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July's Luncheon saw tables six feet apart, 6 per table, and all serving staff masked and gloved. ***Hello***, Pandemic, Day **127**

This Month's Program: Law Enforcement

VALOR in North Texas Veterans Courts

Judge John Roach, Jr. has been the presiding judge of the 296th District Court in Collin County, TX since 2006. The 296th District Court hears felony criminal, civil, family law and Child Protective Service cases and is recorded as being the busiest court in Collin County for the last 10 years.

Judge Roach presides over the Nation's very first region-wide ***Veterans Court*** initiative, which has become the model for Veterans Courts across the Nation.

Judge John Roach, presiding

A Marine Corps Veteran, Judge Roach served as a Fire and Rescue Specialist in the United States Marine Corps Reserves and served on active duty in support of Operations *Desert Shield & Desert Storm in the 1990's.*

After launching the Collin County Veterans Court in 2013, Judge Roach quickly recognized the need to reach into smaller, more rural North Texas counties that could not support a Veterans Court on their own. His initiative and dedication to service has led to the partnership of five North Texas counties – Collin, Rockwall, Grayson, Kaufman, and Fannin – who now serve as One.

It was his initiative to service that has led to the creation of the **VALOR** Program, (**V**eterans' **A**ccess to **L**ifelong **O**pportunities for **R**ehabilitation).

The Commander's Corner

Sheep, Wolves, and Sheepdogs

In his book, *On Combat*, U.S. Army LTC Dave Grossman, recounts an assessment of human nature and society. He noted that most of the people in our society are sheep. They are gentle, passive, productive creatures who only wish to be left alone.

The word "sheep" is not meant as a pejorative. It just refers to the basically nice people who cannot or will not stand up for themselves or for others, either because they are embarrassed, emotionally overwhelmed, or ignorant about how to behave in an intimidating situation.

Then there are the wolves, who skulk among us looking for easy prey. Wolves are the *evil* in every society. They prey on the meek. Few of them are brave enough to engage an equally armed opponent in the open light of day. Wolves prefer to riot, kill, and destroy.

Unfortunately, every society has wolves that feed on the sheep without mercy. They are evil men and women who gladly and glibly commit evil for their own benefit, without regard to the wellbeing of others.

Those who believe all people are basically good are naive sheep. Those who chose to ignore the evil committed by wolves are the worst sheep — they are complicit in the wolf's behavior. But all is not lost.

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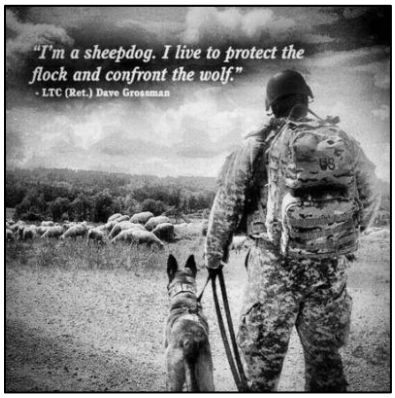
Throughout history there are some that are neither sheep, nor wolves. They are the ***Sheepdogs***.

Sheepdogs are those individuals, who refuse to allow evil to triumph. To them, there is an objective right and wrong. Good and evil are not merely "social constructs" as is believed in many strange ways these days.



The mere fact that the Companions of MOWW raised their hands and swore an oath (a lifetime commitment to a person, organization, religion, or country) tells me that ***we*** are the Sheepdogs of our society.

The third line in our Preamble challenges us "Ever to maintain Law and Order". Our programs, speakers, and events indicate that we value nurturing, educating, and growing, but, above all, - protecting.

Sheep beg to God to send them help; Sheepdogs are those who answer that call. There are some who would have you believe that Sheepdogs are the "real" wolves, but they are quick to change their tunes when *real* wolves threaten to invade their homes.

Americans dial ***911*** about 220 million times each year. In a nation of 330 million Americans; it is thus possible that any one of us might, one day, face a situation where a sheepdog is needed. That is the fancy way to say, we are not going to defund our police forces, anytime soon.

In 1867, the Philosopher John Stuart Mill said: "***Bad men need nothing more to accomplish their ends, than that good men should look on and do nothing.***"

I am proud to stand with a group of Companions that will never have to say they looked on and did nothing, and I will continue to pray for the sheepdogs among us.

