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THIS MONTH'S EVENTS & KEY DATES

Dallas Chapter MOWW Change of Command and Awards Banquet



June 4th, 2024 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*. The Change of Command Installation and Awards Banquet is a formal evening event during which our new Commander and his staff are sworn into office.

Our banquet will be held on the 17th floor of the Park City Club, 5956 Sherry Lane, Dallas, TX 75225.

- ❖ **June 6th D-Day Anniversary**
- ❖ **June 13th Military History Book Club**
- ❖ **June 14th U.S. Flag Day**
- ❖ **June 14th United States Army Birthday**
- ❖ **June 27th PTSD Awareness Day**

COMMANDER'S REPORT



LT Natan Ton That

June marks the end of Operating Year (OY) for the Military Order of the World Wars. Commander CPT Allen Clark served the first half (1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023), and I served from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024. OY 2023-2024 has been a challenging and sad year for our chapter. Four of our chapter's companions passed away (Dr. Weldon L. Estes, Chaplain (CPT), Paul E. Pfrommer, LT (JG) Hal Winfield Padgett, Jr., and Lt Col, LT Don Crusius), and quite a few of our companions have been going through some serious health concerns.

Despite the griefs and health setbacks of the year, our chapter officers, committee members and volunteers continued to carry out our mission to "celebrate and promote good citizenship, patriotism, the Constitution, and our military services" with a great degree of success. Our partnership with the AFA's National Defense Briefing Series (NDBS) has been rewarding, especially with their generous donation of \$10,000 to our chapter. The financial support from our companions to YLC, JROTC and Boy Scouts programs was critical in maintaining our tradition of supporting youth organizations.

I look forward to serving our chapter as commander for OY 2024-2025. I have confidence in our newly elected staff officers. Together with our committees' members, volunteers and you, we will build a stronger and more cohesive chapter to serve our community and nation. For the Good of the Order!

LT Natan Ton That

DALLAS CHAPTER ACTIVITIES



FY2024 - 2025

Chapter Officers

Chapter Commander – 2LT Natan Ton-That, USA (Fmr)

Senior Vice-Commander - CPT Mark Smits, USA (Fmr)

Junior Vice-Commander – CPT James Runzheimer, USA (Fmr)

Adjutant – CW3 Ramon Ramos, USA (Ret)

Treasurer – Capt David Wallace, USAF (Fmr)

Judge Advocate – MAJ John VanBuskirk, USA (Ret)

Marshal - *HPM Pat Teipel, USA (Fmr)

Surgeon – DR/CPT Fred Aurbach, USA (Fmr)

Chaplain – DR/CPT James Grogan, USA (Fmr)

Special Operations – LTC Don Munson, USA (Ret), CDR Emeritus

Marketing & Communications Director: HP Stephen Suiter

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Major John. H. Lucky Luckadoo May Presentation

On May 7, 2024, at the Dallas Chapter luncheon Air Force Companion attendees and guests in the aviation industry were kept in rapt attention by the presentation of Maj. John H. "Lucky" Luckadoo USAF (Ret). At 102 years young, Maj Luckadoo is the sole surviving member of his forty-man twin-engine flight school class in February 1943. Luckadoo described his B-17 bomber and related what is what like bombing in formations that could have averaged as many as 1000 planes. He related the challenges of going on raids with the 100th Bomb Group with and without fighter escort. Only four members of his 40-man class survived their tour of 25 combat missions. As a member of an early U.S. Bomber Group sent to England, the losses in his unit quickly named his unit "The Bloody Hundredth." Attendees will never forget this talk by a member of "The Greatest Generation." Although not his birthday, the Chapter ordered a birthday cake for him.



(Maj. John H. "Lucky" Luckadoo USAF (Ret). pictured in center of photo grey jacket).

The Oldest and the Youngest in the Room



102-year-old World War II veteran Maj. John "Lucky" Luckadoo, and 18-year-old CAP cadet Trevor Chesler, a JROTC senior from Wylie High School in Texas. (AFA.org)

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MOWW Chapter at the Wall That Heals Opening Ceremony - May 2-5

The Wall That Heals is a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial along with a mobile Education Center. The Frisco Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 8273 which was the main organizer of the event has been providing unique and urgently needed services that improve the lives of veterans, military personnel and their families all the while supporting positive citizen involvement.



