



Thousands of cars lined up outside of Dallas Fair Park upon its designation as a COVID-19 vaccination Megacentre. After 11 months of quarantine and isolation, it could not happen soon enough. If you need help registering to receive your shots, please let a Companion know. Help is on the way.

## This Month's Program, February 2021

### Rescuing Families in the Middle East

Ashley Thomas is the Founder & CEO of Freedom's Fund USA. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Oral Roberts University in 2013, and began her career in 2014, as the Assistant to the Vice President of Corporate Development for TheBlaze, a national news company based in Dallas, TX.



In 1996, she became the Project Manager over a \$14M project to rescue and resettle persecuted

Christians and other religious minorities targeted by the Islamic State in Syria (ISIS). Ashley and her team rescued and resettled over 1,000 families in less than a year. She then networked with partner organizations in Australia, Canada, Europe, South America, and the Middle East, to resettle victims targeted by Boko Haram in Africa.

In 2018, she graduated with honors from Liberty University's School of Law with a Juris Master's degree in International Law. Additionally, she received professional certificates in Project Management and Intelligence Analysis from Southern Methodist University. Ashley is also an Academy Fellow at Heritage Foundation, based in Washington.

Ashley continues to brief numerous high-level staffs within the intelligence community concerning the resurgence of ISIS, and of the coalition between China, Russia, and Iran, emphasizing the threat they continue to pose to the West.

## The Commander's New Year's Resolution

### Thank God She Loves Me...

There are many things that I am thankful for, but one of the greatest blessing in my life, and I believe in all our lives is the love and support of our spouses and our families. Whether we found them early, or late, in life. Whether they are still in our lives, or we lost them too soon, we all know how much the love and support they have given us means to us. None of us is an island, we thrive when we have others in our lives.

February is **Valentine** month. Which reminds me *first* of my beautiful wife, Karey, whom many of you know. Since the



early 1990's she has been my co-worker, then my best friend, then my companion, and finally my wife. However, she has always been my sounding board, my foundation, motivator, and the reason for much of who I am and what I do.

But when I think of all those that have supported me, I cannot just say that it has just been my wife. Throughout my life (and I bet yours, too), I have had the support of more people that I can mention in this article. My parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, co-workers, fellow military veterans, and the list goes on. I am sure you get the point.

As we go through life, if we are fortunate, the list of people who support us (that is to say, our *Valentines*) change. First it is our parents and other family, then it is our friends, fellow

students, and co-workers, and usually, later in life our close families, neighbors, and lifelong friends. This is, hopefully, true for most of us.

But I want to point out that we have even more...as MOWW Companions, our team, our friends, our brothers and sisters, our support group is even larger, and goes even farther.

Because we are Companions in MOWW, we have more support, than those that are not MOWW companions. In MOWW, we all have a common bond, a common belief, a common purpose and common goals. Only in an organization like MOWW, can you have a common support group for your entire life.

For those of us that have been Companions for a while, we have met and become friends with many individuals very much like ourselves, with common life experiences. For those of you that are relatively new to MOWW, you have a lifelong affiliation ahead of you that will support you for as long as you let it.

This brings me to my final point. Wouldn't it be a shame, if the friendship and camaraderie that we share, as MOWW Companions, was not shared by as many folks as possible. So, when you think about whether you should recruit that friend, that co-worker, that family member, just remember what benefits you have gained as an MOWW Companion and resolve to share those best things in your life.

For the good of the order,



Charles D. Daniels,  
Commander  
Dallas Chapter, MOWW



National Security

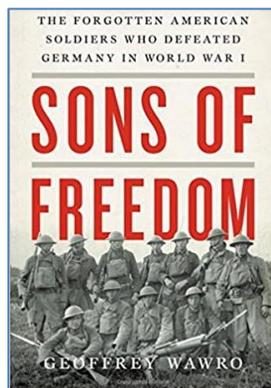
**Collaborative meetings on Military Topics**

Your Dallas Chapter has agreed to align with the **Air Force Association** and the **Navy League** to promote and support discussions of historical and contemporary military subjects. Until we achieve herd immunity, the sessions will be virtual, but future in-person meetings will feature distinguished veterans, government officials, and a host of guest speakers.

