



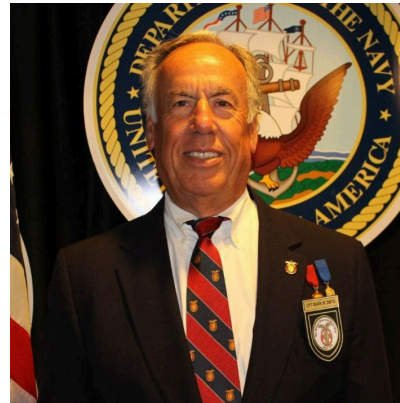
Dallas Chapter
MOWW



Commander's Report

Attention Dallas Companions

Ladies and Gentlemen. This is my last entry as your 2025-2026 Dallas Chapter Commander. I am grateful for you allowing me to serve as your commander. My goal when I was inducted was to try to find a way to leave this historically high achieving chapter in better shape than when I took over command. I am proud to say that I think I have done that. Let's review the past year: The Dallas Chapter had a very productive fiscal year in 2025–2026, marked by strong growth, active member engagement, and meaningful outreach across the community. One of the year's notable achievements was the election of chapter member Bob Epstein to chair the national security outreach program, reflecting the chapter's continued leadership and influence at the national level. The chapter also recruited 33 new members, further strengthening its base and expanding its reach.



A major contributor to this success has been the chapter's outstanding website, which continues to be refined and has already led to new members, excellent speakers, and a wide range of public outreach opportunities. During the year, the chapter presented 45 JROTC awards and 21 ROTC awards to schools throughout Dallas County, helping recognize and encourage the next generation of leaders. In addition, chapter members participated in more than 177 individual community events, including book reviews, national security briefings, veteran ceremonies, and law and order ceremonies, demonstrating a deep and sustained commitment to civic engagement.

The chapter also hosted 10 well-attended luncheons and 2 banquets, with average attendance of 63 companions, underscoring the strength of its fellowship and programming. Looking ahead, the chapter built a virtual historical library in celebration of America 250, secured a sponsorship from HEB for the Texas A&M YLC, and will fund 50 students to the combined four Region 8 YLCs. Organizationally, the chapter is in excellent shape, with all officer positions filled for the coming year and plans underway to revive the monthly companion call, also known as the telephone tree.

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 a few interesting events that I want to highlight in May:

- May 16 is Armed Forces Day. I explored the web to see if there were any notable events scheduled in DFW on May 16 and came up empty handed. If anyone in the audience knows of an event, see me after the program and I will publish the event in the next email blast.

- May 7, 1945 was Victory in Europe (VE Day) when Germany surrendered at Rheims, Germany.

I also want to invite you to attend the June Change of Command Banquet on June 2, 2026. The banquet will start at 5:30 pm at the Park City Club at 5956 Sherry Lane in Dallas. We have an excellent schedule planned for the banquet.

Here is the link to register:

[Dallas Chapter MOWW Change of Command and Awards - Dallas Chapter of MOWW](#)

Here is a preliminary agenda:

- 1730: Bar Open/ Social Time
- 1800: Meeting Opens
 - Posting of the Colors/National Anthem
 - Invocation
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Preamble
- 1815: Memorial for POW/MIA and Fallen Companions (Taps)
- 1830: Dinner Served
- 1900: Commanders Welcome and Year in Review
- 1920: Special Guest – George Washington's Path to America
- 1935: Chapter Awards
- 1950: Installation of 2026-2027 Chapter Commander and Staff
- 2005: New 2026 Dallas Chapter Commander Remarks
- 2020: Raffle Drawing
- 2025: Extinguishing of Memorial Candle
- 2030: Benediction and Conclusion

In addition to the luncheon, I invite you to attend these additional items if you're interested:

1. The June National Defense Briefing Series will be held on June 7 at Heritage Ranch in McKinney at 4:30 PM. The guest speakers will be Scott O'Grady and T.O. Hanford who will be reviewing the heroic rescue of Scott during the war in Bosnia.



