



Dallas Military Order News



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Best Large Chapter in the Nation

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It's that time of year, again! Preparations are underway to send another **350 Texas High School Juniors** to the 2022 Youth Leadership Conferences sponsored by the 14 chapters of MOWW Region 8 and the dozen other veteran affiliated chapters who support our YLC programs. The Dallas Chapter has set a goal of sponsoring **70** students from North Texas school districts. Each year, we are proud to honor the Top Students at our September Luncheon. This is undeniably, the golden opportunity for **YOU** to show your support by volunteering to assist in the selection process of interviewing the students who have been nominated by their school Principals and Counselors. Help us to mentor **Tomorrow's Leaders**. The payoff is the future of our Country.

This Month's Program, February 2022

"The Elegance of Ruthlessness"

MAJ Marshall Miles is a native of Plano, Texas. He graduated from the US Military Academy at West Point in 1993 with a bachelor of science in history.



Marshall has published three books; two are thrillers (*Evil in the Valley* and *The Jewel of Nuristan*).

In the recent new edition of "The Elegance of Ruthlessness," Marshall expands on his theories of *Savagely Smart* strategies. As a veteran of eleven deployments world-wide and 21 years of active-duty service, he advocates for ruthlessly seeking victory, rather than engaging in endless and futile nation-building practices with no clear final objective.

His theories are written in the format of a thrilling, extended allegory set in the mountains of Eastern Afghanistan. The principles in this military science book can be applied to any theater of war. MAJ Miles has but one goal: to urge American military practitioners of warfare to once more lead in the evolution of warfare for the security of the USA.

Commander's Comments

"It is Better to Serve..."

Companions, our chapter continues to have many accomplishments this year and more are scheduled for this month. Several new Companions plan to be inducted this month, and we still have several opportunities to serve in multiple areas. If you would like to serve on the staff or on one of our committees, please call me at: **817.368.7799**, or contact any staff member.



Our February meeting is the traditional Valentine's Day Lunch. We are expecting a large turnout with many ladies in attendance.

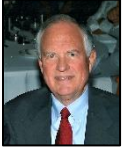
I am pleased to announce that Bronze Patrick Henry Awardee, Xavier Ayala, has received an appointment to West Point! Congratulations to Xavier! MAJ Marshall Miles, USAR (Ret) is our scheduled speaker and will have some of his books for sale: including, "**The Elegance of Ruthlessness: How Savagely Smart Strategies will Regain US Dominance in Military Evolution.**"

We still have several Companions down. Commander Emeritus, Capt **Paul Brown** is still recovering from open heart surgery.



Maj **Terry Thorsen** is still recovering from a massive stroke. Brandon Hern's wife, **Andrea**, is also recovering from a stroke and is scheduled for surgery, this week.

CPT **John Wagner**, CPT **Allen Clark**, his wife, **Linda**,



plus my wife, **Cathy Menefee**, have all recovered from varying degrees of COVID-19.

MAJ **John Van Buskirk** has been ill and his wife, Linda, is slowly recovering from an amputation. Our Surgeon, Fred Aurbach also reports that **Karey Daniels** and **Adele Chamberlin** continue to deal with long-term medical issues.



Please keep these Companions and their wives in your thoughts and prayers.

I am certain that I am unaware of medical issues affecting other Companions, so accept my apologies in advance. Please let me or anyone on the staff know if you or your spouse become ill so we can add you to our prayer list.

We are looking forward to making 2022 an even better year for your chapter – by helping to host the 2022 Regional Conference in May, continuing to serve more youth, and by supporting our Constitution, military veterans, and law enforcement personnel.

We need to recruit more Companions to complete our important Outreach missions. Thank each of you for your arduous work and dedication to our chapter! I am extremely proud to serve you as your Chapter Commander.

Without your dedication and help, our chapter's success would not happen!

Happy Valentine's Day!