Yours in support of Law and Order,

Chuck Daniels, LT, USNR (Fmr)
Commander, Dallas Chapter
Military Order of the World Wars

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Last Month's Program: Law Enforcement

Criminal Justice in Rockwall County

Criminal District Attorney Kenda Culpepper may be beautiful, but you would not want to find yourself on the other side of the docket when she is prosecuting. Kenda graduated from Texas A&M University, and then went on to receive her JD degree from Southern Methodist University School of Law.

DA, Kenda Culpepper

In November of 2008, she was elected as the Rockwall County Criminal District Attorney and is the first woman to take office as a District Attorney in the history of North Texas. She has faithfully served the citizens of Rockwall County, for almost 20 years.

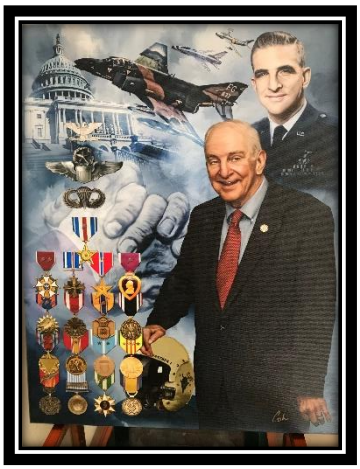
It was inspirational to hear her describe her current passion which focuses on apprehending and administering *Justice* to human traffickers and their associated scum. We salute her deep devotion to Law Enforcement and wish her many successful jury decisions.

Kenda has been named by Texas Monthly magazine as a "*Texas Super Lawyer*"; by D Magazine as one of the "*Best Lawyers in Dallas*; and by Forbes magazine as one of "*America's Most Influential Women*

In Memoriam: Col Sam R. Johnson, USAF (1930-2020)

Fifty-nine years of Service to the Nation

The Dallas Chapter is pleased to announce that MOWW National Headquarters has accepted the request from the chapter to induct the ***late*** Congressman and US Air Force Colonel Sam R. Johnson, as a Perpetual (*Memorial*) Companion of our Chapter. National HQ graciously agreed to waive the fee that traditionally accompanies this procedure.

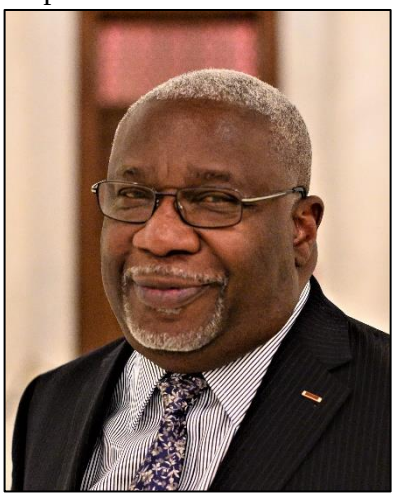


Later this summer, the Dallas Chapter of MOWW will join the *Seidel Chapter* of the Air Force Association in paying tribute to Representative Johnson by hanging an oil portrait and commemorative plaques, honoring Sam's life and his contributions to Texas, in the *Hall of Heroes*, located in the main corridor of Collin County Courthouse.

KNOW YOUR INCOMING OFFICERS

Captain Richard Stewart, US Navy (JAG)

Captain Richard Stewart was born in New Orleans, LA and received his BA degree from Dillard University, Juris Doctorate from Loyola University (New Orleans) School of Law,; and a Master of Laws degree from The George Washington University School of Law, Washington, DC.



During the Vietnam War, he served as a line officer on board the ***USS New Orleans*** (LPH 11). As Commanding Officer, Naval Legal Service Office, Corpus Christi, TX, Captain Stewart received the National NAACP Roy Wilkins Renown Service Award. During Operation Desert Storm, he was presented a citation by the Secretary of the Navy. While serving as Command Judge Advocate, Naval Station Alameda, CA, he was recognized by the U.S. Attorney. His military decorations include the Legion of Merit, Navy Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal.

In 1994, following a distinguished career in the Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps, he joined the Verizon Legal Department. He retired as Assistant General Counsel, Verizon Communications, in 2013.

Richard is Chair of the Appraisal Review Board of Dallas County and served as Chair of the City of Irving Arts Board from 2013 – 2015, Vice Chair of the Las Colinas Medical Center Board of Trustees, Irving, Texas, and, he is a member of the University of North Texas, College Of Law, in Dallas.

