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Best Large Chapter in the Nation

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Students arriving on **Day One** to attend the Youth Leadership Conference at Texas A&M. First order of business involves receiving room assignments, issue of dorm room keys, building access passes and folders containing the Conference Agenda, and a breakdown into Workshop Teams. From here they haul their luggage to their rooms, unpack, and assemble for the Welcome briefing by the Conference Director. The next 96 hours will be crammed with non-stop activities. Four days later these students who were strangers on Day One will have become **BFF's** and gained a greater appreciation of their place in the world they are preparing to inherit.

This Month's Program

"Challenges to the US in the Indo-Pacific"

Viet Xuan Luong is a retired US Army Major General.



MG Viet Luong

He is the first American officer promoted to general officer rank who was born in Vietnam. He last served as the Commanding General of United States Army, Japan. His prior assignments included Chief of Staff of US Army Central Command; Director of Joint Operations, Headquarters Department of the

Army; and Assistant Division Commander (Maneuver) for the [1st Cavalry Division](#) at Fort Cavazos (formerly Ft. Hood).

MG Luong earned a degree in Biological Sciences from the University of Southern California and a Master of Military Arts and Science at Fort Leavenworth.

Luong's personal awards and decorations include the: Army Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, three Legion of Merit medals, three Bronze Star Medals, plus Defense, Army, and Navy Meritorious Medals, Ranger Tab, Combat Infantryman Badge and the Senior Parachutist Badge.

The Commander's Report

"It is better to serve than to be served."

With a few of our Companions down due to health issues,



LT Natan Ton That

it has been a rocky start of the year for our chapter. Fortunately thanks to many heartfelt prayers, all our companions are doing miraculously well . It is with great joy to hear that former Commander Alan Clark and his wife, Linda, are well enough to join us for our March luncheon . Pat Teipel is doing great and should be

able to join us soon . Thanks to Pat , the Frontiers of Flight has once again agreed to allow us to conduct our staff meetings at the Museum. I am also happy to announce that our nominating committee is actively seeking candidates to fill our slate of officers for FY 2025. They will be announced in April, elected in May, and installed in June.

My goal this year is to support at least 50 students to attend one of our four Youth Leadership Conferences. Let us each pledge to support at least one student. We have all pledged to continue to Serve. Now is the time to make this the Best Chapter in the Nation, once again.

LT Natan Ton-That

Dallas Chapter Commander

We are honored to have Jim Ross, the Mayor of Arlington, join us for Lunch. Jim served his country for four years as a United States Marine. He then served for 13 years as an Arlington police officer. He was a full time member of the Special Operations (SWAT) team and later spent six years investigating illegal narcotics trafficking. Please take the time to meet and greet him. He has the city of Arlington on a growth binge that is the envy of every major city in the country.



Mayor Jim Ross

Membership

MOWW initiates March Madness!

The chapter who adds the most new Companions during March Membership Madness wins a **\$500 cash prize!**

The poster features the Military Order of the World Wars logo at the top left. The main title "MEMBERSHIP MADNESS" is in large white letters on a red background. Below it, "MARCH 1st - 31st" is written in red. A white box contains the text "SPECIAL DISCOUNT ON MOWW MEMBERSHIPS". Below this, two bullet points list membership options: "REGULAR MEMBERSHIP: \$60 \$48" and "PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP: \$500 \$400". At the bottom, it says "VISIT MOWW.ORG TO BECOME A COMPANION" and "DISCOUNT CODE: MADMEM". An image of a basketball hoop is on the left side.

1. Visit <https://moww.org/become-a-companion/> to submit online applications for new recruits.
2. Enter the discount code: “**MadMem**” at check-out.
3. Mail-in membership applications must be postmarked between 1 Mar 24 – 1 Apr 24 to qualify.
4. The discount will be automatically applied by MOWW staff when processing the application.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to grow our Chapter and drive progress toward MOWW's Strategic Goals – while earning a cash prize in the process.

Committee Reports

As we race into the Activities of Spring

Patriotic Education (Greg Schmitz). We are now in the month of March. In less than 90 days the first YLC will convene.

1. Please sign up to conduct interviews to select our YLC students.
2. Support your chapter by sponsoring a local outstanding high school student.
3. Solicit financial support from your corporate contacts. If you would like to volunteer or need additional info, please contact Greg.

Reserve Officer Training (Mark Smits). Contact Mark to add your name to his list of presenters for end of year awards to the outstanding Senior & Junior Cadets in the ROTC programs of north Dallas.

Scouting (Bill Farmer). Contact Bill Farmer or Don Munson if you wish to be included in the presentation of GSA Gold awards or BSA Eagle awards. The GSA award ceremony is once a year covering all the troops of Northeast Texas.

