank You – Job Well Done!!

For now, let us take a breath, reflect, and then prepare for the challenges of 2020-21. Your new Commander and Staff will have the daunting task of leading us where no Chapter has gone before during our lifetimes.

So, please help them with your participation and support to continue to make this the BEST LARGE CHAPTER.

It has been an honor to serve as the Chapter Commander for this past year, and I wish the best to LT Chuck Daniels, Commander Elect, and his Staff as they begin to continue the Chapter’s traditions during this coming year.

Until we can meet again, take care, and God Bless.



Paul W. Brown
Commander *Emeritus*
Dallas Chapter, MOWW



Companions Down

MajGen William Gossell (1932-2020)

The Companions of the Dallas Chapter, Military Order of the World Wars, join the family and friends of William H. Gossell, MajGen, USMC, in grieving over the passing of this celebrated Warrior.

MajGen Gossell was a long time Perpetual member of MOWW. He will be fondly remembered by many as the Chairman of the Board and twice President of the Dallas Military Ball.

Maj Gen Harvey McCarter

We are happy to convey that Dallas Perpetual Companion, Maj Gen Harvey McCarter, USAF, (Ret), underwent heart by-pass surgery and is back home resting as comfortably as the current situation will allow.

Marilyn reports that he is feeling “Punky”, but he is an honor graduate of his ongoing rehab program.



LTC Allen West

Allen gave us all a scare when he was thrown from his motorcycle on I-35, coming home from Austin. He was treated and released from the hospital and is now back home, enjoying heavy doses of TLC from Angela.



Reportedly, the motorist who caused the accident heard that he had injured an *Airborne Ranger*, and he is now in the witness protection program, somewhere in Alaska.

(Setting Sail, continued from p. 2)

The incoming staff has the challenge of returning the Chapter to its desired course with unforeseen Local, State, and possibly Federal orders influencing how quickly we can reach full speed.

We are all up to the task, and the first order of business will be to develop a “**Reconstitution Plan**”, in other words, charting the proper course. The course will determine when we are able to gather safely, be able to travel to support Outreach Missions and Strategic Goals, and work with all the wonderful organizations that help us to achieve the Order’s Preamble goals and requirements.

I can tell you from personal experience, you can bring a ship into, and out of, port in a dense fog. It just takes patience, trust in your training, a good crew, and above all flexibility and adaptability. I look forward to us all achieving great things in the next year. Personally, professionally, and as a superb team of supportive Companions.



Chuck Daniels
Commander (Elect)
Dallas Chapter, MOWW



Companions Down

LTC Woody Alexander

Woody’s wife, Kathryn, tells us that Woody is still in the hospital, awaiting a pathology report. She reports that he is “*resting and doing well*” but keep him in your prayers. He is not out of the woods, yet.



Pat Teipel

Several years ago, we almost lost Pat to a horrendous traffic accident, caused by a drunken driver. His recovery has been long and difficult. He is currently scheduled for yet another CAT Scan, on 2 June. Stay tuned, we will keep you posted.



MAJ Bill Coleman

Bill is awaiting the doctor’s report on his current kidney complications.



These are the times that try men’s souls.

Reach out and offer **all these Companions** your best wishes for speedy recoveries.

The National Intelligence Community

Homeland Security Report

by Michael Menefee, LtCol, USMC (Ret)

The US Intelligence Community consists of **seventeen** different organizations and all are overseen by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI). This short article will address the eight



John Ratliff, Director of National Intelligence

Department of Defense (DoD) intelligence organizations. Next month's article will address the nine intelligence agencies that are not a part of DoD.

The Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) is the military's intel arm within the Department of Defense. Each of the four major DoD armed services:

Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps, have their own internal intelligence organizations. These intelligence organizations support military intelligence operations within their separate service and coordinate their products with the other ODNI agencies.

The other agencies, *at DoD level*, are the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency (NGA), the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), and the National Security Agency (NSA).

DIA specializes in military intelligence for national decision-makers.



National Intelligence Community

NGA specializes in imagery intelligence (IMINT), and geospatial information and services.

NRO is responsible for the design, launch, and maintenance of America's intelligence satellites.

NSA is the largest US intelligence agency. It collects signals intelligence (SIGINT), and information technology. NSA is the leader in cryptology (breaking and creating codes).

To comply with the safeguards of the US Constitution granted by the Fourth Amendment prohibiting unreasonable searches and seizures, the Intelligence community may only collect foreign intelligence and monitor foreign targets. It is illegal for them to collect intelligence or monitor US citizens unless terrorism or espionage is suspected. In those rare cases, a federal law enforcement agency or intelligence agency must obtain a warrant, to wiretap or use law enforcement methods, on a suspected American citizen.

A federal warrant must be issued and approved by a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISA Court) and is normally signed by the US Attorney General.