Mr. Stewart is admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States; US Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals; Supreme Courts of Texas, Louisiana, and the District of Columbia; as well as the US Court of Appeals of the Armed Services, to name a few.

Richard is married to Sandra [King] Stewart, a vocalist whose recordings include "*Leave it up to the Boys*" on the ***Night Train to Nashville***, CD.

The Stewarts' son, James, is a graduate of Howard University, and daughter, Tanesha, is a graduate of Spellman College and George Washington University. The Stewarts are members of St. Paul UMC, Dallas, Texas.

Major Bill Coleman, US Army (Treasurer)

Bill Coleman was born in Los Angeles in 1948 while his father, Jack Coleman, a WWII Army veteran, attended the Univ. of Southern California on the GI Bill. Bill attended college at NMSU in Las Cruces, NM, during which he participated in a program tracking navigation satellites for the US Navy. He traveled to the Philippines, Suriname, Curacao, and Argentina using mobile tracking stations to provide GPS location information to Polaris submarines and ships at sea. Bill then enlisted in the U.S. Army and was accepted into Field Artillery (FA) Officer Candidate School at Ft. Sill, OK. He was the Honor Graduate of his class.

While on active duty, he served as a nuclear warhead assembly team officer, in the 28th FA Detachment in Italy, where he met his future wife, Mirella, and was later awarded an Army Commendation Medal.

Bill left active duty, returned to college, and received both a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Fine Arts in Cinema, from the University of Southern California. He resumed his military career as a member of the California Army National Guard, serving as a platoon leader in a 155mm Self Propelled Artillery unit.

When Bill and Mirella returned to Texas in 1977, he put his film degree to use and secured a position in Public Affairs at the Texas NG headquarters, in Austin. Bill served the next 15 years as a Public Affairs Officer, first in the 100th PA Detachment in Austin, and then as PAO for the 49th Armored Division. He received a commendation from the National Guard Bureau for his handling of 2 fatal training accidents at Ft. Hood.

At the direction of the Division Commander, Bill published the first yearbook for the 49th AD in over 20 years, for which he received his second Army Commendation Medal.

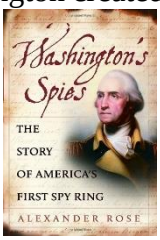
In civilian life Bill is an independent life insurance agent. He has served for 6 years as the president and 16 years as a board member for the Ferguson Road Initiative, a non-profit representing over 40,000 residents of east Dallas.

The National Intelligence Community

by Michael Menefee, LtCol, USMC (Ret)

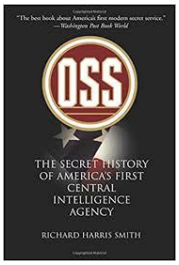
Intelligence has been called the second oldest profession. In the Bible, Numbers 13 describes one of the first recorded intelligence collection events in history when Moses directed Joshua to lead spies into the promised land.

In the Revolutionary War, General Washington created the Culper Spy Ring (1778-1783) in and around New York to help defeat the British. Intelligence was collected during all wars after the American revolution, but these units were mostly tactical and demobilized after each war.



In the Civil War, the first photo imagery intelligence was used by union forces in observation balloons. The Office of National Intelligence was founded in 1882, as the first permanent US intelligence agency, followed in 1885 by the Military Intelligence Division. The predecessor of the FBI was established in 1908.

In World War II, the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) became the forerunner of today's CIA and State Department's INR. After the Bay of Pigs invasion failure in 1962, DIA was created to consolidate military intelligence from the services.



As the US threats evolve, more capabilities are needed to defend our country. After the intelligence failures of 11 Sep 2001, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) were formed.

Each person authorized to have access to classified intelligence must undergo a background check to obtain a security clearance. Today, there are three US intelligence classifications: Confidential, Secret, and Top Secret.

The level of clearance one needs determines the level of investigation. All military officers are required to have at least a *Secret* level clearance, as are enlisted military personnel working with a broad range of our weapons systems, classified projects, or duties which require them to have access to sensitive information.

Many government officials, defense contractors, and university researchers working on government projects must also have clearances. The level of security clearance is job dependent.

Most elected officials receive clearances by virtue of the nature of their official duties. Not everyone applying for a clearance is able to pass the background checks. Despite the perception that some officials seem to be above the law, it is a still a **felony** to mishandle or leak classified intelligence. Violators can and should be held accountable for revealing the nation's secrets.

