



Six of the students that we sponsored, received our Bronze Patrick Henry medallion for superior performance while participating in this summer's Region VIII Youth Leadership Conferences. Each student was accompanied by the **Principal** of their High School. (l to r) Mr. Clark Mitchell and Max Matta (Sunnyvale HS), Ms. Jill Ross and Alvina Shaik (Central HS, San Angelo), Dr. Laura Carrasco and Lana Avalos (International Leadership of Texas HS), Mr. Matt Burgy* and Eleanor Fields (The Oakridge School), plus Dr. Laura Springer, flanked by her students, Swarra Mudgalkar and Nandini Petluri, (Coppell HS)

This Month's Program

"It is Nobler to Serve..."

CPT Mark Smits, Chairman of our ROTC and JROTC program, will present Patriotic Achievement awards in the form of Bronze Patrick Henry medallions to six Dallas ISD Cadets who excelled during attendance at summer leadership training programs conducted by the cadre of the various military, naval, and air science departments of North Texas high schools.



CPT Mark Smits
JROTC Program

The Luncheon's Guest Speaker will be Major General Al Zapanta, recipient of the Silver Star for Heroism, Al earned this award while Commanding a Company of US Army Rangers of the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment during the war in Vietnam. He will share his extensive and inspirational career experiences in Leadership with an audience that will include the award winning Cadets, their Parents, and the Principals from each of their schools.



MG Al Zapanta
GDVF Chairman

The Commander's Report

"Things I believe in Never change."

Hospitality. I regret beginning my column this month with a sad story. A neighbor friend of mine chose to become a regular veteran companion and paid his first annual dues. He attended his first meeting last month and contacted me to indicate he would not ever return again. He indicated the only real welcoming greeting he received was from the member of our hospitality committee, who greeted him upon arrival. Since he had not registered on our web site, he was placed for seating at the overflow table. He indicated that only two people at the table spoke to him. Two. Period. Two others at the table, both Companions, ignored him and did not introduce themselves. Marshal Pat Teipel and I discussed this situation and produced one idea to preclude this ever occurring again. Elected and staff officers of the chapter will be assigned seating at different tables, and they are to act as "Table host" to ensure all seated with them are welcomed and introduced.



Everyone must greet first time attendees and make them feel welcome! It is the extraordinary privilege of every Companion or Patriot in our chapter to reach out to introduce MOWW and our extraordinarily successful chapter with a dedicated commitment to our missions and various Outreach programs, to everyone we encounter during our daily activities. There are literally thousands of individuals in the region that are eligible to affiliate with us. It is important to wear our pocket badges in appropriate settings. The badge is an attention getter and elicits inquiries about our organization.



Membership. It is mandatory that we focus our recruit efforts on hereditary companion members, who are also *veterans*, as well as the usual commissioned and warrant officer candidate. We have a national *legal* requirement to maintain our chapter companion membership at 75% veterans. At this time we're *exactly* tangent at this 75% requirement. We are always pleased to welcome individuals who are eligible as hereditary companions, due to family legacy status, but it may be imminent that, for the time being, only Hereditary companions who are also *veterans* will be admitted to membership. Nationally, for the first three months of the year, only 55 members recruited any new members. Average age: 62.



Park City Club. On January 1, 2024, a modest price increase will be charged for Luncheons. On the website the charge will be \$37. Payment by check will be \$36. Walk-ins, with no reservation, will pay \$40 at check in. We are very attentive each month to keep an accurate accounting of attendee payments and club charges. Therefore, it will be most helpful if all attendees at our functions sign in at the Treasurer's position.



National MOWW. As chapter commander, I attended the recent National Conference in Annapolis, MD and just this week I was on two (2) four-hour-long Zoom calls. I will attempt to summarize pertinent information. First, [click HERE](#) to view the Chapter Action Plan, which states the activities and goals by which we will be guided, using the national Strategic Plan as our blueprint.

National MOWW Survey. You will receive a survey related to two topics, which have been considered for several years. We urge all companions to complete the survey.

One is related to the expansion in eligibility for membership. Historically, we have been an "officer (and hereditary) only" organization. There has been consideration to expanding membership, perhaps to the top three grades of enlisted non-commissioned officers.

