



The jointly sponsored National Security Briefing Series (NDBS) has been enormously successful, attracting a broad audience of military veterans, corporate sponsors, ROTC Cadets, and citizens from communities across the North Texas Metroplex. Each session features an outstanding lineup of nationally recognized leaders in the field of global security issues. Proceeds from the series will fund a host of chapter activities. Circle your calendar for **2 Apr 23**.

This Month's Program, February 2023

“Creating Champions of Change”

Scott Murray is a renowned motivational speaker. He will deliver his keynote conference presentation, “Leadership America: Creating Champions of Change through a Culture of Civility.”



Scott will show his *Protectors of Freedom* video, produced, directed, and edited by Murray Media in collaboration with the Dallas Chapter leadership. The video features nine (9) highly decorated and distinguished chapter members, representing multiple military services. You will hear reflections of their military experiences, motivation for serving and their wisdom for today's youth. Included in the video are clips from his documentaries on Pearl Harbor and Normandy. He donated his time, talent, studio, and consulting fees to support this initiative.

Scott is a Perpetual Companion of the Dallas Chapter and the recipient of our Silver *Patrick Henry* Award for Patriotic Achievement. He has also been awarded the Congressman Sam Johnson *Defender of Freedom* award, the National Youth Leadership Council *Gift of Leadership* award, and many more too numerous to mention.

He is the co-founder, Chairman, and CEO of Murray Media; a founding partner of Leadership America; a multi-Emmy award winner; a published author; and a nationally renowned radio and TV news and sports commentator.

Commander's Comments

“It is Better to Serve...”

Our Military Order is a Patriotic Veterans Service organization. We celebrate patriotism, the Constitution, our military services, statues, memorials, American history, our Republican form of government, and American culture! In addition to being our traditional **Valentine's Day** for our ladies, **we will have a special presentation from our HPM Companion Scott Murray!**



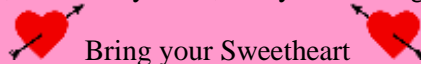
Our *Senior Vice Commander Allen Clark* has asked for volunteers to become a coordinator in one of several areas. These positions are critical to our missions and will help us achieve the top large chapter in the nation position again. Additional volunteers are needed to



help support **ROTC, JROTC, CAP, YLC, First Responder, Sheriff, and Police** programs. If you would like to serve on the staff or a committee, please call Allen, me, or any staff member. Please complete the chapter **Membership Questionnaire** for our military Companions. It is available on our website. If you have completed your questionnaire, please bring it at the luncheon and give to *HPM Pat Teipel*.

We will soon create a similar questionnaire for Hereditary Companions and Patriots. Our chapter Historian, *LTC Don Munson*, will continue to gather and publish individual biographies of our Companions and Patriots.

During our Luncheon on Tuesday, 7 February 2023, every wife or significant other will be given a rose.



I am pleased to inform the chapter that our MOWW Companion HPM Scott Murray will be our speaker on 07 February at the Park City Club. Scott is an author, Emmy award winner, Silver Patrick Henry Medal recipient, and professional speaker you will not want to miss. He will present his *Protectors of Freedom* video and give his *Leadership America* presentation.

Thank you all for your hard 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 could not occur!*

*LtCol Michael W. Menefee, USMCR (Ret)
Commander, Dallas Chapter MOWW*

In keeping with our Preamble

Chapter Programs Just Keep Getting Better

**7 Feb 23 – HPM Scott Murray, Emmy Award Winner
“Protectors of Freedom”**

**7 Mar 23 – Ilir Chami, Albanian national ex-pat
“Life under Communist Socialism”**

**4 Apr 23 – Victor Lauersdorf, Maj, TXARNG
“SitRep on the Middle East”**

Last Month's Program, January 2023

“Soaring to Success”

It is easy to see why Elizabeth McCormick, our guest speaker in January, is one of the top motivational speakers in the country. She kept the room spellbound as he shared stories of her refusal to be told “you can't do that” and “you are just a girl”. Her presentation was a marvelous mixture of humor, positive assertiveness and eventual success through perseverance and bulldog determination.



Elizabeth has offered to provide her hugely popular online course as a **FREE** gift to any Dallas Chapter Companion. Her online course is titled: “*Master Your Motivation*”. It normally costs \$99. She has offered it to our members with her compliments. All you need to do is click this link: www.SoarYourLife.com

North Texas National Security seminars

National Defense Security Briefings

**2 Apr 23 – “Global Power Competition”
Admiral John Richardson (US Navy, Ret)**

**4 Jun 23 – “Season Two Wrap-up”
Presentation of the Congressman Sam Johnson
Defender of Freedom Award**

Admiral John Richardson, U.S. Navy (Ret.), US Naval Academy (Class of 1982), served as the 31st Chief of Naval Operations from 2015 until his retirement in 2019. He previously served as Director of the Navy's Nuclear Reactor Program.