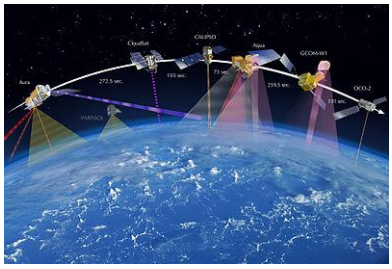
Even senior cabinet level Secretaries, advisors, college professors, defense contractors, and DCI's have mishandled classified intelligence. In most cases, harsher penalties have been given to intelligence personnel, military, or government civilians who mishandle classified information. In the military, even minor disclosures of classified information can lead to severe punishment.

Most Americans have no "*need to know*" classified information. Especially when knowledge of the methods and sources used to obtain the intelligence can subject those sources to compromise, capture, torture, or death.

Within the Intelligence Community personnel who have Top Secret clearances, may still be denied access to certain data, due to "*compartmentalization*". Again, the criteria for access is based on a "*need to know*".

Only the highest government officials, IC personnel, and military officers have access to extremely sensitive information, and the ODNI, by law, has more information than any other American.

Most Americans will never know the threats eliminated, actions not taken, and attempts to undermine our country's policies and values, which are prevented by our global Intelligence Community.



Happy Birthday, Companions

"People who have the most birthdays – Live the longest"

1 August	CPT (Dr) Weldon Estes
1 August	CPT David Young
2 August	Mr Ian Barton
4 August	Mr Paul Epply-Schmidt
4 August	Lt Col Sid Snedeker
5 August	CPT James Runzheimer
8 August	LT Thor James Hansen
8 August	CPT Chris Kite-Powell
9 August	Capt Paul Welch
12 August	MAJ Doug Gagliano
12 August	CPT Tom Garriss
13 August	CPT Ira Archer
13 August	MAJ Docia Buckner
14 August	CPT Edwin McAuliffe
14 August	JUSTICE Lana Myers
14 August	Capt William Sweitzer
15 August	CPT Bernard Kenan
16 August	LTC Fred Holland
17 August	Capt Stanley Seat
17 August	Brig Gen Michael Torma
18 August	Lt David Dewhurst
21 August	Ms. Christine Hogan
21 August	CPT Peter Maurer
21 August	HPM Scott Murray
23 August	Mr. William Farmer
23 August	Mr. Louis Felini
26 August	Ms. Catherine Moore
26 August 1921	**Capt James Patterson**
26 August	LT Jerry Prater
27 August	LT Thomas Meyer
27 August	LTC Don Munson
28 August	CPT Katherine Stewart
30 August	Capt Allan Tomlinson
31 August	LT Donald Crusius
31 August	LT John Hall
31`August	HPM Jonathan Lennox

Speaker Programs Just Keep Getting Better

***4 Aug 20* –Judge John Roach, Collin County Court**
"Veterans Courts: Helping Military Veterans "

***1 Sep 20* –Formal Evening Banquet**
"Celebrating the 2021 Commander and Staff"

***6 Oct 20* –Tom Clark, Attorney at Law**
"The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals "
and JROTC & SROTC Recognition Program

***3 Nov 20* –Caroline Johnson, Capt, USAF (Fmr)**
"Backseat in an F/A-18 Super Hornet"

***1 Dec 20* – Chuck Daniels, LT, US Navy (Fmr)**
"Annual Christmas Banquet"

***5 Jan 21 –Speaker* TBD, Drug Enforcement Agency**
"Controlling our Southern Border"

Park City Club Luncheon Guidelines for August

Now Hear This!!!

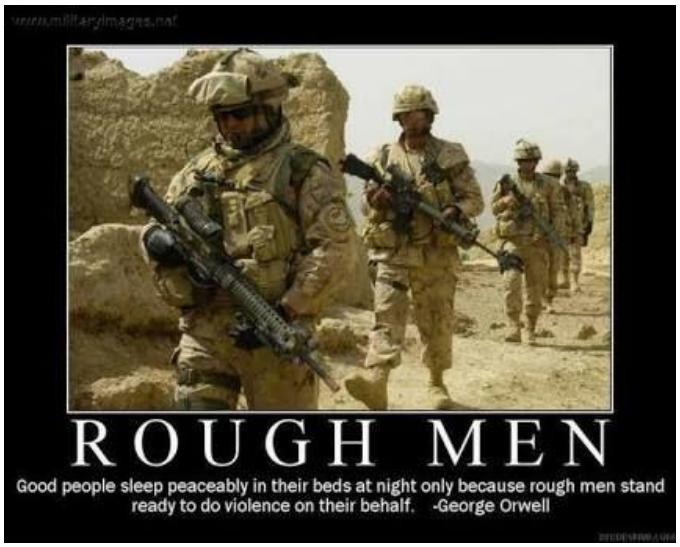
Companions have two options to verify their attendance.