**When:** 26 February 2021, 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** Prestonwood Country Club  
15909 Preston Road, Dallas

*In 1918, the French and British armies were on the verge of collapse and would have lost the war without the American Doughboys. Field Marshall Douglas Haig described the Allied victory as a "miracle".*



**Speaker Programs in 2021 – Bear with Us**  
*(the vaccines are on the way)*

**4 Feb 20 - Ashley Thomas, Founder, Freedom's Fund**  
*"Rescuing Families in the Middle East"*

**3 Mar 20 – Adam Kraft, DIA Analyst (TBD)**  
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**Happy Birthday, Companions**

**"People who live longer, have more birthdays."**

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| 1 February  | LT COL Bob Little       |
| 2 February  | CWO3 Xavier Herrera     |
| 2 February  | BG Thomas Kula          |
| 2 February  | MR Steve Neumeier       |
| 3 February  | CPT Al Lisi, Jr         |
| 4 February  | COL James Vineyard      |
| 7 February  | MAJ Lannie Hughes       |
| 7 February  | MAJ GEN Harvey McCarter |
| 7 February  | LTC Allen West          |
| 9 February  | LTC Edwin Dumas         |
| 9 February  | CAPT John Kutch         |
| 10 February | MAJ William Coleman     |
| 13 February | Capt P.J. Putnam        |
| 15 February | MAJ Robert Pierce, Jr   |
| 16 February | COL Paul Beaty          |
| 16 February | COL Ken Cordier         |
| 18 February | CAPT David Darelus      |
| 18 February | COL Roger Neumann       |
| 19 February | LTC Thomas Donnelly     |
| 19 February | CAPT Richard Lethe      |
| 20 February | CAPT Claude Williams    |
| 25 February | Col David Howe          |
| 21 February | LTC Kenny Bierman       |
| 25 February | LT Lewis Willis         |



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

## KNOW YOUR DALLAS STAFF OFFICERS

### Captain James M. Malakoff, US Army

Jamie Malakoff, our *Chaplain*, was born and raised in San Antonio, Texas. He received his B.S. in Systems Engineering and Management from the United States Military Academy at West Point, in 1993. He later earned an MBA from Columbia Business School in New York City, in 2000, and a Master of Arts in Theology, from the Redeemer Seminary in Dallas, in 2016.



At West Point, Jamie had a distinguished tennis career, which he continued in the Army, twice winning the *All-Armed Services* Tennis Championships and twice representing the United States at the *World Military Games* (Moscow in 1996 and Rome in 1997).

During his Army service from 1993-1998, he served as a Signal Corps Officer in 13<sup>th</sup> Corps Support Command and the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division of *US III Corps*, at Fort Hood, Texas. His assignments included serving as a Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, Assistant Battalion S3, and Brigade Signal Officer.

His military awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal (with three oak leaf clusters), the Army Service Medal, the National Defense Service Ribbon, the Basic Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.

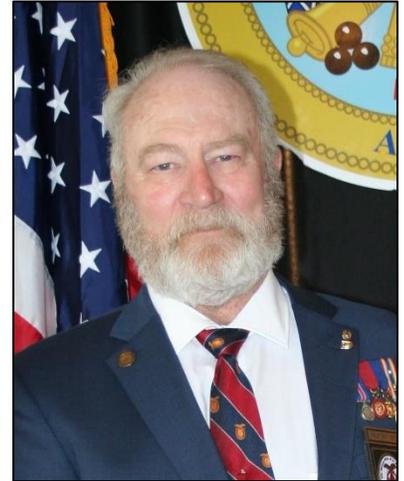
Following his Army service, Jamie worked in finance and operations in New York City, for more than 10 years, before returning to Texas to attend the seminary.

He currently owns and runs a faith-based Senior Care company called *Wellspring Senior Care*, which places caregivers in the homes of Seniors who need assistance to remain independent. Jamie views Wellspring as his ministry.

He and his wife, Anna, have two children, Alexander (age 12) and Natalie (age 10). They live in North Dallas.