Another relates to our name. Our organization was founded after World War 1. It has been suggested to change our name, to be more all-inclusive than just the "world wars." When the survey arrives, please express your unbiased opinion.



Currently, there is an ongoing solicitation for funds to support the operating activities of the National headquarters. During one Zoom call, the Chief of Staff was highly complimentary to our chapter, citing ten out of 20 National awards received by the Dallas chapter! Congratulations, Team!

Most critical: Our chapter has 21 members who are considered "Regular", meaning they pay annual dues, which are currently \$40 per year. That will increase to \$60 per year on January 1, 2024. If you know members, especially those you sponsored, please contact them to consider upgrading to Perpetual before the end of the year. The Perpetual membership currently is \$350 per year and that will increase to \$500 per year on January 1.



Conventions. The next three Spring Regional conferences will be held in San Antonio. The 2024 National Convention will be in Valley Forge, PA, and the 2026 National Convention will be held in San Antonio.



Administration. When member addresses, emails, or telephone numbers change, please log in at the national website (www.moww.org) and make changes on Form 5. When a member becomes aware of the demise of another Companion, please contact the chapter Surgeon, CPT Fred Arbach, at (drfred@drfreadurbach.com).

Our communications coordinator, Bob Ganson (bobgan@verizon.net) is doing an amazing job in updating information on members who have moved or changed addresses and even passed on, where no family member has alerted us. And I'll bet you did not know that our webmaster Steve Souter manages the chapter Facebook account.

In the immortal words of Bugs Bunny, CPT Allen Clark, Commander



Committee Reports

1. Patriotic Education. On 3 October, chapter awarded 7 Bronze Patrick Henry to Top YLCs Students of 2023.
2. Reserve Officer Training. On 7 November, Chapter will award 6 BPH to Top Cadets for JCLC excellence.
3. Scouting. Bill Farmer is on a well-deserved vacation.
4. Veterans Affairs. On October 15, CPT Allen Clark and LTC Shane Ousey attended the 100th birthday of WW II veteran LT Bruce Mayo, at which he was inducted into the Dallas Chapter. On October 19, CPT Clark inducted 89 year old 2LT Thomas Nygaard into the Chapter. On October 22, CPT Clark described his experiences during the Vietnam War to the congregation at the 1st Baptist Church. On November 9, the Veterans Day Parade will march down Main Street then on to Pass in Review in front of Dallas City Hall. On 11 November, LTG Richard Carey will be honored as Keynote Speaker in Southlake’s Veterans Day ceremony.
5. Law and Order. Chapter Companion Chuck Daniels, current Vice Commander of Region VIII, presented our Certificate of Appreciation to the Dallas Officer of the Month at the monthly meeting of the DCPAC.
6. National Security. LtCol Michael Menefee wrote another article for the Chapter Newsletter, which will be submitted to the Officer Review for publication.
7. Homeland Security. On November 19, the consortium of North Texas military chapters will present #6 in its series of NDB seminars. The topic of this month’s discussion is our vulnerable National Infrastructure.
8. Information and Publicity. LTC Martha Cencki has assumed the Chair of the Info and Pub committee. She is currently sharing excerpts of our activities with local North Texas newspapers describing chapter members and High School students & cadets who are being recognized and awarded by the chapter.

Army Scholarship Luncheon. Chapter Companion Jeff Gault conducted another annual Army Scholarship Foundation Luncheon, which drew more than 250 guests and corporate donors. Jeff annually awards over \$25,000 in scholarships to students of military families who demonstrate financial need and academic excellence.



Among the crowd, Lt Natan TonThat, COL Ron Forest, CPT Allen and Linda Clark

Last Month’s Program, October 2023

Saluting Tomorrow’s Leaders

Our four Region VIII Youth Leadership Conferences hosted over 230 high school Juniors this past summer.



Outstanding students from 2023 Youth Leadership Conferences

This program is indisputably the best of the many Outreach activities which the Chapter supports. Proof of its value is the fact that all five of the High School **Principals** who were invited took the time from their busy schedules to be present. (photo on page one).