LtCol Michael W. Menefee, USMCR (Ret)
Commander, Dallas Chapter MOWW
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Speaker Programs Just Keep Getting Better

14 Feb 22 – MAJ Marshall Miles, US Army (Ret)
“The Elegance of Ruthlessness”

1 Mar 22 – Dr Carole Haynes, US Air Force
“The Evolution of American Education”

5 Apr 22 – BG Christopher Beck, US Army (ACE)
“Panther Island on the Trinity River”

3 May 22 – Speaker TBA
“Election of 2023 Commander and Staff”

7 Jun 22 – LtCol Michael Menefee, USMC (Ret)
“Installation of 2023 Commander and Staff”

Editorial revisions

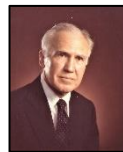
“Keeping the record straight”

It has been brought to my attention that last month's newsletter contained three egregious errors, for which I wish to apologize and offer the following revisions:

First, our newest Companion, Martie Cencki, was **not** an Army officer. She completed 20 years of service in the US Air Force, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. She then spent many years as a DOD civilian in the office of the Commanding General, of the SW Division of the **Army** Corps of Engineers (ACE) (which is where she was when I met her).



Second, the picture identifying Katherine Blair as one of our members inducted in 2021 is, in fact, that of Katherine's mother, who served in the American Red Cross during World War II. It was her father, Dr. **Shelton Blair's** service, as a World War II medical officer, who qualifies her to be Hereditary. She asked for us to pay a picture tribute to him, which we are more than happy to oblige.



Finally, the photo of our youngest Companion, Lieutenant Huy Ton (Natan Ton-That) was inadvertently mixed with that of another of our illustrious Vietnamese American Companions, LTC Don Nguyen. Shown here is a correct photo of LT Ton.



National Security

Quarterly National Security Briefings

The last in our 4-part series of briefings will be an Evening Dinner on Sunday, March 13, 2022, and you will not want to miss this one.






Our Keynote Speaker will be **Major General Charles Aris**, Commanding General of the 36th Infantry Division, Texas Army National Guard, who will provide a wrap up of our global issues and set the scene for a special, program honoring an individual who has contributed an enormous amount of time, energy and money to DFW area veterans' causes.



The recipient will be presented with the inaugural *Congressman Sam Johnson Defender of Freedom Award*, which was created to honor that service. This prestigious recognition will be awarded annually to a community leader who has demonstrated a lifetime of dedication and service to the North Texas community.



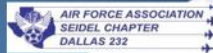
The recipient will have exhibited long standing, consistent, highly valuable support and service particularly to causes and organizations that stand for the American values of patriotism, leadership, and personal self-less service. The award winner will exemplify personal sacrifice, initiative, and courage applied to enhance the defense of our nation and to directly support those who "stand in the gap" for our collective security and peace. The individual recognized for this award understands that freedom is not free.

The sponsors for the four briefings in this series include the **Dallas Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars**,  the Dallas Council of the Navy League of the United States , the Seidel Chapter of the Air Force Association , and the Dallas Chapter of Jewish War Veterans.  And a late additon, the North Texas Audie Murphy Chapter of the Association of the US  Army has joined our joint coalition of sponsors.


Contact **Barry Brown** (361-244-3298) to register and reserve seating. I'll see you on Sunday, 13 Mar 22.

Law and Order

Monthly Military Book Discussions




Military Book Discussion
Thursday, Feb 24, 8:00 AM
Prestonwood Creek CC
15909 Preston Rd, Dallas, TX



Reminiscences
 By Douglas MacArthur

Reminiscences is Gen. Douglas MacArthur's memoir covering some 50 years of combat, including WWI, WWII and Korea, finished just weeks before his death. As an autobiography, it's hardly an unbiased look at this great man, but this will be a moderated discussion led by Tom Ingram and Trey Fife on the strengths, weaknesses and lessons surrounding this controversial hero. Put this one on your calendar and be prepared for a lively discussion



Continental Breakfast, \$10 donation recommended

RSVP to Robert Epstein at
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Law and Order

Chapter salutes Dallas' Finest Officers in Blue

On 14 Jan 21, our Law & Order Chair, LT Chuck Daniels presented an MOWW Citation for Outstanding Service to Dallas Police Officer Michael Bono (#10351), for his selection as DPD's *Officer of the Month*. Throughout his career, Officer Bono has received dozens of commendations for Excellence for his arrests and intelligence gathering while serving in the Gang and Robbery Units. He is an inspiring example of why the Dallas Police Department is one of the Finest in the Nation.



