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It's that time of year, again! Preparations are underway to present 58 Texas High School JROTC Cadets and 24 University ROTC Cadets with MOWW medals and Citations in recognition of their outstanding achievements. We need YOU to show your support of this program by volunteering to assist in one or more of the presentation ceremonies. Past Commander-in-Chief Chuck Chamberlin (far right) (TAMU '60) can attest to the pride these young cadets show in being recognized by the military veterans whom they aspire to become..

This Month's Program, February 2022

"The Evolution of Education in America"

Dr. Carole Haynes is a national education policy analyst, curriculum specialist, business owner, and classical pianist

She holds a doctorate in curriculum development as well as degrees in music and history from the University of Memphis. She studied music at the DeShazo College of Music, the St. Louis Conservatory, and Rhodes College and performed professionally on the piano and pipe organ.



Dr. Haynes taught American and Southern history at the college level and served in college administration. At the secondary level she taught music, history and English.

She has served as an expert reviewer for the Texas State Board of Education and consults with state and federal lawmakers about education policy.

Dr. Haynes speaks widely to audiences about the evolution of American education on our culture and national security. Her extensive commentaries have been published widely and many are posted at her website: drcarolehaynes.com.

The "*Haynes Report*" has a wide audience, both in the U.S. and internationally.

Commander's Comments

"It is Better to Serve..."

Companions, our chapter continues to have many accomplishments this year and more are scheduled for this month.

I have appointed HPM Bob Epstein to be our *Homeland Security* coordinator. Bob will be expanding our chapter's police department and County Sheriff connections and relations. CPT Mark Smits is our new *ROTC/JROTC* coordinator. Mark is working hard to restore our ROTC and JROTC connections that were interrupted by COVID mandates.



Several new Companions have stepped up to serve: HPM Carolyn Foust-Walker, HPM Katherine Blair, and Lt Col Martie Cencki have all also agreed to serve on committees.

If you would like an opportunity to serve on the staff or on one of our committees, please call me (**817.368.7799**), or contact any staff member.

Our next Luncheon meeting is scheduled for 1 Mar 22, and we are expecting a large turnout. Dr. Carole Haynes will be our guest speaker. Carole is a highly sought-after speaker whose subject matter expertise includes American history,

education, and culture. Her topic will be: *"The American Education System and its Impact on the National Security of the United States."*

We still have several Companions down. Commander Emeritus, Capt Paul Brown is still recovering from open heart surgery, and Maj Terry Thorsen is still recovering from a massive stroke.



Thankfully, several Companions and their wives have recovered from COVID, but several others are facing long-term medical issues. Please keep these Companions and their wives in your prayers.

I am confident that I am unaware of other medical issues affecting other Companions, so accept my apologies in advance. Please let me or anyone on the staff know if you or your spouse is ill so we can add you to our prayer list.

We are looking forward to making 2022 an even better year for your chapter – by helping to host the 2022 Region VIII Conference in May with the assistance of our fellow North Texas chapters.



As the school year winds down, we will actively participate in high school awards programs, and interview students for our Youth Leadership Conference programs. (see next column)

I want to increase our involvement in supporting our military monuments efforts, as well as American history, US Constitution, military, veterans, law and order and other Outreach programs.



We need to recruit more Companions to complete our important missions.

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!

Happy President's Day!

*LtCol Michael W. Menefee, USMCR (Ret)
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Speaker Programs Just Keep Getting Better

**1 Mar 22 – Dr (PhD) Carole Haynes, Educator
"The Evolution of American Education"**

**5 Apr 22 – BG Christopher Beck, US Army (ACE)
"Panther Island on the Trinity River"**

**3 May 22 – Miguel Garcia, Dallas Police Department
"Ambush of Dallas Police Officers, 7 Jul 16"**

**7 Jun 22 – LtCol Michael Menefee, USMC (Ret)
"Installation of 2023 Commander and Staff"**

**3 Jul 22 – Speaker TBA
"China-Russia Entente"**

Junior and Senior ROTC Awards Programs

"If the milk is pure, the cream will rise"

Your Dallas chapter is known throughout the State of Texas for its long history of supporting the Reserve Officer Training programs of DISD and *over 30 other schools* and independent school districts extending from Waxahachie to San Angelo.



The catch is that it takes manpower to maximize our visibility while covering so many schools and such a broad geographical area. We cannot be present at every Awards program, since many are held on the same day, but with your assistance we plan to attend as many as possible.



When you arrive for the Luncheon on Tuesday, there will be a Sign-Up sheet at the registration desk. If you miss the Luncheon, simply call Mark Smits (972-342-8901) to volunteer.



