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## Commander's Report

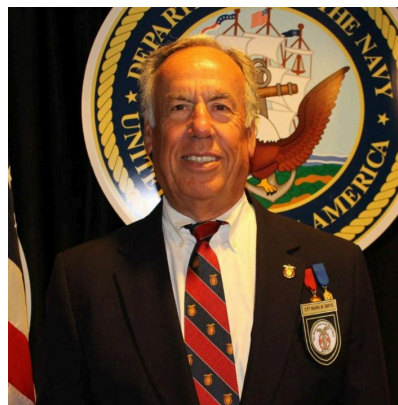
### Attention Dallas Companions

2026 is off to a great start. At our January luncheon, we inducted 3 new companions, received some gifts from Wreaths Across America and the AUSA. We also listened to a very informative presentation by Dr. Dan Edelman. It was a very positive meeting. Since that meeting, I am starting to focus my attention on the 2026 Youth Leadership Conference.

We just received great news from a new sponsor. The grocery store chain, HEB, has agreed to provide a \$3000 sponsorship to help with funding for the Texas A&M conference. I will continue to seek other sponsorships to continue to deliver the highest quality program for our students.

As I indicated in an email blast, I would like to share two success stories from last year's conferences.

One of our Texas A&M Conference students, Grady Wyse, was selected as the second runner up in the annual Phoenician Essay Competition. I had the privilege of reading Grady's entry and it was outstanding. Grady will be recognized with a certificate and a \$1000 financial award. You may remember that we recognized Grady at the October luncheon. Grady has already received nominations for the Naval, Air Force, and Merchant Marine Academies and has applied for enrollment at Texas A&M University. In other words, this student is going places, and we should be very proud of our small contributions to his success. Here is a picture of Grady from our October luncheon:





## January Luncheon Recap

The Dallas Chapter opened the new year with a well-attended January luncheon featuring meaningful recognition, new member inductions, and an engaging speaker program. The meeting was called to order by Adjutant CW3 Ramón E. Ramos, USA (Fmr), with the invocation delivered by Rev. Dr. Todd Collier and the Pledge of Allegiance led by HPM Pat Teipel.

Special recognition was given to Mr. Jorge Rosas of Park City Club, followed by Commander Mark W. Smits' welcome and remarks. Members received updates on the National Defense Briefing Series and enjoyed chapter gifts presented by Larry Allen of Wreaths Across America and Richard Kanis of AUSA.

The chapter proudly inducted new members, welcoming Lt Col Steven LeMaire, MAJ John E. Schneider, PO2 Theodore S. Puchacz, and CPL Robert G. Pinholt. The program concluded with a compelling presentation by Dr. Daniel "Dan" Edelman on higher education challenges, followed by a lively Q&A session. The meeting adjourned with fellowship and renewed purpose for the year ahead.

## January Luncheon Photos





## January Birthdays

Mr. Walter R. Applewhite  
 Mr. Joseph C. Applewhite, Jr.  
 CAPT Alan W. Backof – USA (Fmr)  
 CPT Boyd R. Branch – USA (Fmr)  
 CPT Barbara C. Butcher – USA (Ret)  
 CDR Henry D. Coates – USN (Ret)  
 LtCol Jeffrey H. Hauser – USMC (Ret)  
 Maj Gen Robert W. McDonald – USAF ANG  
 Mr. Mark W. Munson  
 LTC King Moss – USAR (Ret)  
 LTC Shane P. Ousey – USA (Ret)

CPT Steven D. Poole – USAR  
 CDR Jerry D. Rucker – USNR  
 COL Joe D. Sasser – USA (Ret)  
 Col Michael Saddler – USMC  
 LTC James W. Small – USA (Ret)  
 Mrs. Jean M. Shiflett-Kenas  
 MAJ John Clayton VanBuskirk – USA (Ret)  
 COL Virgil S. Williams – USA  
 CPT John H. Wagner II – USA (Fmr)  
 Capt Richard S. Wegner – USMC

## Upcoming Programs

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### February 3

#### Speaker Series Program

**"From Civil War Battlefields to Rockets, Missiles, and the Future of War"**

The February luncheon will feature Mr. Robert “Bob” Epstein—advocate, historian, trainer, and longtime supporter of U.S. veterans. With service spanning Law Enforcement Reserves, the Texas National Guard, and the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, Mr. Epstein brings decades of experience in national security, emergency services, and military education.

A National Security Chair for the Military Order of the World Wars, he also leads defense briefings, patriot book programs, and community security training across North Texas. His presentation will explore the evolution of warfare from America’s earliest conflicts to today’s emerging technologies.