Scouting

Chapter salutes Gold Award Girl Scouts

Each year, the Northeast Texas Council of the Girl Scouts identifies all of the Girls who have earned the prestigious Gold Award, the highest honor in Scouting. Rather than hold ceremonies at each Troop throughout the region, the Council convenes a special awards ceremony, held once a year, to recognize all the Gold Award recipients at the same time.

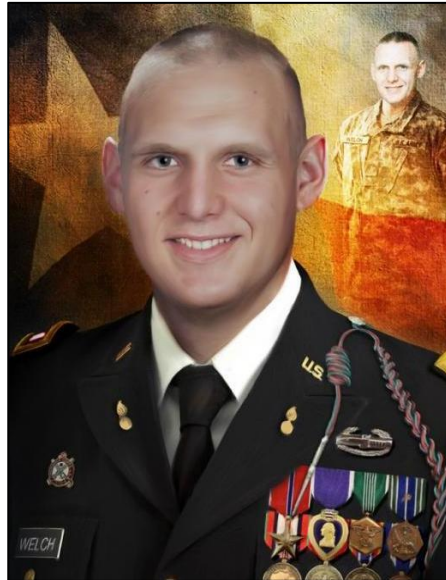


This year the Dallas Chapter will provide MOWW Certificates of Achievement to each of the 215 girls who have qualified. The ceremony is scheduled for mid-April. All Dallas Companions are cordially invited to attend this Special Event.

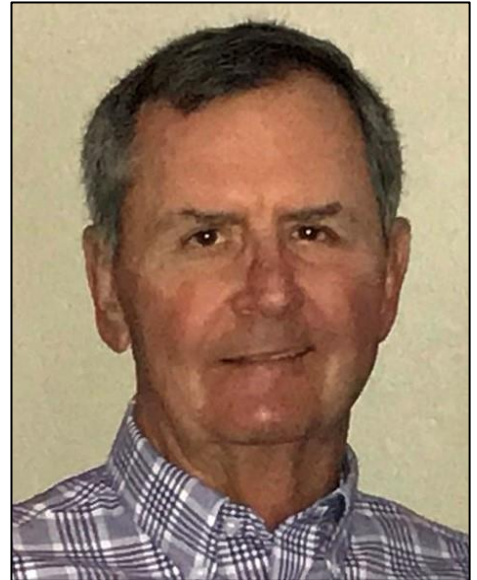
Congratulate this month's Companions who have chosen to upgrade to Perpetual



Captain James (Jim) Delano Runzheimer, former US Army, was born on 5 Aug 45, and served on active duty from 1967 – 1971. He joined the Dallas chapter as a Regular in March of 2014. He has been married to his wife, Jan, for 45 years. As a teenager, Jim's son, Dan (USNA '11) mowed John Wagner's lawn. John is proud to claim the title of Jim's *Sponsor*.



Lieutenant Colonel Robert (Bob) F. Welch, II, US Army (Ret) was born on 10 Jul 55 and served on active duty from 1976 – 2005. He joined the chapter as a Regular in April of 2015. Bob has been married to his wife, Barbara, for 38 years. His sponsor is our home-grown Texas Aggie, Alan Backof.



Major Bryan Maupin, US Air Force (Ret) was born on 21 Sep 65 and served on active duty from 1969 – 1994. An Aggie graduate with an MD degree, he rose to Chief of Radiology at Wilford Hall in San Antonio. He joined the chapter as a Regular in Nov of 2021. Bryan has been married to his wife, Ginny, for 46 years. His sponsor is John Wagner.

In addition to these three Companions, who are becoming *lifetime* Perpetuals, we will be inducting the following Regular new members during our February Luncheon:

Carolyn Froust-Walker, and Arden Blay. Look forward to reading their Biographical resumes in a future issue of your Newsletter in our **"Know Your Companions"** section.

Homeland Security and National Defense

National and Homeland Security

The Artificial Intelligence Threat

By LtCol Michael W. Menefee, USMCR (Ret)

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a machine technology that involves the theory and computer systems which perform tasks normally required by humans. AI involves decision-making computations, but also may involve visual, speech, and language discernment. It imitates human intelligence and performs tasks faster and sometimes solves problems based on information it gathers. AI analyzes large amounts of data and reduces response times for cybersecurity, business, and defense applications.