Please take a moment to add your name to the list of Companions willing to help us fulfill our goal of attending over **80 per cent** of the Award Ceremonies, scheduled to be held during the months of April and May.



The reward you will receive in the form of sincere gratitude from your Cadet will make your day.

National Security

Quarterly National Security Briefings

The last in our 4-part series of national security briefings will be an Evening Dinner on Sunday, March 13, 2022. You will not want to miss this one.

Our Keynote Speaker will be **Major General Charles Aris**,



Commanding General of the 36th Infantry Division, Texas Army National Guard, who will provide a wrap up of our global issues and set the scene for a special, program honoring an individual who has contributed an enormous amount of time, energy and money to DFW area veterans' causes.

The recipient will be presented with the inaugural **Congressman Sam Johnson Defender of Freedom Award**. This prestigious recognition will be awarded annually to a community leader who has demonstrated a lifetime of dedication and service to the North Texas community.



The recipient will have exhibited long standing, consistent, highly valuable support and service particularly to causes and organizations that stand for the American values of patriotism, leadership, and personal self-less service. The award winner will exemplify those who "stand in the gap" for our collective security and peace. He understands that freedom is not free.

Contact **Barry Brown** (361-244-3298) to register and reserve seating. I'll see you on Sunday, 13 Mar 22.

In Memoriam

Talmadge DeWitt Thomas (1918-2022)

Colonel Talmadge D. Thomas joined the *US Marine Corps* in June of 1943 at the age of 17. He had just graduated from North Dallas High School. After service in World War II, he earned BBA and MBA degrees from SMU, At the outbreak of the Korean War, he received a direct commission in the *US Air Force*.



Later in life, Governor Bill Clements made him an honorary Admiral in the *Texas Navy* and the Superintendent of the US Air Force Academy made him an honorary graduate of USAFA. The list of his contributions to the local Dallas community is too long to cover. He was active in over a dozen different veterans' organizations, among which was Dallas Chapter of the **Military Order of the World Wars**.

Law and Order

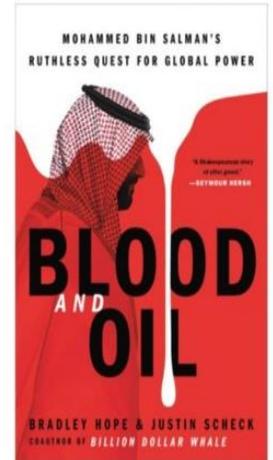
Monthly Military Book Discussions

A National Security Program Book Discussion

Wednesday, March 2, 2022, 7:30 a.m.
Prestonwood Creek CC / 15909 Preston Rd, Dallas

Moderated by **Bob Epstein** & Sponsored by the **North Texas Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars**

Blood and Oil is a gripping work of investigative journalism From award-winning Wall Street Journal reporters Bradley Hope and Justin Scheck about one of the world's most decisive and dangerous new leaders - Saudi Arabia's charismatic, but ruthless, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.



Chapter salutes Dallas' Finest Officers in Blue

On 17 Feb 22, our Law & Order Chair, LT Chuck Daniels presented an MOWW Citation for Outstanding Service to Dallas Police Officer Matthew McLain (#8610), for his selection as DPD's **Officer of the Month**. Officer McLain is assigned to the Central Patrol Division searching for stolen vehicles and wanted felons. He is another reason that Dallas' Men in Blue are the Best.



Scouting

Chapter salutes Gold Award Girl Scouts

Each year, the Northeast Texas Council of the Girl Scouts honors the Girls who have earned the prestigious **Gold Award**. This year the Dallas Chapter will provide MOWW Certificates of Achievement to **125** Gold Award girls. The ceremony is scheduled for 13 May 22 at the Rough Riders Ballpark in



Frisco. Dallas Companions are cordially invited to attend. If you would like to accompany our Commander and Staff to this Special Event, contact Don Munson (972-971-1413) and you will receive a formal invitation from the President and CEO of the GSA Northeast Texas Council.

Know Your Companions

LtCol Martha Cenkci, USAF (Ret)

Martha (Martie) Cenkci is native of Austin. She holds a Bachelor of Arts with honors from the University of Texas at Austin, and a Master of Arts from Webster University, St. Louis. She is also a graduate of several Military Professional Education schools, including Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, and the Air War College, Montgomery, AL.



Martie was commissioned in the US Air Force in 1978 and retired at the rank of lieutenant colonel. She served on active duty in a variety of positions in the US Air Force and Department of Defense, which included Chief of Public Affairs Office (PAO) for both the Air Force and Army Intelligence commands; Chief of PAO for the U.S. Logistics Group, Ankara, Turkey; and PAO Plans Officer for the Strategic Defense Initiative ("Star Wars" program), the Pentagon.