Veterans Affairs (Allen Clark). We have invited Ken Austin, Director of the Veterans Affairs Initiative of the George W. Bush Presidential Center to brief us on their 2024 program of events.

Law and Order (Chuck Daniels). The chapter presented our Certificate of Appreciation to the Dallas Officer of the Month at the February supper meeting of the Dallas Police Community Awards Committee.

National Security (Michael Menefee). Michael continues to submit articles for publication in the Chapter Newsletter. See his February article on page 4.

Homeland Security (Bob Epstein). Bob participated in a brief overview of the new National DHS “Active Shooter” awareness program. You must be prepared to react instantly in an active shooter situation.

Information & Publicity (Martha Cenkci). Marti provided national headquarters a report on our Bronze Patrick Henry awards to JROTC cadets, which was published in The



Upcoming Luncheon Speakers

Chapter Programs Just Keep Getting Better

5 Mar 24 – “SitRep on China”
Viet Luong, Major General, US Army (Ret)

2 Apr 24 – “Reminiscences of a UH-1C Gunship Pilot” “
Milan Georgia, Captain, US Army

7 May 24 – “One Hundred Years Young – and counting”
Lucky Luckadoo, Captain, USAAF, B-17 Bomber Pilot

National Defense Briefing Series

Click [HERE](#) to view NDBS Seasons 1 & 2

14 Apr 24 – “Middle East Perspectives”
General T. Michael Moseley, US Air Force (Ret)

15 Sep 24 – “Rebuilding the Military”
Speaker - To Be Announced

15 Dec 24 – “Impact of AI on US Military’s Infrastructure”
Speaker - To Be Announced

Last Month’s Program, Feb 2024

Documents of Liberty and Freedom

Ken Austin from the George W. Bush Presidential Center outlined many of the programs for 2024. One of the most fascinating will be the special exhibition planned for the Fall of 2024 that will feature some of the most important documents of freedom of all time (the Magna Carta, the Declaration of Independence, the US Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the Emancipation Proclamation).



Nation Security website

The Threat has never been greater.

Dallas (and North Texas) Companion Marc Liebman provides an excellent weekly overview of current events and international threats to our national security. Click [HERE](#) to view the latest edition of Marc’s superb online blogs. [.https://marcliebman.com/category/blog/](https://marcliebman.com/category/blog/)

Companion Down

LT Don Crusius (1939-2024)

The chapter is saddened to announce the passing of a proud patriotic American. Don was an Usher in his church, a teacher in Sunday school and a Companion in the Dallas Chapter of MOWW.



His sponsor, Allen Clark, had convinced Don to upgrade his membership to Perpetual and the chapter was prepared to induct him at his earliest convenience when we received the shocking news.

In lieu of his formal induction, the chapter will invoke a relatively little-known policy of the National Headquarters. Don will be entered into the rolls of the Order as a **Memorial Companion** (lifetime membership). His obituary is on the following page. Rest in Peace, Navigator.

T. Michael (Buzz) Mosley is a retired US Air Force General, who served as the **18th Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force**. He is a fighter pilot with more than 3000 flight hours in fighters and trainers, mostly in the F-15 Eagle.



He was born in 1949 in Grand Prairie, Texas and graduated from Texas A and M University in 1971 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science. He later earned a Master of Arts degree from Texas A&M, is a Master of Science from the Air

Command and Staff College at Maxwell, Alabama, and the National War College in Fort McNair, Washington, DC.

He commanded the F-15 Division of the Air Force Fighter Weapons School at Nellis AFB, Nevada. He also commanded the 33rd Operations Group at Eglin AFB, Florida, and the 57th Fighter Wing, the largest and most Diverse flying wing in the Air Force.

General Mosley also commanded 9th US Air Force and US Central Command Air Forces, while serving as combined forces Air Component Commander in Operation Southern Watch, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relation and has been awarded the Order of National Merit, by the President of the Republic of France. For his combat leadership During Operation Enduring Freedom, General Mosley was awarded The General H. H. Arnold Award, the Air Force Association’s highest tribute to leadership. Additionally, the Air Force Association has awarded him A lifetime achievement award for his efforts in support of the Lafayette Escadrille Memorial in Paris France

Dallas Companions in the News

LT Donald Crusius, US Air Force (1939-2024)

Don Lewis Crusius was born on August 31, 1939, in Bloomington, Illinois. He attended Southern Methodist University in Dallas where he earned a double major in Advertising and Marketing.



Following college in 1962, Don enlisted in the United States Air Force. He received his silver wings and commission upon graduating from Air Force Officer Training School. After completing Navigator Training and B-52 (Stratofortress) Combat Training, Don was assigned as a combat crew Navigator during the Cold War and flew numerous 25-hour airborne alert missions over the North Pole with nuclear weapons onboard. He received the Longevity Service Award as well as the National Defense Service Medal. In his last year as a combat crew member, he became certified as a Navigator-Instructor and was honorably discharged with the final rank of First Lieutenant in 1966.