To cherish the memories of the World Wars...

Veteran’s Day Parade, 9 Nov 2023

Attention! All Hands on Deck! The Greater Dallas Veteran’s Day Parade committee has finalized plans to conduct the Parade on **Thursday, 9 Nov 23**. The first unit will step off at precisely 11:15 hrs which will bring them to City Hall just in time for the Master of Ceremonies to announce: “Pass in Review.” Lt Gen John Campbell will be the Keynote Speaker. The Grand Marshals will be former POWs, Col. Ken Cordier (USAF) and Cdr. Everett Alvarez (USN).



Last minute changes have necessitated revision of our Route of March, Parking, and Displays at City Hall. For the latest information, consult the MAPS and diagrams shown below.



Upcoming Luncheon Speakers

Chapter Programs Just Keep Getting Better

| |
|--|
| <p>7 Nov 23 – “JROTC Leadership Awards” MG Al Zapanta, US Army (Ret)</p> |
| <p>5 Dec 23 – “Annual Christmas Banquet” Taylor Swift, Singer and Songwriter (in your dreams)</p> |
| <p>2 Jan 24 – “Issues at the Border” (Speaker tentative) Hon. Keith Self, US Representative (TX, Dist. 3)</p> |

National Defense Briefing Series

Click [HERE](#) to view NDBS Seasons 1 & 2

| |
|--|
| <p>19 Nov 23 – “Our Critical Infrastructure” Distinguished Panel of Experts</p> |
| <p>17 Dec 23 – “Medal of Honor Museum Update” Chris Cassidy, Foundation CEO</p> |
| <p>20 Jan 2024 – “Defender of Freedom Award” In honor of late Congressman Sam Johnson</p> |

Companions Down

The Chapter extends its prayers.

Our Chaplain has reported that Patriot Rob O’Brien was seriously injured in a car accident. He was exiting a fast food driveway when two drag racers hit his car, demolishing all three vehicles. Rob has undergone numerous surgeries, with more to come. We will keep you informed as updates are available.



Law and Order

Dallas Police Officer of the Month

Region VIII Vice Commander (and former Dallas Chapter Commander) Chuck Daniels is back. He represented us at the monthly awards supper held by members of the Dallas Community Police Appreciation supper.

Veterans Affairs

Dallas Chapter supports the Vet Day Parade

Chapter Commander Allen Clark presented a check to Ron Forest, this year’s Chairman of the Dallas Veterans Day to support the 2023 Greater Dallas Veterans Foundation that oversees the Veterans Day Parade and its ancillary activities. Dallas City Hall’s closure has forced the Parade to be held on



City Hall Coordinator Pat Teipel, Parade Chairman Ron Forest, Dallas Veterans Foundation Chairman Al Zapanta, and Chapter Commander Allen Clark,

Thursday, 9 November 23.

| | |
|--|--|
| | <p>Join us November 19, 2023 5:00 p.m. for a discussion on <i>Our Critical Infrastructure: Vulnerabilities and Threats</i></p> |
|--|--|

What if you woke up tomorrow with no power, cell phone service, internet, or access to your bank?

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. Our three experts will discuss our national critical infrastructures' vulnerabilities, threats, and defenses. [Click HERE](#) to view a brief 60 Minute CBS video clip. ***This program should alarm and concern you.***

Register early. The last two National Defense Briefing events have been sold out. This outstanding Speakers program is organized by a consortium of veterans organizations working together to mutually support their Outreach activities. [Click HERE](#) to register online.

| |
|---|
| Check in begins at 4:30. The program starts at 5:00 pm. |
|---|

Wreaths Across America

Chapter Companions may order wreaths at \$17 each for placement at headstones in the DFW National cemetery on 16 Dec 2023, by mailing a check to: ***N. Texas Wreaths of Honor, c/o Larry Allen, 1404 Brazos Trail, Plano, TX 75075*** .



Checks must arrive not later than 15 Nov 23.

If you wish to place wreaths at headstones on the 16th, contact LtCol Michael Menefee to ride to the cemetery in a 14-passenger van. Do it now. Seats are limited.

