

Commander's Report

Attention Dallas Companions

I'm excited to introduce our chapter's new initiative launched by our new companion Ryan Sisak with the help of Ramon Ramos and Steve Suiter in honor of the 250th birthday of the United States. Ryan is a very skilled media developer who has done a multitude of videos, websites, documentaries and short stories. Ryan is the founder and historian for a website he developed called "For Gallantry and Service." He also does all his own music.



In honor of America's 250th birthday, Ryan and Ramon are building a link to Ryan's virtual historical museum website. The initiative will be a collaboration with Ryan's virtual library called "For Gallantry and Service." This website will be linked to our chapter website and will include custom content from our chapter. The concept is that Ryan will be developing a variety of artifacts for display in the museum. He's already started work on the museum. Some early pieces include compelling interviews with Allen Clark and Nace Formagus and an outstanding video from the White House walking through the history of the US.

We have several exciting ideas about how to build content for this celebratory museum. One of the immediate features will be a countdown clock that will be prominently shown on the website. Our initial plan is to capture more veteran memories from our flag officers and past commanders. If you fall into either of these categories and have interest in being interviewed, please see me, Ramon or Ryan.

Many thanks to Ryan, Steve and Ramon for taking the initiative on this project. I'm excited about it and I am confident that we will all be proud of the results. You can visit the new museum by following this link on our website:

Digital Museum - Dallas Chapter of MOWW

September Luncheon Recap

The Dallas Chapter gathered on September 2nd for a memorable luncheon program filled with important updates, new member inductions, and an inspiring speaker.

Following the invocation by Rev. Dr. Todd A. Collier, pledge by HPM Pat Teipel, and preamble by CW3 Ramon E. Ramos, USA (Fmr), Commander CPT Mark W. Smits, USA (Fmr) welcomed members and guests.

Highlights included:

 Dallas Chapter Digital Museum & America 250 Launch – presented by Steve Suiter and Ryan Sisak, showcasing how the chapter will preserve history while preparing for the nation's semiguincentennial.

- CINC Visit to DFW (Sept 21–24) update by Fort Worth CDR Robert J. Williams, USAF (Ret).
- Induction of New Members conducted by Adjutant CW3 Ramon E. Ramos, USA (Fmr), welcoming LTC Carl D. Wiley, USA (Ret), LTC Kelly E. DeWitt, USA (Ret), CDR Michael Colon, USN (Ret), MAJ Jerry C. Sommerville, USA (Ret), CCM Matthew T. Crawford, TXANG (Fmr), and Mr. Ryan M. Sisak.

The featured program, introduced by Junior Vice Commander LTC Carl D. Wiley, USA (Ret), was delivered by MAJ Rob Holmes, USA (Fmr), who shared "Changing Lives and Launching Careers: A Game Changer for the Trades plus Desert Shield/Storm." His presentation connected military leadership lessons with his current work in creating pathways for veterans and under-employed Americans to launch fulfilling careers. The accelerate 7-week program at ForgNow equips students to launch high demand careers in HVAC, plumbing, electrical wiring and facilities maintenance.





The afternoon concluded with a lively raffle drawing led by HPM Pat Teipel, a donation of 55 eyeglasses to the Oak Cliff Lions Club represented by Patriot Member Michelle Metzger and a benediction by Rev. Dr. Todd A. Collier.

It was a day of reflection, inspiration, and forward momentum for the Dallas Chapter as we continue to serve and honor the mission of MOWW.

More Luncheon Photos



















September Birthdays

Mr. Spencer J. Adams MAJ James S. Angelino - USAR LTC Reynold R. Arredondo – USA (Ret) LT Curtis L. Baggett – USA (Fmr) LtCol Ken W. Boatman – USA (Ret) Col Bennett W. Cervin – USAF (Ret) LCDR Harry J. Chris – USN (Fmr) Mr. Todd A. Collier CCM Matthew T. Crawford - TXANG 1LT James W. Crysdale - USA (Fmr) Ms. Maurine P. Dickey WOJG Billy W. Franklin – USAF (Fmr) Capt Curtis Lynn Frisbie, Jr. - USMC COL Jeffrey W. Gault - USA (Ret) CPT James Grogan - USA (Fmr) CPT Robin P. Hartmann – USA (Fmr) MAJ Milton C. Henderson – USAR COL Gary D. Jackson - USAR

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Upcoming Programs

Register to Attend



October 7
Mr. Matthew (Matt) Byrd
"From Captain, U.S. Air Force to Corporate Executive"

Our October speaker brings unmatched executive and aviation expertise—former Board Member of the National Air and Space Museum, past Director of the National Business Aviation Association, and President/CEO of multiple Perot aviation companies. A decorated U.S. Air Force F-117A Stealth Fighter pilot, he's flown over 50 aircraft types.

National Security and Homeland Security

OPERATION MIDNIGHT HAMMER

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

The secret Iranian Fordo nuclear facility was discovered in 2008 by satellite imagery. The US had just developed a non-nuclear weapon capable of destroying a target buried deep underground, the GBU-57 Massive Ordnance Penetrator (MOP) bomb. B-2s are the only US

bomber that can carry two GBU-57 (MOP) bombs. Each bomb is packed with polymer-bonded explosives and is specifically designed to penetrate deep underground targets. B-2 bombers have a crew of two pilots and have a range of about 6,900 miles before refueling.

In Operation Midnight Hammer, dozens of US tanker planes supported the operation at multiple refueling points along the route. The operation also included an Ohio-class ballistic submarine positioned in the Indian Ocean. A deception plan was used to mislead the Iranians, Russians, and Chinese: six B-2 bombers flew westward with a cover story of heading to Guam, while a fighter escort of F-22s and F-35s flew at high speed and altitude ahead of the bombers.



There were three primary Iranian targets: Fordo, Natanz, and Isfahan. When seven B-2s reached their targets, they dropped fourteen 30,000-pound GBU-57 MOP bombs. Fordo, buried 300 feet inside a granite mountain, housed an estimated 3,000 nuclear centrifuges. The bombs destroyed the facility by blasting through concrete-capped tunnel shafts. Natanz, Iran's largest uranium enrichment center, was hit by two MOP bombs. Isfahan, a depot of bomb-grade nuclear fuel, was struck with thirty Tomahawk cruise missiles launched by submarine. All three sites were destroyed in about 25 minutes, leaving fires that turned the surface blue.

Iran retaliated by launching missiles at Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar, the largest US base in the Middle East. Forty-four US soldiers defended the base, firing the most Patriot missiles ever used in a single defense. No Iranian missiles hit their target. During the brief "12-Day War" with Israel and the US, Iran's allies in the CRINK (China, Russia, Iran, North Korea) alliance and the Axis of Resistance (Hezbollah, Hamas, Houthis) offered no support.

The B-2 bombers returned to Whiteman AFB on June 22 after destroying Iran's nuclear program. This strike showcased US military superiority—technology, logistics, training, and intelligence—that no other nation could match. The mission ensured greater safety for the US and the Western world.

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