NATIONAL DEFENSE
— BRIEFING SERIES —

Special Presentation
June 7, 2026

*The ShootDown
and Rescue of
Basher 52*





Capt Scott O'Grady



Capt T.O. Hanford




The story of the shoot-down of Captain Scott O'Grady over Bosnia on June 2, 1995...his six-day survival...his location by Captain T.O. Hanford...and his rescue by Marines from the 24th MEU aboard the USS Kearsarge

Scott and T.O will tell their story together for the first time

2. Finally, The annual National MOWW convention is going to be held in San Antonio, TX from August 12-16. I have two requests: First, I would appreciate some companions from this chapter volunteering to accompany me to the convention and assisting with different projects, including staffing the evening Social Room. Also, I would like several companions to attend all or a portion of the meeting since we are effectively one of the host chapters. The meeting will be held at The Westin Riverwalk, 420 W. Market Street, San Antonio, TX 78205 Ph: (210) 224-6500 I do not have solid information on cost at this time.

That is all for now. Best wishes to all.

May Luncheon Recap

The Dallas Chapter gathered on May 5, 2026, at the Park City Club for another outstanding luncheon focused on leadership, service, and member engagement. Adjutant CW3 Ramón E. Ramos, USA (Fmr), called the meeting to order, with Rev. Dr. Todd Collier delivering the invocation and HPM Pat Teipel leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Commander CPT Mark W. Smits, USA (Fmr), welcomed members and guests and provided chapter updates.

LTC Greg Schmitz, USA (Ret), presented an update on the Youth Leadership Conference, highlighting the chapter's continued commitment to developing future leaders and supporting civic education opportunities for young Americans.

A special highlight of the meeting was the induction of seven new chapter members. The Dallas Chapter proudly welcomed COL James P. Hogan, USA (Ret); COL William "Ross" Irvin, USAR (Ret); COL Steven Solka, TXARNG (Ret); PO2 Theodore S. Puchacz, USN (Ret); SGT J. D. Donalds, USA (Fmr); Mrs. Linda F. Clark; and Mr. Russell Tether. Their addition reflects the continued growth and vitality of the chapter.

The featured program, "Connections, Consultation, and Clinical Care: An Operational Psychology Perspective," was presented by Lt Col Emily Griesser, USAF (Active). Her presentation provided fascinating insights into the role of operational psychology in supporting military readiness, resilience, and mission success. Members enjoyed an engaging discussion during the question-and-answer session that followed.

The meeting concluded with the traditional raffle drawing and benediction, providing members another opportunity for fellowship while advancing the chapter's mission of patriotic education, leadership development, and service.

May Birthdays

Mr Christopher B. Adams
Mr James B. Applewhite
Mr Eric K. Bradford
Mr William B. Bradford
CPT Stephen Samuel Brightman – USA (Fmr)
LTC Robert R. Brown – USA (Ret)
Mr Terry K. Brown
LTC John W. Byrns – USA (Ret)
LTC Gilbert P. Collins – USA (Ret)
LCDR Christopher E. Cooper – USN (Ret)
Mrs Diana M. Crenshaw
LtCol Harold R. Curtis – USMCR (Ret)
LCDR Howard B. Custer – USN (Fmr)
LT Charles Dean Daniels – USNR (Fmr)
LTC Guillermo C. Cisneros – USA (Ret)
COL Emmett H. Dubose, Jr. – USA (Ret)
PFC Robert G. Epstein – USAR (Fmr)
Ms Carolyn Foust-Walker
Lt Col Phlecia R. Geary – USAF (Ret)