1) When contacted by the Calling Committee you must confirm that you are attending.
2) If you do not receive a call, you may confirm your attendance to John Wagner at: *jhwagner62@sbcglobal.net* .

If you cannot reach John by email please call him at :(682) 465-2615 and leave a message, no later than Friday, 31 July 2020.

Respect the welfare of others. Maintain six feet of separation and wear a mask, whenever appropriate.

Deep Thoughts on the Military



The Wisdom of Solomon

In the Book of 1 Kings, we are told that the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and invited Solomon to make a request.

Solomon, in turn, asked the Lord for wisdom to determine right from wrong, that he may rule justly over his people.

In return, the Lord said that because Solomon asked for wisdom to best serve his people, and not for personal riches, or a long life, or the destruction of his enemies, his wish would be granted.

In fact, in his pleasure, the Lord told Solomon that no one before him or after him would ever be comparable to him in wisdom.

Solomon's wisdom is best given to us in the Book of Proverbs, but the real lesson from First Book of Kings is that we do well to align our requests (and indeed our desires) with how we can best serve God and fulfill God's very purposes for our lives.

Such requests are pleasing to God and will most surely be answered to the full.

May God bless each of you.

Jamie Malakoff
Chapter Chaplain

Companions Down

RADM Bill Smith (1927-2020)

We deeply regret hearing of the passing of Rear Admiral Bill Smith. Bill represented the US Navy at our Veterans Day Parades for more than 10 years. Bill was a Navy Aviator for 39 years, who flew **139** combat missions during the Korean War.

Capt (Dr) James Grogan, Jr.

We have been informed that Companion Jim Grogan's son, **James III**, has been diagnosed with a malignant melanoma. Please keep him in your prayers as the doctors attempt to work their magic.

MG Harvey McCarter

We are happy to report that Perpetual Companion, Maj Gen Harvey McCarter, has recovered sufficiently to notify us that he will join us for Lunch on 4 August 2020.

LTC Woody Alexander

Woody's wife, Kathryn, reports that he is "*resting and doing well*". Keep him in your prayers. He is not out of the woods, yet.

Did you know: Woody was named the honorary ***Commander of the Regiment*** by his Vietnam era Field Artillery unit.

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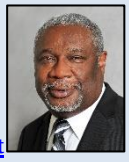

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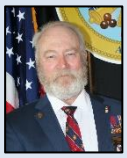

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The Military Order of the World Wars

The Companions and their Spouses
of the Dallas Chapter
cordially invite
all MOWW Companions and their guests
to attend the

Annual Change of Command and Installation Banquet

at the

Park City Club
5956 Sherry lane, Dallas Texas 75225
In the Skyline Room on the 17th floor
Tuesday, 1 September 2020

1700 hours cocktails
1800 Dinner
Dress Blue/Mess Dress/Tuxedo/Suit (formal attire)

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SEATING MAY BE RESERVED FOR YOU AND YOUR GUESTS AT ONE TABLE FOR THOSE RESERVATIONS THAT ARE RECEIVED ALONG WITH PAYMENT NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, AUG 25, 2020. IT WILL BE OPEN SEATING AFTER THAT DATE.

Reserve ___ seat(s) at the table hosted by _____.
Rank & name_____
Spouse's Name_____
Guest name(s)_____
(Qty)
Indicate Choice of Entrée ____ Grilled Atlantic Salmon filet, topped with Citrus Beurre Blanc

____ Stuffed Chicken Breast, freshly baked, stuffed with Spinach, Feta Cheese, and Pine Nuts, with Citrus Thyme sauce

____ Petite Tender Medallions of Beef, fire roasted, with Wild Mushroom sauce

(Please identify how many of each choice of Entrée)

Make check payable to Dallas MOWW or pay by PayPal $60.00 per person Total: _$_____
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