Don retained a deep respect for the military throughout his lifetime, volunteering and serving in leadership positions for various military organizations including the Air Force Navigator Association, USO, and the Dallas Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars.

During his long and successful sales career, he worked in the sports apparel industry, and later was the owner and operator of CSi Logowear. He truly never met a stranger.

Don was an avid reader and a fantastic writer. Many of the memories he captured are from the sixty-two Indianapolis 500 races he attended. Sports were a huge part of his life; he loved any and all auto racing, ice hockey, golf and tennis. His true passion was baseball. Don was a lifelong Chicago Cubs fan, who loved rooting for the Texas Rangers. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Don died on February 23, 2024, in Dallas. He was 84.

A memorial service commemorating Don's life will be held at Grace Bible Church (11306 Inwood Drive, Dallas) on Friday, April 12, 2024, at 10:00 AM.

LtCol Martha Cenkci, US Air Force (Ret)

Martha (Martie) Cenkci is a native of Austin. She holds a Bachelor of Arts with honors from the University of Texas at Austin, and a Master of Arts from Webster University, St. Louis. She is also a graduate of several Military Professional Education schools, including Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, and the Air War College, Montgomery, Alabama.



Martie was commissioned in the US Air Force in 1978 and retired at the rank of lieutenant colonel. She served on active duty in a variety of positions in the US Air Force and Department of Defense, which included Chief of Public Affairs Office (PAO) for both the Air Force and Army Intelligence commands; Chief of PAO for the U.S. Logistics Group, Ankara, Turkey; and PAO Plans Officer for the Strategic Defense Initiative ("Star Wars" program), the Pentagon.

She was also the Deputy PAO for US Forces Korea and Director of PAO for the Defense Logistics Agency. She later served as a Department of the Army *civilian* Chief of PAO for the Southwestern Division, US Army Corps of Engineers, Dallas.

Martie has earned a variety of public affairs awards, including the Secretary of the Air Force Special Achievement Award. She was named Air Force Systems Command Public Affairs Officer of the Year; and the US Army Engineer Regiment awarded her the *Bronze de Fleury* Medal, for superior support.

She is a member of the Public Relations Society of America, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge.

Martie and her husband, Kemal Cenkci have one son and two granddaughters. Martie and Kemal live in Irving, TX.

National Defense Report

MISUSE OF FOREIGN AID DOLLARS HARMS US NATIONAL SECURITY

By LtCol Michael W. Menefee, USMCR (Ret)

US citizens are sending billions of dollars to countries whose leadership and society do not support American values or national security policy. Some of these countries, like Cuba, are sending spies to the US, while Venezuela is emptying its prisons to show appreciation of American foreign aid funds. Other countries like China are in *de facto* conflict with the US.

The US gives more money in foreign aid to the United Nations (UN) and UN non-governmental organizations (NGOs) than any other country in the world. Unfortunately, many of the UN countries and UN sponsored NGOs which receive billions of dollars in US foreign aid do not support US foreign policy, and some are terrorist organizations. Several Islamic countries in the Middle East, like Yemen, are engaged in economic and military warfare with the US over energy and foreign policy.

Despite these issues, US foreign aid is increasing in real dollars, not because of inflation, but because of spending. In 2021, US foreign aid was \$56.3 billion, last year US foreign aid increased to \$70.4 billion. That increase is the highest since just after WWII, but it comes at a time when US debt is the highest on record. Ukraine and Israel receive the most US foreign aid dollars, but 178 other countries also receive foreign aid.

US citizens should feel deeply uneasy that the US sends billions of foreign aid dollars to Afghanistan, Iraq, Ethiopia, Jordan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Somalia, and Yemen. The State Department does not give Iran foreign aid, but it also has not enforced oil sanctions in the past three years, which has dramatically improved Iran's economy and allows it to export oil.

Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Somalia, and Yemen are examples of US foreign aid spending for humanitarian support which should raise eyebrows to US taxpayers. Each of these countries have numerous human rights issues. The US has given Afghanistan approximately \$1.3 billion in humanitarian aid since its withdrawal of US forces on 30 August 2021. Now, these dollars are propping up the corrupt radical Islamic Taliban regime.



After Hamas attacked Israel, Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) uncovered documents, videos, and other evidence the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) employed dozens of Hamas terrorists including several who participated in the 07 October 2023 massacre. IDF forces uncovered a massive network of tunnels under the UN aid agency offices of UNRWA in Gaza.

