



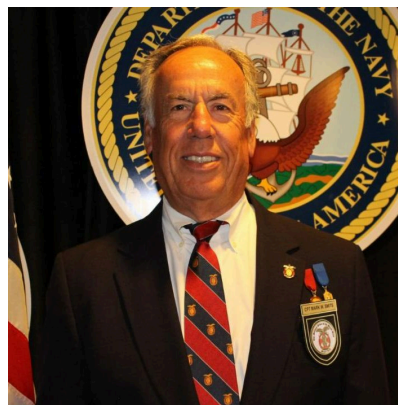
Dallas Chapter MOWW



Commander's Report

Attention Dallas Companions

I am proud of the momentum that our chapter continues to develop. Although I missed the March luncheon because my wife and I were visiting Egypt, I understand that our speaker, BG John E. Novalis, did a phenomenal job. You also got to see a preview of the next 12 months as our Senior Vice Commander, James Runsheimer, was at the controls. As always, we were very happy that over 70 of our members decided to spend some of your time with us in February.



In the past 30 days, the chapter is working to revive the old telephone tree that we used successfully for years to invite our companions to join us at our luncheons. The good news is that companion LT Philip Lindley USNR (fmr) has agreed to head up the effort. John Wagner is sharing his knowledge with us to help us launch the effort. With all of that said, the MOST important part of this effort involves you. We need at least 20 volunteers to help Philip with this effort. Please reach out to me at mmwsmits@aol.com if you can help.

I also want to thank all the companions that took the time to make entries on the attendance tracker feature of the website. As you'll remember, a few months ago, I asked everyone to go to the upper right-hand corner of the home page to click on the red button that allows you to record your participation in past events. Capturing this information should only take seconds of your time and it will allow us to get an accurate count of our attendance at these events. We've already recorded 50+ events. One item to note, you can record multiple events without having to back out of the dialog box – if you have questions, see Steve Suiter or myself. If you have not added your participation, please do so ASAP.

Finally, please follow the link on the website to our historian, Ryan Sisak's America 250 web page to see his newest addition to our library. This month he features the career of Col. Ron Forrest USA (ret). As usual, Ryan has done a wonderful job with this profile and I know all of you will enjoy seeing the article.

As I've done in previous months, I would like to use this platform to highlight a handful of significant military historical events that happened during the current month of our luncheon. I found two interesting events that happened in March:

- March 5, 1770 – Boston Massacre, British troops fire on colonists in Boston, killing five; this helps set the stage for the American Revolution.
- March 6, 1836 – Fall of the Alamo, Mexican forces overrun the Texas garrison after a 13-day siege; "Remember the Alamo" becomes a rallying cry.
- March 8, 1965 – First U.S. combat troops (Marines) land at Da Nang, marking a major escalation in the Vietnam War.

- March 19–20, 2003 – U.S. launches air strikes and then a ground invasion of Iraq (Operation Iraqi Freedom), toppling Saddam Hussein’s regime.
- March 29 – National Vietnam War Veterans Day is observed annually to honor all who served in that war.

I would also like to highlight our companion CPT Allen Clark USA (Ret) who was recently selected to be on the March 2026 cover of Christian Times Magazine. It is a great picture of a great American Patriot!

March Luncheon Recap

The Dallas Chapter gathered on March 3, 2026, for its monthly luncheon at the Park City Club, opening with an invocation by Rev. Dr. Todd Collier, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by HPM Pat Teipel and the reading of the Preamble by Adjutant CW3 Ramón E. Ramos. Senior Vice Commander CPT James D. Runzheimer delivered the Commander’s welcome and remarks, setting the tone for another productive and engaging meeting.

Members received several important updates during the business portion of the meeting, including an annual nominating committee report and a Youth Leadership Conference update highlighting continued support for developing future leaders. The chapter was also pleased to welcome several new members, reflecting ongoing growth and engagement within the organization.

The featured speaker for the luncheon was Brigadier General John E. Novalis II, USA (Ret), who presented an informative program titled “How Bell Textron is Transforming Military Aviation.” His remarks provided valuable insight into emerging aviation technologies and the evolving role of innovation in supporting modern military operations. The presentation generated strong interest among attendees and concluded with an interactive question-and-answer session.

The meeting concluded with the traditional raffle drawing and benediction, followed by adjournment. As always, the luncheon provided an opportunity for fellowship, professional exchange, and continued commitment to the chapter’s mission of service.

March Birthdays

Ms Ashley M. Adams
 COL John F. Antal – USA (Ret)
 CPT Frederick E. Aurbach – USA (Fmr)
 CPT William A. Benson – USA (Fmr)
 Capt Richard D. Bjorklund – USAF (Fmr)
 CPT Blake William Box – USA
 Mr Richard E. Bullock
 Mr Ned C. Butler III
 Lt John J. Canales – USAF
 CAPT Michael D. Carathers – USN (Ret)
 Mr Alan L. Clinkinbeard
 Maj Jennifer E. Colby – USAF (Fmr)
 Ms Alicia N. Formagus
 Maj Lorelei M. Gaus – USMC
 Lt Col Michael N. Giles – USAFR (Ret)
 Col Daniel K. Hagood – USMCR
 Col Richard L. Hamer – USAF (Ret)