She was also the Deputy PAO for US Forces Korea and Director of PAO for the Defense Logistics Agency.

She later served as a Department of the Army *civilian* Chief of PAO for the Southwestern Division, US Army Corps of Engineers, Dallas.

Martie has earned a variety of public affairs awards, including the Secretary of the Air Force Special Achievement Award. She was named Air Force Systems Command Public Affairs Officer of the Year; and the US Army Engineer Regiment awarded her the *Bronze de Fleury* Medal, for superior support.

She is a member of the Public Relations Society of America, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge.

Marti and her husband, Kemal Cenkci have one son and two granddaughters. Marti and Kemal live in Irving, TX.

CPT James Runzheimer, US Army

James (Jim) Runzheimer is a native of Wisconsin. He holds a BA in English literature and BBA in accounting, from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and his law degree from the New England School of Law, Boston.



Jim received his commission upon completion of Infantry OCS at Ft. Benning, GA and then attended the Basic Airborne School, where he qualified to jump from perfectly good airplanes. He attended the Defense Language Institute, Monterey, CA, to become a Turkish language specialist. He later graduated from the Unconventional Warfare Officer's Course at Ft. Bragg in 1969.

Jim then deployed to Bad Tolz, Germany, to serve as an A-Team commander with Special Forces Detachment(Airborne) Europe. His team's mission was to deploy special atomic demolitions munitions in the event of war with the Soviet Union. Jim also led multiple NATO advisory missions to Greece to conduct training with the Royal Hellenic Raiding Forces, from which he received the Greek parachute badge. He was honorably discharged as a Captain in 1971.

Cooper & Lybrand, CPA's, Boston, hired Jim as a tax specialist in 1977. In 1980, he and his wife Jan moved to Arlington. Jim is a sole practitioner lawyer and CPA. He has lectured in business law at the UT-Arlington College of Business Administration.

Jim has been the coordinator of the Arlington Veterans Day ceremony since 2009. He advises the Veteran Business Outreach Center at UT-Arlington for the *Boots to Business* program. He is currently a director-at-large for the Texas District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, consisting of 400 congregations.

Jim has been married to his beautiful wife, Jan, for 44 years. They are the parents of three children and three grandchildren.

Homeland Security and National Defense

THREATS TO AMERICAN EDUCATION AND THE FUTURE OF AMERICA

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

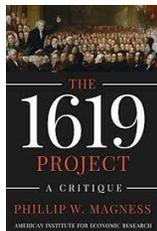
The American education system is under assault from kindergarten to university level. Many of our youth are being taught the failed economic beliefs of Karl Marx, and Critical Race Theory (CRT).



CRT promotes racism. It is taught in American Medical Association-regulated medical schools, the American Bar Association-regulated law schools, and over 300 colleges and universities in the US.

The Marxist movement, which now also includes Black Lives Matter, advocates and promotes racism, reparations, redistribution of wealth, defunding the police, destruction of the nuclear family, and opposition to meritocracy. This deceitful theory promotes *equity* (equal outcomes), versus *equality* (equal opportunity).

Another discredited theory being taught to school children and college students alike is the *1619 Project*, which teaches that American colonies were created as slave colonies, and the American revolution was fought to continue slavery. As a matter of fact, American colonies were under English law, and when the colonies tried to abolish slavery, the king of England insisted that slavery was the accepted law of the British Empire and overruled their efforts.



Our economic system is based on capitalism, and it has some flaws. One of its flaws is that wealth is not evenly distributed. Capitalism is an economic system which rewards creativity, effort, and hard work. It is harsh towards those who have few skills, little education, and do not work hard, but is generous to those who apply their skills, education, and creativity effectively.



Some politicians dislike the inequality of capitalism and would substitute fewer liberties and opportunities to have a government controlled economic system, like socialism. Socialism appears to offer a more equal distribution of income, but over time, it invariably leads to government control. If that path is not quickly reversed, it can lead to Communism, which favors bureaucrats and stifles productivity, innovation, and freedom.

Although our economic system does not reward everyone equally, it offers a higher standard of living for the majority of our citizens. Command economies like China, Cuba, North Korea, Venezuela, and Russia limit freedoms and provide a lower standard of living to their citizens than capitalist countries.

The theory of Communism may be summed up in the single sentence: Abolition of private property.

(Karl Marx)

Each year, hundreds of thousands of recent graduates of secondary and university programs enter the workforce. If our economic system is to continue, our education system must reinstate a more rigorous, merit-based, educational system with higher standards. Citizens demand excellence from schools and colleges. They want politicians and administrators to stop social experimentation, reinstate traditional values, and restore academic quality.