Get to Know Your Companions

Shane Patrick Ousey, LTC, US Army (R)



Shane P. Ousey was born in Lake Success, NY. He graduated from the University of Colorado Springs in 1990 with a BA degree in Education and a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Signal Corps. He later earned an MS degree in Administration from Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI. He is also a graduate of the US Army Command and General Staff College

(CGSC), Fort Leavenworth, KS.

Shane entered active duty in 1985 as a Combat Engineer. He attended Basic and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. He left active duty in 1988 and remained in Colorado Springs to attend college. Upon graduation he was assigned a series of Signal officer positions at Platoon, Company and Battalion. He deployed, twice, to the Western Sahara as a UN Military Observer, attended the Officers Career Course at Fort Gordon, GA, then served as the Battalion Signal Officer with 2-17th Field Artillery in Camp Hovey, Korea. Returning home, he commanded HHC, 67th Signal Battalion, Fort Gordon, GA. Following battalion command, he deployed to Sarajevo, Bosnia, and served as the Signal Officer for the Military Intelligence Battalion of US Forces in Sarajevo.

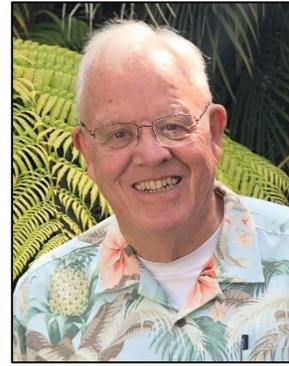
Next, he served as the Secretary of the General Staff for the Commanding General of Fort Jackson, SC. After CGSC, Shane deployed to Baghdad and served with the Multi-National Force, Iraq as the Chief of Network Operations. Upon his return, he was assigned to the Univ of South Carolina Army ROTC Gamecock Battalion.

Returning to Kuwait, he served as Planning Officer for Central Army Command, Forward. Next, he became the Professor of Military Science at Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH, after which he retired from Active Duty.

He was hired as the Sr VP of Operations for MJS Inc, an HOA management company. In 2017, he moved to McKinney, TX, and became the VP of Corporate Operations for Community Management Associates of Plano. He was also an Area Manager for the US Census Bureau conducting the 2020 Decennial Census. Currently, he is the VP of the Greater Dallas North Texas Military Officers Association of America (MOAA).

Shane and his wife, Cindy, have been married for 35 years. They have 2 daughters, a son, and 5 grandkids. They live in McKinney, TX.

Robert Ganson, Capt, US Air Force



Bob Ganson was born in Spokane, WA in 1936. He lived in Seattle during WW2. His family moved to Bainbridge Island, west of Seattle, after the war. He graduated from Washington State College (now University) with a BA in Marketing and a commission from the Air Force ROTC in June of 1958.

Bob had learned a little about navigation while boating on Puget Sound and learned a lot more in USAF Navigation School at James Connally AFB in Waco, TX, and Advanced Navigation and Bombardment at Mather AFB in Sacramento, CA.

Next came KC-135 (Boeing Stratotanker) Combat Crew Training at Castle AFB, Atwater, CA and Walker AFB, Roswell, NM. His first duty assignment was as a KC-135 Navigator in the 92nd Air Refueling Squadron, at Fairchild AFB, Spokane, WA. Most of his missions were training flights with a refueling or two and a navigation leg.

The other part of his Strategic Air Command (SAC) experience was 72-hour alert duty. (One of his favorite movies is Doctor Strangelove because he knew most of those guys!) When Operation Chrome Dome (SAC's 24 hour Airborne Alert) started he did several deployments to Eielson AFB, in Fairbanks, Alaska, where he re-fueled B-52s on their 24 hour flights over the pole.

His most memorable experience was the Cuban Missile Crisis in October of 1963. His crew was just off an alert cycle. After several hours milling around the squadron, the crew was told to expedite bringing a KC-135 out of maintenance. They spent three days living aboard the aircraft on strip alert ready to be launched if there was a commercial aircraft hijacking by a "foreign power." On the third day, they were taken into the Wing briefing center to hear President John Kennedy on TV and see U-2 photos of missiles in Cuba.