Mr Shawn M. Hogan
 MG Michael J. Marchand – USA (Ret)
 MAJ Edward J. Marty – USA (Ret)
 Col James Richard Methered – USA (Ret)
 Mr Geoffrey A. Merton
 LCDR Ralph B. Muse, Jr. – USN (Ret)
 Maj Don T. Nguyen – USAF
 LTC Clyde H. Orr – USA (Ret)
 CMSgt Kathleen M. Prince – USAF (Ret)
 CW4 Monifa D. Rucker – USA (Ret)
 1LT Michael D. Sable – USA
 Mr Pete A. Sessions
 LTC Jeffrey L. Spears – USAR
 CAPT Richard G. Stewart – USN (Ret)
 COL David Bradley Webb – TXARNG
 CDR Holmes B. Germany – USN (Ret)
 MG Albert C. Zapanta – USA (Ret)

Upcoming Programs

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April 7

**Speaker Series Program
Col. Angelia D. Farnell**

Angelia D. Farnell is a retired U.S. Army Colonel from Pleasant Hill, Louisiana, and a 1988 Distinguished Military Graduate of Southern University A&M College in Baton Rouge, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and was commissioned in Army Aviation. She also holds a Master of Public Administration from Troy State University and a Doctor of Management in Organizational Management & Leadership from the University of Phoenix.

Over the course of a 30-year distinguished military career, she served in both aviation and intelligence roles, commanding at the company, battalion, and brigade levels while holding key leadership positions across tactical, operational, and strategic levels.

Her senior assignments included serving as Deputy Chief of Staff for United Nations Command/United States Forces Korea (UNC/USFK), Chief of Staff for the Army's Office of the Chief of Public Affairs, and Chief of Staff of the Army Senior Fellow at the Stimson Center think tank in Washington, D.C.

Angelia deployed in support of multiple NATO-led multinational peacekeeping operations in Europe and Operation Iraqi Freedom. She flew numerous reconnaissance missions along hostile borders.

Following her retirement from active duty, she continued her service as a consultant within the Intelligence Community, supporting the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) and the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) in IT workforce planning, systems engineering, and project management.

Today, she continues her commitment to service and her community working in education as a substitute teacher in the Melissa and McKinney Independent School Districts and volunteering with multiple non-profits. She is married to Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Carl D. Wiley.

National Security and Homeland Security

SOCIALISM AND MARXISM ARE THREATS TO US NATIONAL SECURITY

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

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Most intelligence and policy analysts believe that socialism and Marxism are threats to national security, but recent polling shows 53 percent of under age 30 voters and 38 percent of all voters believe socialism may be an acceptable alternative social, economic, or political system. Only 17 percent of US citizens can define socialism. Socialism is an anti-God, anti-capitalism, belief system of governmental control of economic distribution, labor, and property. It was developed as an idea of working-class Europeans to resist the class-oriented economic system where capital was limited mostly to the upper classes in England. Around 1825, labor unrest arose in Europe because of extremely poor working conditions and a wide disparity in wages between the upper classes and the

workers. Proponents of socialism seem to be enamored with the promised benefits that are never delivered, but oblivious to the problems it causes to society, and the country. Most older US citizens are opposed to both socialism and Marxism.

Marxism is the progressive next step in a socialist society, the complete control of the government, economic, education, and political systems. It usually requires a violent, revolutionary change to overthrow a capitalist government system. In the 1840's revolutionary socialism, Marxism, was the idea of Karl Marx. His ideas spread through trade unions. Marxism views capitalism as a violent struggle between economic classes. Marxists promote malicious propaganda and protest opposing a capitalistic economy, political system, culture, and education. After organized protests and threats of revolution are made, they gradually gain power. Marxists consolidate power after destroying capitalist economies and economic systems. They impose autocratic government rule after overthrowing the existing government and economy. Neither socialism nor Marxism has worked in any country it has been tried, and only 14 percent of these low information voters believe in Marxism, and fewer can define it.

Our forefathers came to the American colonies from England and other Western European countries to have religious freedom, economic opportunity, and political liberty from oppressive governments. Capitalism has been the dominant economic system of the West since the Middle Ages. Businesses invest capital (money) into people, or equipment, to make products or provide services. In a capitalist economy, workers can change occupations, careers, or companies as they wish. Large public companies are owned by stockholders, while smaller private companies are owned by individuals or families. Partnerships exist when the ownership of a business is owned by two or more partners. The Capitalist economy spread during the Protestant Reformation with the idea of the Protestant Work Ethic. These ideas spread to the early US settlers from the teaching of the Apostle Paul's letter to the Colossians 3:23. Diligence, literacy, self-reliance, strong work ethic, and thrift are hallmarks of upward economic progress and have led to the independent American spirit of success. Capitalism has lifted more people from poverty to prosperity than any other economic system. The US Constitution protects and ensures equal opportunities for all citizens, but not equal outcomes. Effort and merit have been keys to success in the US, but socialism and Marxism support equal outcomes for *unequal* work, effort, or ability. Wealth redistribution, elimination of private property, race exploitation, government control of work and education are characteristics of both socialism and Marxism. The amoral policies of socialism and Marxism have led to poverty, death, and dictatorships, while most US citizens prefer freedom and self-determination to authoritarianism.

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