### HPM Philip A (Pat) Teipel, US Army

Pat Teipel, our *Marshal*, is a native of Dallas. He graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School and promptly joined the Army, following in the footsteps of his father and both of his grandfathers. Pat distinguished himself by serving as the **Chairman** of the Greater Dallas Veterans Day Parade Committee for two consecutive years.



In 1972, he enlisted as a Medic and volunteered to serve in Vietnam. During basic training at Fort Ord, CA, he suffered an injury that prevented his deployment to combat. Upon completion of active duty, he became a member of the Texas State Guard.

Pat's career with the City of Dallas spanned more than 35 years, ending in the Office of the City Manager. In 1997, Mayor John Evans urged Pat to join the Dallas Veterans Day Parade Foundation. He was a charter member of the first Veterans Day Parade in Dallas in 49 years.

Upon his retirement in 2004, he was awarded the Congressional Man of the Year Award for his exemplary service to the City. In 2007, he was awarded a *Silver Patrick Henry* medallion by the Dallas Chapter, Military Order of World Wars and in 2008 was made a *Perpetual* Companion of the Order.

Pat is a Board Member of the Dallas Retired Employees Association Executive Committee and the Dallas Community Police Awards committee for the 24 suburban cities of the Greater Dallas area.

Pat and his wife, Cynda, have been married for 41 years. They have two daughters, Leia Turner and Meagan Jeane, and a son, Paul Bandiera.

**Notice: Next Commander's Staff Meeting will be held Thursday, 21 January 2021 at 1:30 p.m., in the Frontiers of Flight Conference Room, 6911 Lemmon Avenue, Dallas, TX**

## US ELECTION CHAOS

By LtCol Michael W. Menefee USMCR (Ret)

The recent US election has exacerbated the cultural and political divide within our country and is a military and economic victory for our adversaries and enemies. Today, the US is more divided than any time since the Vietnam War. We are as culturally and politically alienated as we were in the Civil War. Half of the US population supports traditional Christian values, our military, police, capitalism, and the US Constitution; while the other half wants open borders, denigrates Christian values, wants to reduce the military, defund the police, ignore the Constitution, and support socialism.



During the last election, big tech, big media, big business, Wall Street, and Hollywood supported one party. They want globalization. Trade with China and profits outweigh their support for the country or the wishes of the American middle class. Without a viable middle class, we cannot maintain a representative republic. If the American people lose faith in our election process, our republic is lost. From the viewpoint of our foes, they could not have manipulated a better US election outcome.

China, Russia, and Iran did try to disrupt the election, but we sabotaged it ourselves without their help, by not requiring voter identification in all states, not maintaining accurate voter rolls, by making last minute changes in voter registration, bypassing Constitutionally required state legislature approval, and not allowing bipartisan poll watchers at many voting places. Some states used questionable voting machines or software. These changes and others led a large segment of the US population to not only disagree with the election outcome, but also to challenge the very integrity of the election.



This week, Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR) introduced legislation which reinforces concerns of voter fraud by conservatives and Constitutionlists. He wants automatic voter registration and the use of pre-paid envelopes to return votes by mail. Without voter signatures, updated voter registration lists, citizenship, age, and residence requirements, voting by mail will turn the US into a third world authoritarian regime. Chinese, Russians, Iranians, and others, will not have to exert efforts to disrupt our elections, we will have done it to ourselves.

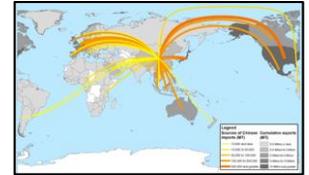


The US election chaos is giving China, Russia, Iran, and Islamic terrorists opportunities to take advantage of the change in administration, officials, and policies. The new administration is proposing to restrict

First and Second Amendment rights of US citizens, while sending conflicting messages abroad. Our foes view proposed changes in US foreign and military policy, and energy independence, as a weakening of its strategic positions. Our allies may question if we will continue to resist Chinese, Russian, Iranian, and Islamic terrorists' aggressions.