The traveling exhibit honors the more than 3 million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed forces in the Vietnam War and it bears the names of the 58,281 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam. Maj. General James E. Livingston as a guest of honor gave an inspiring speech for all attendees. A special memorial service was held for Corporal Robert Ray Brown U.S. Army, 20, killed in action in Vietnam.

MOWW Regional Convention in San Antonio, May 11



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The secret to Birthdays is to pick one you like and stick to it!" ...Snoopy

- 1 June Lt Col Joe Banks
- 1 June CPT Robert Kurth
- 1 June Dale Monroe
- 1 June HPM Jennifer Nsakasalo
- 1 June CPT Andrew White
- 1 June HPM Steve Suiter
- 2 June HRM Jonathan Mueller
- 3 June LT William Skeeters
- 4 June CDR James Bittle
- 4 June Milan Georgia
- 5 June MS Sarah Bullock
- 5 June Col John Duncan
- 8 June Capt Paul Brown
- 9 June CPT Marshall Doke
- 9 June Meredith Walker
- 10 June LTC William Holton
- 11 June Juan Saldivar
- 11 June HPM Peter Schmidt
- 12 June **LT George H. W. Bush**
- 13 June HPM Aidan Schmidt
- 14 June LTC James Adams
- 15 June HPM Larry Franks
- 15 June Capt Harry Pierce
- 16 June HPM Richard Lewis
- 17 June HPM Harold Moore, IV
- 18 June Lt Col Earl Bullock
- 18 June Linda Vrecenar
- 19 June William Greenlee, MD
- 19 June HPM Valenia Merton
- 19 June HPM Pat Teipel
- 19 June LTC Benson Wheeler
- 20 June CPT Allen Clark
- 21 June LT James Hopper
- 22 June CDR John Lopez
- 23 June HPM Amy Merbler
- 29 June CPT William Felini
- 30 June MAJ Jon Edmonson
- 30 June HPM Alex Eppley Schmidt



LIGHTEN UP

✦ GEN Z ✦ in the battlefield



RUN OVER IT HE SAID



EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE HE SAID.....

IF YOU DON'T HUSTLE UP AIRMEN



WE'RE GONNA MISS MANDATORY NAP TIME

NATIONAL SECURITY REPORT

TIKTOK IS A US NATIONAL SECURITY DILEMMA

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

The US is one of several countries which have grave concerns over the Chinese run TikTok social media platform. It is the fastest growing and most used social media platform by youth in America. TikTok uses algorithms designed to influence youth and seeks to diminish the youth population of drive, optimism, and culture. Its thoughtful and complex algorithms are vetted by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) through a Chinese internet technology company named ByteDance. In his book, *Blood Money*, Peter Schweizer, states TikTok's algorithms are a CCP military state secret. The Chinese are using TikTok, movies, and video games to wage psychological warfare against the US, Europe, Asia, and other Western countries. The CCP is trying to create positive emotions toward China and negative sentiments for the US and the West. In China, the equivalent of TikTok is Douyin. Douyin is scholastic, aspirational, and useful, while the US and Western version, TikTok, has altered standards. In the US and the West, TikTok content is primarily non-academic, exploitative, and often demeaning.

TikTok algorithms gather information from each of its downloaded applications. *According to Schweizer's book, within 10 seconds of logging onto TikTok, the CCP has collected the equivalent of 125 typed pages of a person's individual data, contents, contacts, history, photos, voice print, and other information it drained from a user's computer or mobile phone.* This collection of data on US citizens is a national security threat. TikTok's primary audience are Generation Z or Zoomers (the generation born between 1997 and 2012). A typical US user spends 82 minutes each day on the TikTok platform, two times the time spent on Facebook and Instagram, and three times more time than they spend on Snapchat, or Twitter. Douyin has limited daily and weekly usage in China because of its addictive characteristics. TikTok exceeded two billion mobile downloads worldwide in 2020 and passed Google in 2021 as the most popular Internet website. TikTok's popularity has been aided by Hollywood celebrities and even NFL endorsements. Its combination of music videos, stupid antics of high school and college students, and animal videos has helped to give TikTok a worldwide appeal to generation Z.