In 1963, he joined IBM in Seattle, as a Systems Engineer, later as a development analyst and Marketing representative to the Financial industry. He moved to Texas in 1976. After retiring, in 2001, he served on DART's Citizen's Advisory Committee and on the board of Mobility Credit Union.

Bob and his wife, Diane, have been married for 55 years. They have a son, a daughter, and 4 grandchildren. They have lived in Plano for the past 44 years.

National Defense Report

THE OCTOBER INTELLIGENCE FAILURE

By LtCol Michael W. Menefee, USMCR (Ret)

On 07 October 2023, the US suffered one of its greatest intelligence failures since 2001 with the attack and massacre by the radical Islamist Hamas terrorist organization in Israel. The attack killed 32 Americans and over 1,500 Israeli citizens. This horrific attack included beheadings, burning alive mothers and children, murders, butchering, mutilation, rapes, and 239 kidnappings. Thirty kidnapping victims are believed to be Americans. The 32 US citizens killed by the Hamas attack are one of the largest number of Americans killed in a terrorist attack since 11 September 2001.



US forces in the Middle East have been attacked 23 times by Iranian proxy forces since the October 2023 terrorist attack. To date, one American has been killed and over 20 wounded. Attacks have occurred in Syria, Iraq, and Israel. Three of Iran's proxies have joined forces with Hamas against Israel and the US. Hamas is a radical Sunni Islamic terrorist organization, primarily located in Gaza, while Hezbollah is a radical Shia Islam terrorist organization primarily located in Lebanon. The Houthis are a Yemeni radical Islamic organization like Hezbollah. Hamas' stated purpose is to eliminate Israel and its supporters. They gained control of the Gaza Strip after Israel negotiated with the Palestinians to give autonomy to the Palestinians living in Gaza. Gaza is a semi-autonomous part of Israel but has been controlled by Hamas since 2007. Hamas has built headquarters, barracks, bunkers, and ammunition depots under hospitals, schools, and mosques. They have dug up water pipes and sewer lines to make homemade rockets and other explosives. Israeli intelligence estimates that Hamas terrorists have constructed over 311 miles of tunnels to hide and store food, weapons, and munitions within the 141 square miles of the Gaza Strip.

Iran is the largest state sponsor of terrorism in the world. Iran funds its three proxy militias with oil revenues. Today, Iran is poised to obtain both nuclear and missile technology. If Iran's unstable regime acquires or develops this technology, the world will be a much more dangerous place. Two years ago, the US goal was to prevent Iran financially from obtaining that capability. Iran was close to financial bankruptcy because the US had placed sanctions on their oil exports which had crippled their economy. The US had killed Iran's top military general, Qasem Soleimani, in a drone strike. At that time, Iran feared and respected the US military and leadership. The Iranian mullah's power was reduced because of their poor economy. The current administration did not enforce the oil sanctions in place and allowed Iran to build up \$60 billion in oil revenues by becoming China's largest oil provider. The US also paid six billion dollars to ransom five US hostages, assuring more US citizens will be taken hostage in the future. Iran trained the 07 October terrorists with their surplus oil revenues.

The US intelligence failure is especially worrisome since the US has an open southern border. Many intelligence and policy analysts are concerned that among the millions of migrants and got-aways who have illegally entered the US, that among their numbers are radical Islamic terrorists, Communists, Marxists, socialists, gang members, and criminals who have crossed our borders, and could conduct terrorist attacks within the US. Intelligence analysts must review and examine current collection methods and analysis. Chinese general, Sun Tzu, emphasized in The Art of War – not to underestimate your enemy. US policymakers must make policy decisions to make our adversaries be fearful of American military and economic strength, as adversaries respect power more than placation.



Information for this article was gathered from Open Sources – books, media, published articles, websites, graphs, charts, and the general knowledge of the author. There is no classified information in this article, no known quotations from any source, and this article does not have footnotes or endnotes due to its brevity. Any views expressed in this article are those of the author and do not reflect the official policy or positions of the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) or the Dallas Chapter of MOWW.

Homeland Security Report

Law and Order in the Homeland

Compiled by Homeland Security committee.