At the time of our political turmoil, China is accelerating its pace to build a new world order - with China at the top. China continues to use propaganda to depict itself as a poor, backward, unsophisticated country, while it continues to grow economically. It uses its sea power to project influence, while having the largest navy in the Pacific. China is restricting sea lanes, while occupying coral reefs to build military ports and runways on them. It is expanding into Africa, the Middle East, and Latin America.



Some members of Congress who have touted Russia as our biggest external threat, are the same people taking the most money from China. Former acting Director of National Intelligence, Ric Grennell, has said the American people have been misinformed. China poses a far greater threat to the US than Russia, Iran, or Islamic terrorists, moreover dramatic changes in US foreign and military policy will further increase these threats to our country, over time.

The views expressed in this article are those of the author and do not reflect the official policy or position of the Dallas Chapter or our Military Order.

### Scouts USA

#### **Eagle Awards in Circle 10**

Our Chapter Scout Committee Chairman, Bill Farmer, shared his intense pleasure at attending a Court of Honor for the Lone Star District of Circle Ten. The gathering was held around a campfire, to conform with COVID-19 guidelines. Over 70 Scouts, parents, families, and well wishers were on hand to witness the ceremonies.



Newest Eagle Scouts are seen above, clockwise from top left: Zac Evans, Troop 725; Jacob Lohrling, Troop 76; Connor Pullen, Troop 360; and Sam Blanton, Troop 109.

# First Chapter Luncheon of 2021



**top left**, Chuck Daniels presents a Certificate of Appreciation to BG Chuck Aris for his outstanding review of the current State of the Texas National Guard and its many missions.

**bottom left**, The Park City Club continues to support our Luncheons during the pandemic by strict adherence to social distancing, masking, and table separations. The meals are French cuisine.



Above, Chuck presented a well-deserved and long overdue *Silver Patrick Henry* award to **Doug Gagliano** for his many years of devotion to the chapter, his hundreds of hours spent covering our events as chief Photographer and, in recognition of his irreplaceable role as Chairman of the Parade Units committee of the Dallas Veterans Day Parade staff. Doug contacts and coordinates participation of more than 250 military and civilian organizations and establishes their Order of March.

# Humor in Uniform



I found the LT





### The Battle of Life

When the Supreme Commander of the Allied Command in Europe, General of the Armies **Dwight D. Eisenhower**, gave the order to his troops to make the historic crossing of the Rhine River, he decided to accompany them.

He fell into step with a group of combat troops in the 30th Infantry Division. The men were in high spirits, en route to their boats.

Then, General Eisenhower noticed one young soldier who looked exceedingly worried.

"How are you feeling, son", he asked?

The soldier replied, "General, I'm awful nervous. I was wounded two months ago, and I just got back from the hospital, yesterday. I just don't feel so good."

"Well, you and I make a good pair then, because I'm nervous, too. But we have planned this attack for a long time. We have got all the planes, the guns, the airborne troops we can use. Maybe if we walk along together to the river, we'll be good for each other."

*As a soldier in God's Army, as you walk, in obedience to His commands, you will experience His promised presence.*

*Chaplain Jamie Malakoff*

### Last Month's Program, Jan 2021

### The Texas National Guard

We were honored to have Brigadier General Charles (Chuck) Aris as our first Guest Speaker of the new year. BG Aris is currently the Deputy Division Commander of the 36<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division.



The Texas Army National Guard is the land warfare branch of the Texas Military Forces for the State of Texas. Its major combat units include the 36th Infantry Division and its two Infantry Brigade Combat Teams (IBCT), the 56th and the 72nd IBCT.

BG Aris is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a BA degree in Communications, a JD Law degree from the South Texas College of Law, and a Master of Military Studies degree from the United States Army War College.

He was commissioned as an Armor Officer and has served on active duty and National Guard assignments for the past 35 years, to include deployments to Kosovo, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

Recently, he travelled to Prostějov, Czech Republic, to witness the presentation of awards to his Texas Army National Guard Special Forces troops, who received the Medal of the Minister of Defense, for training Czech troops scheduled to be deployed to combat in Bagram, Afghanistan.

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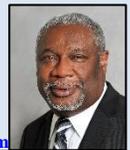
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