Accenture is a large business consulting firm. According to a recent Accenture report, seventy-five percent of corporate-suite level executives believe if they do not increase their AI capabilities in the next five years, they may risk going out of business.

AI's future is on the rise. It is especially helpful regarding cyber security threats. AI can examine billions of bits of information including – malicious files, dubious IP addresses, articles, blogs, news stories, and research papers in significantly less time than a team of computer analysts. Large multinational organizations like Amazon, Google, Meta, IBM, Microsoft, Walmart, and Accenture are some of the largest non-defense companies increasing their efforts to develop and improve their AI capabilities. AI is also used in marketing and data collection. When we call many stores, banks, or try to make telephone payments, AI has replaced humans.



At many Walmart stores most check-out clerks will be replaced by AI within 18 months. Microsoft (MS)

Word is rolling out a new more inclusive spelling checker for non-politically correct phrases and words. Instead of the wavy red line for misspelled words there will now be a purple wavy line for politically incorrect phrases and words which involve age, sex, or cultural bias from the viewpoint of the MS programmers.



China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea are some of the state actors engaging in a race to improve and increase their Artificial Intelligence (AI) capabilities.

Each of these state actors is developing AI to attack or harm US computer systems, power plants, pipelines, ships, troops, cities, and ports. Both US and Chinese military officials have voiced apprehension that increased use of AI systems could lead to accidental or unintended conflicts increasing the risks of escalation. China has recently developed unmanned military drones which can launch missiles without human control. These military drones include a stealth battle drone and an unmanned drone bomber. China's latest military drone is the Wing Loong I-D. It is armed with a BA-7 laser-guided missile, an air-to-surface missile believed to be one of the world's most powerful anti-tank missiles. Military analysts believe that



China's CH-5 UAV to challenge US drone dominance

	CH-5	MQ-9 Reaper
Flight duration	40 hours	27 hours
Maximum range	10,000 km	6,000-7,000 km
Maximum takeoff weight	3,300 kg	4,760 kg

these drones, and drones yet to be developed, could lead to an AI race to further develop drone warfare and increase the likelihood of military conflict or unintentional war. Military leaders already recognize the military threat of AI.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly changing the world we live in. It is altering the way we pay our bills, shop, and how we go to war. AI is increasing so rapidly that defensive warfare may not be able to keep up with AI threats. Our civilian leaders will need to monitor our country's technology and defense firms to make sure they do not overstep their authority and keep American technology in American hands. Our universities, technology and defense firms need to redouble their efforts to maintain the security of this technology and not allow our adversaries – state actors, criminal syndicates, terrorists, or radical Islamist's access to it.



America's national security depends upon this vigilance!

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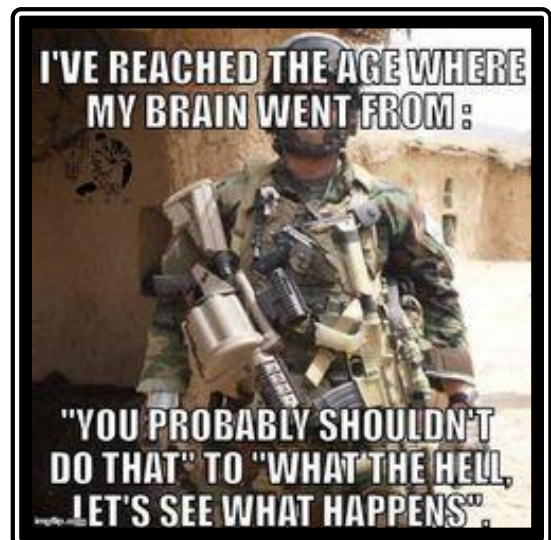
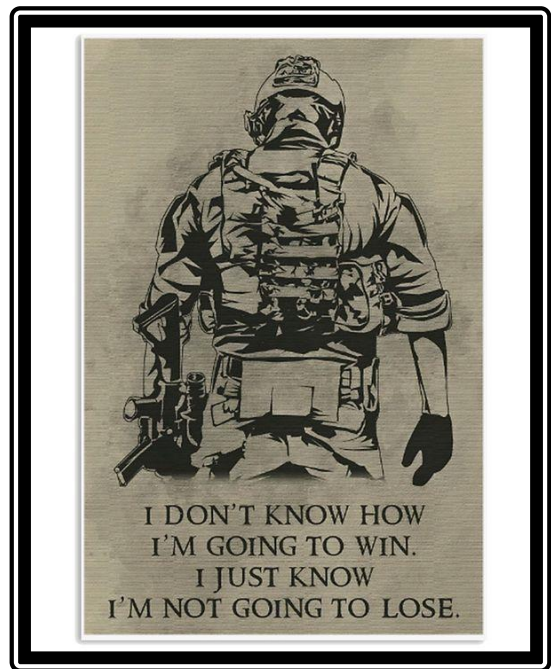