It is stated in our Preamble that we are to “ever maintain Law and Order.” There are a multitude of events and threats occurring in the United States that constitute a significant danger to its citizens and our way of life. These threats have become elevated due to the open border policy in our nation, coupled with the war between Israel and Hamas. Several recent media reports follow.



Former border chief warns of Hamas terror threat.

Mark Morgan, former acting Commissioner of the US Customs and Border Protection Agency reports: “there could already be a cell in the United States planning the next terrorist attack and we could have no idea. The same terrorists that just carried out the horrific attack in Israel. Their hatred and their unwavering commitment to do harm to the United States is alive and well. It’s coming. It’s coming. No one can predict when. Autumn Spredemann, *Epoch Times*, Nov 18, 2023.

Hamas, Hezbollah, and Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

“San Diego Field Office Intelligence Unit assesses that individuals inspired by or reacting to the current Israeli-Hamas conflict may attempt to travel to or from the area of hostilities in the Middle East via circuitous transit across the southwest border” Foreign fighters motivated



by ideology or mercenary soldiers of fortune may attempt to travel to or from the United States or from countries in the Middle East through Mex-

ico. The internal memo circulated by Customs and Border Patrol warns border authorities to watch for potential indicators of individuals with ties to terrorist organizations attempting to cross the southern border. According to the Daily Caller, the potential indicators authorities have been warned to look for include military gear, military age males, individuals traveling by themselves, and people with ties to the Middle East region. [Timothy Frudd](#), October 23rd, 2023

Chilling number of Iranians crossed the US border.

“Nearly 100 Syrian and 50 Iranian nationals have been apprehended by the Border Patrol since the beginning of October, raising concerns, due to the ongoing turmoil in the Middle East. The arrivals of these special interest migrants are occurring without advanced intelligence

warning, making it difficult to determine who is in the groups and why they are coming. The migrants are mostly single adult males. Both Syria and Iran are subject to travel warnings by the US State Department. Despite the lack of specific threats, these migrants are released into the US to pursue claims of asylum.” [Jordan Andrews](#), 10/1/2023

Rep. Carlos Gimenez raises alarm on Chinese nationals.

Florida Highway Patrol and US border agents detained 17 Chinese nationals after illegally making landfall in Key Largo, which is my district”.



Exclusive Venezuela’s worst gangsters have crossed into the US illegally.

These gangsters are unleashing chaos in Dallas, Chicago, and Miami - with fearful residents saying they’ve had tires slashed, windows shot out - in retribution for reporting them to police. “Ex-communist security forces, mobsters, and state-run militias from Venezuela have crossed the southern border of the United States.

Thugs at the border blend in with legitimate refugees.

Millions of illegal aliens are entering the United States. More than 8 million people have illegally crossed the border in 2 ½ years, without any vetting, screening, health checks, qualifications, or demonstrated ability to



support themselves. Many of these migrants are young men of military age and come not just from countries in Central America, but from Africa, the Middle East, and China. Some of

them are on terrorist watch lists. The number of illegals now exceeds the population of 15 states.” [Laura Hollis](#), *Epoch Times*, Oct 4, 2023