The CCP and Chinese military are aware of TikTok's addictive nature of its propaganda, and the Chinese have been well-received by American and Western youth. ByteDance is in Beijing near the enormous headquarters of the China's Ministry of State Security and is also a cofounder of the Beijing Academy of Artificial Intelligence along with the top universities of China. ByteDance is not just an entertainment platform, it is a CCP backed company integral to the military intelligence of Communist China. The Chinese TikTok algorithm pushes highly addictive content that is very personalized. Each feed is individualized to effectively seduce the user into watching their content. TikTok then chooses your friends or followers for you, rather than having the user select them.

Australia, Singapore, US, and other Western countries have banned TikTok since they believe TikTok is a national security threat because of its user data collection. In addition to being very addictive, having data privacy violations, unsuitable content, TikTok spreads false information, and undermines US policies. Several countries have banned or tried to limit TikTok with fines to protect their young adults. This type of propaganda is psychological warfare and is part of China's Unrestricted Warfare against the US and the West. The CCP controls the political content of TikTok and restricts any information critical of China. *TikTok uses the same source code used to monitor the Chinese population and is an ideal platform to distribute propaganda. China even believes it can influence US elections using social media. TikTok should not be able to conduct business in the US if it remains under CCP control.*

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trap Shotgun Clinic for MOWW to Support Youth Leadership Programs

Please contact Bob Epstein for more details at: macabee1948@gmail.com



Army Scholarship Foundation Tactical Shotgun Clinic At the Dallas Gun Club The Premier Shooting Facility in the DFW Area



Supporting the Army Scholarship Foundation in providing
academic scholarships to deserving military family
members.

*Perfect for New Shooters or a Tune up for Experienced Shooters
Instruction tailored to your experience level*

**The value of the clinic is \$1000 for three shooters and includes all
range fees, protective equipment, and ammunition. You can use your
semi-auto or pump shotgun, or we'll provide a suitable shotgun.**

*Conducted by Bob Epstein, NRA Certified Instructor in Pistol, Personal
Home Protection, Firearms Safety*

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Companions of the Dallas Chapter of MOWW:

It is on my To Do list to go through our roster of Dallas area Companions and contact, especially those I have sponsored, to check up on them and to indicate, where evident, that we have missed their participation in our events and activities. I called a Companion, who is a fellow Vietnam veteran, that had not attended in recent months and discovered he has had significant medical issues and has been absent since last fall. He was most grateful for the call and indicated he had not heard from anyone in the chapter the entire past few months. I recognize that our announcements of events is now accomplished through our online Constant Contact system rather than our system of personal calls to obtain our RSVPs, but the former system was not efficient to obtain our event counts because several of our callers were remiss in accomplishing their commitment each month. That system admittedly allowed a more personalized system when conducted diligently. Our Commander Natan Ton-that developed a chapter list of those Companions residing in our immediate geographic area and I have a copy. Both of us would be pleased to forward the list to chapter Companions upon request to contact members known to each of us to see how they are doing, if we have missed them. If any are in medical challenges, let our chapter Surgeon Fred Aurbach know at drfred@drfredaurbach.com.

We live in a very impersonal world today, We must watch out for each other!

Allen Clark

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- ❖ **Jul 2, 2024 Celebration of Independence Day:** Presentation by several first generation Americans. This year speakers from Australia, Vietnam, Taiwan, Bahamas, Ethiopia and Iran. Excellent opportunity in the summer to bring children and grandchildren as guests!
- ❖ **Aug 6, 2024 Congressman Keith Self:** 3rd Congressional District of Texas.
- ❖ **Sep 3, 2024 Presentation by Janine Turner:** Founder of Constituting America. She will speak on her non-partisan dialogue regarding American principles. This will be especially appropriate as we celebrate September as the month our Constitution was signed on Sep. 17, 1787. She is an Emmy and three-time Golder Globe nominated actress most known for her starring in CBS Television Series **Northern Exposure**. Her father was a 1957 graduate of West Point.
- ❖ **Oct. 1, 2024 YLC Awards:** program for outstanding YLC students.
- ❖ **Nov. 5, 2024 JROTC Awards:** program for outstanding JROTC cadets.
- ❖ **Dec. 3, 2024 Christmas Banquet**

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We have a unique Camaraderie which exists among present
and former members of the U.S. Armed Forces. Our site will
tell about our Chapter and our National Order.*