Rioting, looting, and tearing down historic monuments does not change history. Promoting abnormal behavior and destroying social mores does not improve our culture. If traditional values, rigor, and merit were reinstated in American higher education, diplomas from our schools and universities may reverse their economic deterioration.



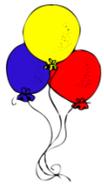
American government, history, and economics should be taught in our curriculum. Florida Governor DeSantis has proposed high school students pass the US Citizenship (naturalization) test to graduate high school. This would also be a good standard for college graduation.

If our schools, colleges, and universities do not return to a meritocracy soon, our country as we have known it, may collapse within a generation.

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- 1 March MG Michael Marchand
- 2 March LCDR Ralph Muse
- 3 March HPM Richard Bullock
- 3 March LT John Canales
- 4 March HPM Ashley Adams
- 4 March COL John Antal
- 4 March HPM Geoffrey Merton
- 5 March COL James Methered
- 6 March MAJ Edward Marty
- 8 March HPM Ned Butler III
- 8 March LT Lorelei Gaus
- 8 March MG Albert Zapanta
- 12 March Lt Col Michael Giles
- 12 March CWO3 Joseph Lynch
- 12 March LTC Jeffrey Spears
- 13 March DR Fred Aurbach
- 13 March CDR H.B. Germany
- 19 March LTC Don Nguyen
- 20 March CAPT Robert Elwell
- 21 March MAJ Billy Manning
- 22 March HON Pete Sessions
- 23 March CAPT BJ Bjorklund
- 23 March Col Ric Hamer
- 23 March LT Michael Sable
- 27 March CWO4 Monifa Rucker
- 28 March Lt Col Daniel Hagood
- 28 March HPM Shawn Hogan
- 28 March CPT Michael Metcalf
- 29 March CDR Sean Fox
- 31 March CAPT Richard Stewart



Happy Birthday!



Military Memes



F'indizzle Memes

Your Chapter in Action, February 2022



Chapter Commander Michael Menefee inducted Regular Companion Arden Blay. And then he inducted two Perpetual Companions, *upgraded* Perpetual John Runzheimer and Hereditary Carolyn Foust-Walker.



This group photo includes Carolyn and her Sponsor HPM Katherine Blair, LtCol Michael Menefee, CPT John Runzheimer and his Sponsor CPT John Wagner. Missing from the photos is CPT Blay's Sponsor, CPT Alan Clark, who has now brought us a total of thirty-five (35) new Companions.

Notice: Next Commander's Staff Meeting will be held Thursday, 17 MAR 2022, at 1300 hrs (1:00 p.m.), in the Frontiers of Flight Conference Room, 6911 Lemmon Ave., Dallas, TX, adjacent to Love Field.



Living One Day at a Time

Did you know that there are at least two days in every week about which we should never worry?

One of these is **YESTERDAY** with its mistakes, its faults, its aches and pains. Why worry about **YESTERDAY**, since it has already passed? We cannot undo a single act once performed; nor erase a single word that was written or spoken. **YESTERDAY** is gone.

The other day that we should not worry about is **TOMORROW** with its adversaries, its burdens, its problems and its dangers. It is a fact that most of those things pertaining to **TOMORROW** are beyond our immediate control. **TOMORROW'S** sun will rise, either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds, if God so wills.

This leaves only - **TODAY**. Any man can fight the battles of just one day. It is only when you and I add the burdens of those two awful eternities - **YESTERDAY** & **TOMORROW** - that we break down. It is not the experience of **TODAY** that drives men mad. It is remorse or bitterness for something which happened **YESTERDAY** and the dread of what **TOMORROW** may bring.

"Therefore, do not worry about TOMORROW, for TOMORROW will worry about itself. "
(Matthew 6:34).

Jamie Malakoff
Chapter Chaplain

In Memoriam

BG TIM BODDIE (1931-2022)

The North Texas Chapter in Richardson, recently notified us of the passing of Brig. Gen. Timothy J. Boddie, Jr., in January of this year. General Boddie flew 201, F-4 fighter missions during the Vietnam war, including 57 over North Vietnam.



From 1961-1965, he was the Commandant of Cadets at Tuskegee Institute and from 2006-2008, he was President of Texas Southern University.

General Boddie flew over 5,000 hours in jet fighter aircraft. His decorations and awards include the AF Distinguished Service medal, Defense Superior Service medal, the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Air Medal (with 13 *Oak Leaf clusters*).

In retirement, he served as Vice Chairman of the Board of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA).

His stepson, Col Bill Dwiggins, USMC (Ret). has been a Guest Speaker of the Dallas Chapter on multiple occasions.

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