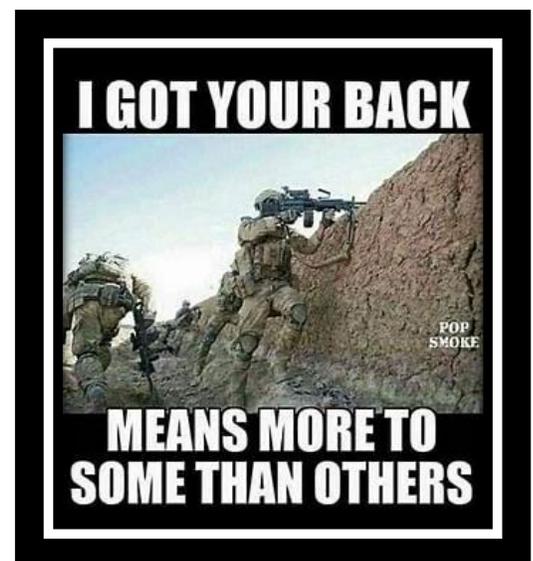
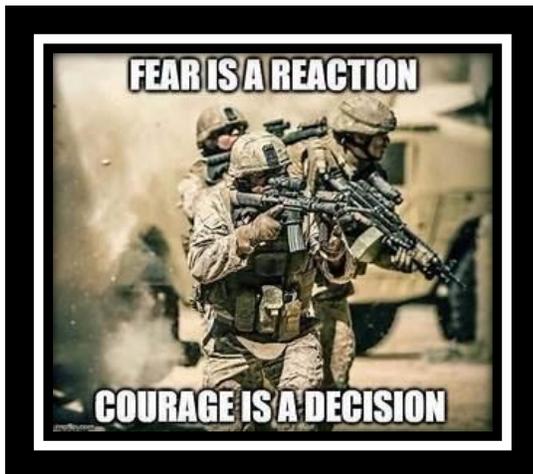
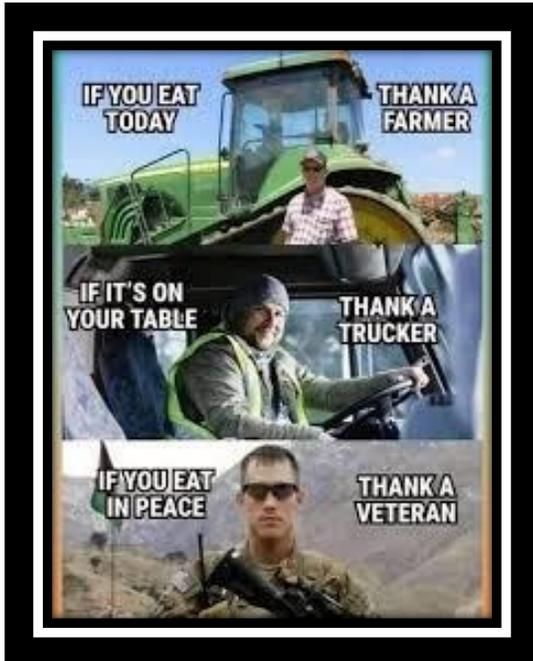
736 known or suspected terrorists (KST) have been apprehended at the United States borders in fiscal 2023.

A significant majority, 487 (66%), were apprehended at the northern border. By comparison 249 (34%) were apprehended at the southwest border.

These numbers don’t include gotaways, which are also believed to include KST’s. Gotaways is the official US Customs and Border Patrol term that refers to those who illegally enter the United States between ports of entry, don’t return to Mexico or Canada, and are not apprehended.” [Bethany Blankley](#), *Washington Examiner*, November 1, 2023



Lighten Up



Happy Birthday

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

- | | |
|-------------|---|
| 1 November | HPM Angelesa 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 | Maj Arden Blaylock |
| 9 November | CPT Ronald Williams |
| 11 November |  HPM Joseph Latimer |
| 11 November | LtCol Kurt Pedigo |
| 11 November | LT Natan Ton That |
| 14 November | CW3 James Hume |
| 14 November | MAJ Cedric Ingram |
| 15 November | Lt Col Phil Hardin |
| 15 November | Capt David Wallace |
| 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 |
| 23 November | Capt William Harper |
| 24 November | Brig Gen George Schulstad |
| 25 November | HPM Janie Paleschic |
| 25 November | CAPT Rollie Stevens |
| 30 November | HPM Katherine Grogan |



Your Dallas Chapter, SEP 2023



Also following the Luncheon, all Companions/Patriots who served in Special Forces or Ranger units held a mini-Reunion. (LtoR) Doug Gagliano, Al Zapanta, Chuck Chamberlin, SSG Sal Giunta (MOH), MSG Darryl Utt, Ron Crenshaw, Gene Pugh, Don Munson, James Runzheimer, and Allen Clark.