Capt Robert W. Ganson – USAF (Fmr)
LtCol Norman V. Gilmore – USMC (Ret)
1st Lt James E. Gooch – USAF (Fmr)
MAJ Beverly D. Johnson – USA (Fmr)
Ms Diane J. Johnson
Capt Thomas L. Jones – USAFR (Fmr)
Col Christopher J. Kulas – USAF (Ret)
Col Robert W. Lanham – USMC (Ret)
COL Peter W. Malik – USA (Ret)
Mr Harold G. Moore III
Mr Ryan E. Moss
Lt Col Don H. Payne, Jr. – USAF (Ret)
LTC James O. Sammons – USA (Ret)
Ms Sharon M. Sexton
Mr Ryan N. Sisak
Ms Donna J. Starnes
COL Gregory S. Tate – USA (Ret)
1LT William D. Wallace – TXARNG
LTC Carl Daniel Wiley – USA (Ret)
CPT Justin Derek Wolf – USAF (Fmr)

Upcoming Programs

[Register to Attend](#)



June 2 | 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Change of Command and Awards Banquet

The Commander and Staff of the Dallas Chapter of MOWW invite the Companions, Patriots, and guests to attend the annual Dallas Chapter MOWW Change of Command and Awards Banquet on 02 JUN 2026. Our banquet will be held on the 17th floor of the Park City Club, 5956 Sherry Lane, Dallas, TX 75225.

National Security and Homeland Security

THE IRAN WAR - ECONOMIC OPERATION EPIC FURY

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Operation Epic Fury had 38 days of US and Israeli kinetic warfare against Iran targeting and destroying its ballistic missiles, drones, navy, air force, missile launchers, radars, industrial defense base, command and control facilities, its fissile material centrifuges, and the highest two levels of leadership/government within Iran. President Trump and his advisors changed tactics to employ economic warfare against Iran and began a new operation named Economic Operation Epic Fury. US economic warfare uses a variety of economic measures to cause great harm to an adversary's economy and destroy its ability to resist by curtailing the country's ability to maintain military and political power. Economic warfare can be used either in peacetime or under wartime conditions. Some of the financial measures which can be used against high-level government officials are - asset seizures of bank and brokerage accounts, yachts, real estate, art, gold, silver, or US currency, and other private property. Economic warfare against a country or regime can consist of blockades, boycotts, economic sanctions, suspension of aid, and trade embargos depending on the circumstances. Most of these techniques are being used in the Economic Operation Epic Fury.

President Trump's military and economic advisors are employing systematic economic measures with the military goal of inflicting enough economic pain to cause either a regime change of the theocratic dictatorship to remain in power in Iran, or leadership change, without hurting the Iranian people's ability to rebuild and restart their lives when the war ends. One of the concerns with this policy is that neither the theocratic dictatorship nor the Iranian Republican Guard also called the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps has yet to surrender. Both are named (IRGC). The IRGC is an independent military force loyal politically to the Supreme Leader in Iran. It is an ideological force with drones, missiles, and proxies. It is separate from the Iranian army and is charged with protection of the Islamic Republic and projects influence abroad through the Quds Force and its proxies. The IRGC's mandate is to suppress internal dissent, defend the revolution, and prevent foreign interference. Iran's army is called Artesh and is charged with defending the country's territory and boundaries with traditional military operations. Under the army, there is a branch for each of these services - navy, air force, and air defense forces. The Law Enforcement Command is Iran's police forces including anti-rioting and morality enforcement.

A naval blockade is being enforced in the Strait of Hormuz by the US Navy. Operation Epic Fury has destroyed most of Iran's capability to be a Middle Eastern regional nuclear power threat, but Iran still has enriched nuclear material. Iranian proxy terrorist organizations Hezbollah, Hamas, and Houthis are severely crippled but are not totally defeated. This war has harmed China and Russia, as China gets approximately 1.4 million barrels per day of its oil from Iran, and the US blockade is severely restricting its oil supply. Iran is also constrained from being able to provide low-cost drones to Russia for the Russo-Ukrainian War as most of Iran's drone and military manufacturing has been destroyed. Rising oil prices because of the blockade are causing increased inflation in the US and around the

world. Oil supplies should be mostly restored when the war concludes. Before the Iranian people can change their government, Iran's leadership, IRGC, and police forces must be further diminished.

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