## National Security and Homeland Security

### GLOBAL MIGRATION AND US NATIONAL SECURITY

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

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Western European countries are facing cultural extinction because of unchecked migration, with some analysts estimating that in ten years or less NATO will become an unviable or unreliable ally as these countries lose their Western cultural heritage, education, and belief

systems. England, Germany, France, Denmark, Sweden, and Netherlands, are all experiencing severe challenges absorbing migrants into their countries. These migrants are not assimilating into their cultures, and do not share their values, education, history, or laws. Last year, France was concerned about celebrating Christmas because of their radical Muslim population. Perhaps up to 10% of Muslims are radicalized. ICE has arrested thousands of illegal criminal aliens from more than 180 countries since the Trump administration closed the border. DHS and ICE estimate there are 663,000 illegal aliens with criminal records in the US. In Minnesota (MN), Somali migrants are responsible for stealing an estimated \$9B (billion) of US welfare fraud and remitting a significant percentage of their graft to *al Shabab*, a radical Islamist terrorist affiliate of *al-Qaida*. Both terrorist groups have declared war on the West. So far in MN, 64 Somali migrants have been convicted of fraud and 98 have been charged. The corruption may lead to multiple MN state officials who want Somali votes. Most Somali migrants immigrated to the US 10 years ago, but about five percent speak English only, over 73% are on Medicare, and more than 54% are on food stamps. Some estimates exceed 50M (million) migrant illegals are in the US, while others estimate the number between 25-45M. Data shows it takes three generations, 60-90 years for a non-English speaking migrant without education or job skills to become self-sufficient. The US cannot afford to educate, feed, house, and provide healthcare to these vast numbers of illegals. Illegals reduce entry level jobs, depress low-skilled wages, and increase the costs of education, healthcare, and housing. Numerous highway accidents involving the deaths of several people in multiple states were caused by alien truck drivers. Several states, California, New York, Oregon, and Washington, have licensed tens of thousands of migrant truck drivers who are driving 80,000-pound big rig trucks illegally on US highways who do not speak or read English. According to CIA operatives who worked with the Afghan nationals on kill teams, most were only vetted to identify or kill other Afghans. The majority of the 70-80,000 Afghan migrants who entered the US after the Afghanistan debacle were not vetted. The radical Muslim terrorist who killed a National Guardsman and severely wounded another in Washington, DC, was also not vetted to live in the US. DHS estimates thousands of these refugees may have terrorist ties and are uncertain about the millions of unvetted illegal aliens who entered the country during the open border of the previous administration.

To compete with our adversaries China and Russia, the US must dominate AI, and the global economy. As AI grows, many lower-level jobs will be replaced. The US cannot compete for global dominance by having a sizable percentage of low skilled, non-English speaking migrants, who do not assimilate. No one knows how many illegal aliens are in the US or the percentage who are radicalized Muslims or cartel criminals. Global supremacy will require a strong military, DHS, and ICE to secure its borders, prevent illegal aliens, drugs, crime, human trafficking, and criminal cartels from entering the US. Limited merit based legal immigration requiring fluency in the national language of English; degrees or skills helpful to the US economy; assimilation into the culture; and belief in the US system of government will result in a diversity of ideas strengthening the US economy and Constitutional citizenship.

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## Proposed Bylaw Amendments

The following Proposed Amendments to the Membership Articles of the MOWW Dallas Chapter Bylaws are released for publication in the next Dallas Chapter December Newsletter, in accordance with the chapter bylaws for a vote on the amendments at a regular chapter meeting no earlier than 27 days after posting in the next Chapter Newsletter.

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any regular Chapter Meeting, provided that the proposed amendment has been printed and disseminated in the Chapter Newsletter at least twenty-seven (27) days prior to being voted upon. [*Dallas Chapter Bylaws Art XIII, Sec 2.*]

[The proposed additions will be added to the **EXHIBIT A ENDOWMENT FUNDS**]

The Peggy Pardue Wagner Memorial Fund was established in 2018 with funds donated by the family of CPT John H. Wagner II, USA (fmr), with a principal amount of \$4,000.00. The Chapter is authorized to receive gifts and bequests and to solicit additional contributions for this Memorial Fund. No withdrawal of principal may be made for any purpose. The Wagner family placed no restrictions on the investment return from this Fund. The Chapter will determine the most effective use of those earnings, with emphasis on supporting ROTC programs and Youth Leadership initiatives within the Dallas Metroplex.

The LTC Michael W. Menefee, USMC (ret), Memorial Fund was established on 6 December 2022 with funds donated by Charles McIntyre Fields (MBA) of Ameriprise Investments, with a principal amount of \$10,000.00. The Chapter is authorized to receive gifts and bequests and to solicit additional contributions for this Memorial Fund. No withdrawal of principal may be made for any purpose. The donor placed no restrictions on the investment return from this Fund. The Chapter will determine the most effective use of those earnings, with emphasis on supporting ROTC programs and Youth Leadership initiatives within the Dallas Metroplex.

**Rationale:** Acknowledge the generous support provided to the Dallas Chapter MOWW endowment fund. These revisions are long overdue and resulted from unintentional administrative error.

#### ARTICLE III Membership

1. Regular Membership is open to a citizen of the United States of America of good moral character and repute who has served honorably on Active Duty, to include Active Duty for Training, in the Armed Forces of the United States of America (Active, Guard, Reserve), National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) or the United States Public Health Service (USPHS). ~~as a Federally-recognized Commissioned, Flight or Warrant Officer or Senior Non-Commissioned Officer in the paygrades of E-7 through E-9 during the period 6 April 1917 to the present, or to such later date as may be determined by the Order during a National Convention.~~ [Section revised by National Convention
2.   
in 2024 and 2025.]

**Rationale:** Membership eligibility was approved for MOWW membership for all veterans during the national conference. and the chapter Bylaws wording is taken directly from the MOWW Constitution as amended 20 August 2025.

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