September's Luncheon brought seven new Companions. (clockwise) Fred Aurbach sponsored CPT Dale Monroe, USMC. COL David Webb, USA, and his sponsor Chuck Aris. Then LTC Greg Schmitz, USA; Janet Rawe, HPM; CPT Rob Hartmann, USA; and Lainie Myer, HPM – all sponsored by Allen Clark - affirmed the Oath of Induction. And finally, Region VIII Vice Commander Chuck Daniels sponsored Col Raymond Williams, USAF.



Pictured above are members of the Greater Dallas Veterans Day Foundation's Board of Directors. (LtoR) Joe Cordina, Don Munson, Al Zapanta, Tracy Fisher, King Moss, Ron Forest, Larry Patterson, Maggie Croxville, David Iverson, and Pat Teipel. Ron Forest is this year's Parade Chairman. Everyone else in the photo (except Maggie) has already served as Parade Chairman and all (except Maggie) are Perpetual Companions of the Dallas Chapter of MOWW.



A Time for Thanksgiving

This is the time for Thanksgiving. If you express gratitude even when there is not a lot to be thankful for, you'll be a happier person. The apostle Paul says, "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God." Again the Lord tells us in Romans 8:28, "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him."

So, what does this mean? First of all, it means what it says. We are commanded to be thankful for everything that happens to us. Yes, even the bad things as well as the good. It means that we should be grateful because God is working in all things for our good. In Proverbs 16:4 we are told, "The Lord works out everything to its proper end, even the wicked for the day of disaster."

Augustine, the early Father of the Church, wrote, "There are no accidents, Evil things occur because of bad will or stupidity or fatigue, yet whatever the cause God will bring good out of it, if we let him."

Let's follow the example of the Psalmist who has told us boldly, "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever." When we sit down to eat our Thanksgiving feast, do not be ashamed to bow your head, recognize God's goodness and give him thanks for all he has done for you.

James Grogan
Chapter Chaplain

November Events

Chapter Lunch, 7 Nov 23



Patrick Henry awards will be given to Cadets who excelled at their summer training camps. MG Al Zapanta will be our Guest Speaker. [Click HERE](#) to register.

AFA Luncheon, 15 Nov 23



Hon. Jim Smith, former Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Gleneagles Country Club in Plano, 11:30 am. [Click HERE](#) to register.

NDBS Dinner, 19 Nov 23

For further information and to buy tickets for the Nov. seminar. [Click HERE](#) to register.

Future Events

Chapter Banquet, 3 Dec 23



Our annual Christmas Banquet will feature an evening of Entertainment, songs, and Toys to support the USMC *Toys for Tots* campaign.

Wreaths Across , 16 Dec 23

Sign up to ride the van to DFW National Cemetery to place wreaths on every headstone. Families with children are encouraged to attend.



[Sign Up to ride.](#)

Museum Opening, 17 Mar 24



Ribbon cutting and Grand Opening of the Medal of Honor Museum in Arlington, next to Globe Life Park, Home of the World Series Champions, the Texas Rangers.

Commander
Allen Clark
CPT, US Army
469-831-0841

allenbclark@aol.com



Senior Vice Commander
Natan Ton-That
LT, US Army
214-548-1179

natanmoww@gmail.com



Junior Vice Commander
Mark Smits
CPT, US Army
972-342-8904

mmwsmits@aol.com



Adjutant
Brandon Hern
LT, US Army
214-901-4874

brandon@imctx.com



Treasurer
David Wallace
Capt, US Air Force
571-379-0256

dwwallace11@yahoo.com



Judge Advocate
John VanBuskirk
MAJ, US Army
214-321-5101

johnc47@tx.rr.com



Marshal
Pat Teipel
Perpetual Hereditary
469-583-8714

Pteipel11@gmail.com



Surgeon
Fred Aurbach
CPT (Dr), US Army
214-793-2065

drfred@drfredaurbach.com



Chaplain
James Grogan
CPT (Dr), US Army
469-585-9622

docharlev-dav@sbcglobal.net



Special Operations
Don Munson
LTC, US Army
972-971-1413

don.munson@tx.rr.com



dallasmoww.org

Notice: Next Commander's Staff Meeting will be held Wednesday, 16 NOV 2023 at 16:00 p.m.

This will be a ZOOM meeting. Check your Inbox in mid-November for the link to the ZOOM website.