- February LT COL Bob Little
- 2 February CWO3 Xavier Herrera
- 2 February BG Thomas Kula
- 2 February MR Steve Neumeier
- 3 February CPT Al Lisi, Jr
- 4 February COL James Vineyard
- 7 February MAJ Lannie Hughes
- 7 February LTC Allen West
- 9 February LTC Edwin Dumas
- 9 February CAPT John Kutch
- 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**

Military Memes



Your Chapter in Action, January 2021.



Chapter Commander Michael Menefee was quarantined due to his exposure to a person who tested positive. LT (USN) Chuck Daniels, one of our 16 *Emeritus* Commanders, filled in for Michael and took the opportunity to present a richly deserved and long overdue Silver Patrick Henry Plaque to Maj (USA) Doug Gagliano for his many years of outstanding service to the chapter and the North Texas community.



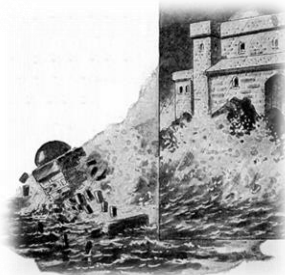
Chuck then presented an MOWW Certificate of Commendation to Major General Charles Aris, our Companion and distinguished Guest Speaker at the January luncheon. MG Aris provided us with a magnificent overview of the many missions currently being performed by his Texas Army National Guard 36th Infantry Division, including comments regarding his time with them during deployments in the Middle East.



LT (USN) Chuck Daniels, Texas Department Commander for Region 8 (the 14 MOWW chapters in Texas) proudly announced the good news that Xavier Ayala, who recently received a Bronze Patrick Henry plaque for being a Top Youth Leadership Conference Student, has been accepted to join the Plebe class at West Point in the fall. Congratulations, Xavier!

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Notice: Next Commander's Staff Meeting will be held Thursday, 17 FEB 2022, at 1300 hrs (1:00 p.m.), in the Frontiers of Flight Conference Room, 6911 Lemmon Ave., Dallas, TX, adjacent to Love Field.



A House Built on Rock

The Book of Matthew tells us that Jesus once said, *“The rain came, the streams rose, and the winds beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.”*

But of that on sand, Jesus said, *“The rain came, the streams rose, and the winds beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”*

It is only when the storm hits that the foundation is revealed.

The same can be said of us as individuals, and as a nation. It is in times of great challenge that our true character is uncovered. I find strength in reading *Five Days in London: May 1940*.

As the entire world stood on the brink of darkness, Winston Churchill rallied his people saying, *“If the Empire shall last a thousand years, men will still say: This was their finest hour.”*

We too shall overcome all the uncertainty and hardship of our present day. It is our history. It is who we are.

God bless each of you.

Jamie Malakoff
Chapter Chaplain

Valentine's Day Roses

Love is ...

It has been a tradition of the Dallas Chapter to observe Valentine Day, each year, by awarding roses to the spouses who have borne, not just our children, but also the trials, tribulations, separations, and hardships, which made it possible for us to serve our country.

On Tuesday, 1 February 2022, every wife or significant other will be given a rose, during our February luncheon.

The roses symbolize the admiration and devotion that all military men feel for the women who make them want to be a better man.

In our foolish desire to seem more macho and manly in your eyes, we neglect to tell you what we truly feel. The roses are our way of saying “I love you”.



Please contact **John Wagner** (682-465-2615) to let him know if your spouse will attend, so that he can ensure we have sufficient roses on hand.



Command and Staff, FY 2022

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