The National Intel Community focuses on two main types of intelligence - strategic and tactical. Strategic intelligence is data and information used to articulate national strategy and strategic military plans. Tactical intelligence is data and information used to help military commanders in the field in planning or conducting combat operations.

Strategic intelligence and tactical intelligence vary greatly in their employment, scope, and viewpoint. The information collected is dependent on whether the intelligence target is tactical or strategic. Generally, strategic intelligence is much more readily available to the IC, whereas tactical intelligence is often urgently needed to assist field commanders. Time is a key component in the amount of intelligence available and given to the decision maker. Intelligence is *verified* information for commanders and decision makers.

At the Battle of Midway, US intelligence code breakers could only read 10-20 percent of the Japanese JN25 Code but were able through applied intelligence and analysis to determine approximately when and where the Japanese would attack.



The Midway victory was the key battle which turned the tide in the Pacific Theater in 1942.

Every Intell organization uses specialized intelligence analysts to review, analyze, write, and brief, detailed papers and plans to help senior military and civilian government decision makers on almost every conceivable topic. Each IC analyst receives specialized training from their agency or service branch, and most senior intelligence analysts have one or more graduate degrees.

The National Intelligence University is the IC's graduate school. Admissions are very selective, and graduates earn an MS in Strategic Intelligence or MS in Technology Intelligence. Other analysts specialize in computer science, engineering, geology, linguistics, photo imagery, physics, or research. NSA is one of the world's largest employers of mathematicians, and many of whom have doctorate degrees.



KNOW YOUR INCOMING OFFICERS

LT Charles Daniels, US Navy (Commander)

Charles (Chuck) Daniels grew up in rural Iowa, in a family of **all** boys. After High School he entered Iowa State University, graduating in 1978 with a Bachelor of Science degree and a Teaching Certificate. He attended Navy Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI, receiving his Commission (from his brother), in the first OCS class of 1979. Chuck was the last of the sons to follow their father into military service.



Chuck served as a U.S. Navy Surface Warfare Officer in the Pacific Fleet from commissioning until 1982, serving in the Operations, Engineering and Weapons departments in the Destroyer Navy. Sea duty was followed by service as a Naval Liaison Officer between Commander Naval Surface Forces Pacific and 1ST Marine Division (Pendleton), performing military contingency planning, until 1984.

In 1984 Chuck turned to the U.S. Defense industry, beginning his career at Texas Instruments Equipment Group, remained there until that group was sold to Raytheon in 1997. After the sale, Chuck continued working on classified Navy programs, until his retirement in 2013.

During his employment at Texas Instruments/Raytheon, Chuck worked in Manufacturing Engineering, Finance, Proposal Services, Business Development, Operations Management, and Contracts and finished his last 10 years in Program Management of proprietary government programs. Most of his career involved developing and manufacturing Department of Defense High Resolution Radars, Surveillance Aircraft Modifications and Satellite Communication systems.

In late 2014, Chuck was brought out of retirement to serve as the Program Manager for a developing market Maritime Patrol Aircraft, being built by L-3 Communications, Greenville, TX, for the military and commercial marketplace.

Chuck, and his wife Karey, own acreage northwest of Greenville, and are enjoying the debate on whether to build their Dream Home there or just retire to a beach in Honolulu.

Chuck's interests include travel, boating, golf, volunteer service, church, and current events.

CPT Jeff Butcher, US Army (Sr Vice Commander)

Jeff Butcher was born in Tampa, FL and raised in Massillon, OH. He graduated from the US Military Academy at West Point in 1985, with a BS degree in Economics and a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Field Artillery. He later earned a Master of Science in Systems Management from the University of Southern California.



His first assignment was to the US Army Airborne School, Ft. Benning, GA, which he attended, exactly *30 years*, to the month, after his father qualified to be a paratrooper in the famous 101st Airborne Division, during the Korean War.

After the Artillery Officers Basic Course, Jeff was assigned to Augsburg, Germany, as a battery Fire Direction Officer in a Corps Artillery 8-inch howitzer battery. His greatest accomplishment in Germany was meeting, and marrying, the beautiful Captain Barbara Carr!

He branch-transferred to Quartermaster Corps, attended the QM Officers Advanced Course at Ft. Lee VA, after which he was assigned to the Eagle Support Brigade at Fort Campbell, KY, in support of the 101st Airborne Division, initially as the Battalion Operations Officer, later as Commander of the Headquarters Company for the Brigade, which he led during Operation Desert Storm, in 1991. After returning from Desert Storm, he was as an Associate Professor of Military Science at the U. of Arizona.

Jeff resigned his commission in 1992 and took a job as an energy analyst for Fina Oil and Chemical Company of Big Spring, TX. He was transferred to their corporate office in Dallas, to work as a buyer in their procurement office. In 1995, an old battery commander of his helped him land a job with Texas Instruments and he worked in various IT roles for the next 22 years.

He also worked for Raytheon, SBC Wireless, Pepsi, and Hewlett-Packard. In 2017 he made another career change and is now a Financial Advisor for Edward Jones.