Sending foreign aid monies to terrorists and helping the very countries the US military is actively engaged with is foolish. It is similar to the failed foreign policy idea of "... if we trade with them (*communist/terrorists states*) they will democratize." Giving millions of dollars to China, Iraq, Venezuela, Ecuador, Cuba, and Mexico in foreign aid is absurd, when these countries undermine, spy, and attempt to destroy the US.

The US federal government collects approximately \$4.4 trillion in tax revenue but is currently spending over \$6.13 trillion. The President, US Congress, Secretary of State, UN ambassador, and Homeland Security Secretary have fiduciary duties to US taxpayers not to waste citizens' money. US elected officials and appointed administrators of both parties are violating the public trust. The US national debt is too massive to allow American foreign aid policy dollars to be wasted.

The US national debt surpassed \$34.1 trillion this month, and interest on the debt will

surpass \$1 trillion this year. This means the debt per taxpayer is more than \$264,100, and the

interest on the US national debt is expected to exceed the Department of Defense budget and the Medicaid budgets this year.

Foreign policy dollars which do not support American goals, foreign policy objectives, or help make the world a better place to live for US citizens and their values should not be spent. Now is the time for US leaders and administrators in the State Department, UN, and Homeland Security to reevaluate foreign aid donations to those who do not support US values and disdain its policies.



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Happy Birthday

Lighten Up

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

1 March	CPT William Benson
1 March	HPM Alan Clinkinbeard
1 March	MG Michael Marchand
2 March	LCDR Ralph Muse
3 March	HPM Richard Bullock
3 March	LT John Canales
4 March	HPM Ashley Adams
4 March	COL John Antal
4 March	HPM Geoffrey Merton
5 March	COL James Methered
6 March	MAJ Edward Marty
6 March	COL David Webb
8 March	HPM Ned Butler III
8 March	LT Lorelei Gaus
8 March	MG Albert Zapanta
12 March	LTC Jeffrey Spears
13 March	DR Fred Aurbach
13 March	CDR H.B. Germany
18 March	MAJ Jennifer Colby
19 March	LTC Don Nguyen
21 March	LTC Wright Lassiter
22 March	HON Pete Sessions
23 March	CAPT BJ Bjorklund
23 March	Col Ric Hamer
23 March	LT Michael Sable
25 March	Capt William Stanford
27 March	CWO4 Monifa Rucker
28 March	Lt Col Daniel Hagood
28 March	HPM Shawn Hogan
28 March	CPT Michael Metcalf
29 March	HPM Alicia Formagus
29 March	LT Thomas Nygaard
31 March	CAPT Richard Stewart



WHEN ASKED WHAT HE MISSED
WHEN HE WAS A SNIPER



HE REPLIED, NO ONE

I'VE SWEEPED WATER OFF A
WARSHIP IN THE RAIN



YOUR NONSENSE ISN'T GOING
TO AFFECT ME

TAKES YOUR BREATH AWAY



WITH THE FRONT CHOKE FROM CHAPTER 6 OF THE
US MARINE CORPS - CLOSE COMBAT MANUAL



Brothers in Arms

As he stood on the battleship *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945, after Japan capitulated and the war was done, Admiral Chester Nimitz, the commander of all the naval operations in the Pacific, presented a marvelous address.

Nimitz closed that wonderful address with words something like these:

“Close to my headquarters in Guam, in a little green valley, there is a military cemetery. I look out my window on that little valley and see those ordered rows of white crosses. I walk among those fallen comrades: soldiers, marines, and sailors; and I read their names.”

Then he named a long list of men - ordinary American boys. He said finally, “They fought together as comrades-in-arms. They died together. And now they sleep together in death. This day our victory, our triumph, is the fruit of their dedicated lives.”

That is exactly what God calls us to in the warfare of the Lord. We are humble, ordinary people locked together in a common determination - brothers and sisters in the Lord.

James Grogan
Chapter Chaplain

Mark Your Calendar

March Events

Chapter Lunch, 5 Mar 24



Major General Viet Luong speaks on “The Threat of China in Southeast Asia.”

[Click HERE](#) to register.

Future Events

NDBS Supper, 14 Apr 24



General Michael (Buzz) Moseley speaks on “Middle East and Asia Perspectives.”

YLC Interviews, Apr/May 24



Companions will interview over 200 students in order find the 50 best to attend our Youth Leadership Conferences

[Click HERE](#) to volunteer.

ROTC Awards, Apr/May 24



Companions will present Senior and Junior ROTC medals to outstanding Cadets at the end of their academic year. Cadets in Senior ROTC programs

receive either gold, silver, or bronze medals.

Museum Opening, 17 Mar 25



Ribbon cutting and Grand Opening of the Medal of Honor Museum in Arlington, next to World Series Champions Texas Rangers ballpark.

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