His hobbies have always revolved around his children...enjoying them, teaching them, being with them. He has been involved with Boy Scouts for nearly 30 years, serving as a Scoutmaster four times along the way.

Like Barbara, he is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and has held numerous leadership roles. He is currently serving as the Bishop for the 7th Ward in Plano

Happy Birthday, Companions

**“People who have the most birthdays –
Live the longest”**

1 June	Lt Col Joe Banks
1 June	CPT Robert Kurth
1 June	HPM Jennifer Nsakasalo
1 June	CPT Andrew White
1 June	HPM Steve Suiter
2 June	HRM Jonathan Mueller
3 June	LT William Skeeters
4 June	CDR James Bittle
5 June	MS Sarah Bullock
5 June	Col John Duncan
8 June	Capt Paul Brown
9 June	CPT Marshall Doke
10 June	LTC William Holton
11 June	HPM Peter Schmidt
12 June	CINC (LT) George H. W. Bush (RIP)
13 June	HPM Aidan Schmidt
14 June	LTC James Adams
15 June	HPM Larry Franks
15 June	Capt Harry Pierce
16 June	HPM Richard Lewis
17 June	HPM Harold Moore, IV
18 June	Lt Col Earl Bullock
19 June	HPM Valenia Merton
19 June	HPM Pat Teipel
19 June	LTC Benson Wheeler
20 June	CPT Allen Clark
21 June	LT James Hopper
22 June	CDR John Lopez
23 June	HPM Amy Merbler
29 June	CPT William Felini
30 June	MAJ Jon Edmonson
30 June	HPM Alex Eppley Schmidt



Speaker Programs Just Keep Getting Better

**2 Jun 20 – Scott Murray, Renown News Analyst
This Luncheon is CANCELLED**

**7 Jul 20 – Kenda Culpepper, Rockwall County DA
"Law Enforcement in North Texas"**

**4 Aug 20 –Dr. Stephen Holt, Dir, Dallas VA Hospital
"80 Years of Helping Military Veterans "**

**1 Sep 20 –Formal Evening Banquet
"Celebrating the 2021 Commander and Staff"**

**6 Oct 20 –Tom Clark, Attorney at Law
"The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals "
and JROTC & SROTC Recognition Program**

**3 Nov 20 –Caroline Johnson, Capt, USAF (Fmr)
"Backseat in an F/A-18 Super Hornet"**

Finding Your Family's Roots

Family History Videos

Companion Barbara Butcher has been teaching **Family History** search methods to an increasingly larger group of interested personnel for several years. She now calls it her *"Corona virus project"*.

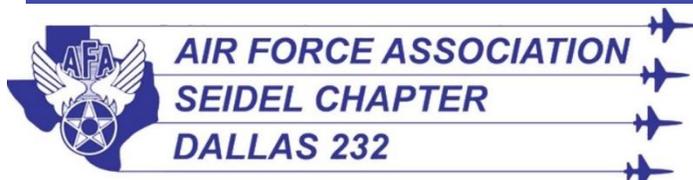
Barbra has recorded lessons on search methods and has placed the videos on **YouTube**. She felt that it might be something our MOWW members would be interested in viewing, during the long hours of "quarantining".

(Click [HERE](#) to view Barbara's videos).

Outreach Programs

Air Force Assn supports Military Book Club

You are invited to join a
Zoom Presentation on Ardennes 1944
25 Jun 20, 7:30 am Central Time
Contact Bob Gehbauer for details.



Notice: Next Chapter Commander's Staff Meeting will be held, on the 3rd Thursday in June, at 2:15 p.m., in the Conference Room of the Park City Club



The Glory of God

The psalmist wrote, “*The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.*” (Psalm 19:1)

As we enjoy the blossoms and blooms of this time of year, let us remember that God is a God of beauty as well as of morals, laws, and theological systems.



His dominion covers all aspects of life, both natural and supernatural.

In fact, Jesus often used parables concerning the physical world to teach truth about the spiritual, given that the two parallel one another having both come from the mind of the same Creator.

May we each take the time to quiet ourselves and marvel at God's handiwork all around us, and in



doing so find refreshment for our souls.

God's *peace* be with each of you.

Jamie Malakoff
Chapter Chaplain

Stay Safe.

Wear a face cover.

Keep a Social Distance.

Together we will win.

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HUMOR IN UNIFORM



Vanessa Dobos is a gunner on a USAF AC-130 gunship. She has seen action in Iraq and Afghanistan. She likes long walks on the beach, men who are not afraid to cry, and puppies. Her dislikes are feed-tray stoppages, tracers that flare out her night vision goggles, and premature fixed-wing strikes that scatter her high-value targets.

US NAVY



What my wife thought I did.



What society thought I did.



What I tell people I did.



What I actually did.

US ARMY



What my mom thinks I do



What society thinks I do



What I think I do



What I actually do