During his career, he held command at every level of the submarine force. He holds Masters Degrees from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, and the National War College. He serves on the board of Boeing and numerous other commercial and non-profit organizations.

ADM Richardson will address the threats to vital US national security interests posed by the challenge of China and the acute threat of a resurgent Russia. While US National Strategy integrates the traditional elements of national power, it is the military that is the ultimate guarantor of national security.

As the Chief of Naval Operations, ADM Richardson helped shape the Navy we have today, and as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, he served as the naval advisor to the President of the US and Secretary of Defense.

The National Defense Security Briefings are sponsored by **Dallas Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars**, in cooperation with Dallas Chapters of the Air and Space Force Association, Navy League of the United States, Jewish War Veterans, and Association of the US Army.

These NDBS seminars are fundraisers that benefit the Outreach programs of all five sponsoring organizations. Support your chapter by bringing guests to hear from distinguished experts on these critically important national security topics.



National Defense and Homeland Security

INTELLIGENCE CLASSIFICATION, HANDLING, AND SECURITY

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

The Director of National Intelligence (DNI) is the head of the US Intelligence Community (IC), and all 18 intelligence agencies of the IC report to the DNI.



The IC classifies sensitive information as intelligence and uses three levels of classification: **CONFIDENTIAL**, **SECRET**, and **TOP SECRET**. Each level of classification has increasingly stricter handling requirements, and every classified document (assessments, books, briefs, estimates, photographs, publications, reports, and studies) has clearly marked classifications at the top and bottom of each page.

Any notes written about that document must also be labeled (Top and Bottom) with the highest level of classification in the note. Classification is determined by the intelligence originator, and is written in large, bold font, in red capitalized letters. Each section of a classified document is labeled with the classification of that section.

Confidential sections have a (C) before that section of the document which contains information that may *possibly cause* danger to national security with unauthorized release. **Secret** sections have an (S) before that section of the document which contain secret information that *may cause* "serious" damage to national security with illegal release.

Top Secret sections have (TS) before that section of the document that contains information which *would cause* "exceptionally grave damage to national security" with an illegal leak.



Having the same clearance level as the intelligence does not necessarily grant access to the classified material. The IC restricts access to classified documents based on a "need-to-know" which protects sources, methods, and actions related to collecting the intelligence. Access is restricted to those with the proper security clearance and the need-to-know. Top Secret intelligence is restricted to those with Special Access Program or a Sensitive Background Investigation, and usually has Code-word access. Code words are classified at the same level of the compartmented information to which it allows access.



All TS intelligence must stay in a Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF), and it is a felony offense to remove TS intelligence or notes from a SCIF without authorization. IC personnel work in SCIFs in secure spaces. Access is controlled by armed guards, electronic surveillance, passwords, badges, key cards, and other restrictive access measures. All classified materials must be securely stored in locked areas, and personnel with clearances receive annual briefings on storage, dissemination, and handling of classified material. IC personnel have the strictest requirements for handling classified data, then defense contractors and scientists, and finally elected or appointed Senators, Congressmen, and staff. Some elected individuals would not qualify to have a security clearance except for being elected to office.



Presidents, VPs, and the DNI may declassify information before a declassification date. IC personnel and Federal agents are the **only** persons authorized to handle classified papers outside a SCIF.



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- 1 February LT COL Bob Little
- 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
- 11 February CPT Michael Dundon
- 13 February Capt P.J. Putnam
- 15 February MAJ Robert Pierce, Jr
- 16 February COL Paul Beaty
- 16 February COL Ken Cordier
- 18 February COL Roger Neumann
- 19 February LTC Thomas Donnelly
- 19 February CAPT Richard Lethe
- 20 February CAPT Claude Williams
- 21 February LT Richard Herrick
- 25 February Col David Howe
- 25 February LT Lewis Willis



In Memoriam

General Mac has slipped the surly bonds of Earth.

Dallas Companion Ben Cervin has advised me that Major General Robert W. McDonald, better known as "General Mac" to his military friends, left this world on an eternal flight on 30 Jan 22. He was 93.



Upon graduation from Texas Tech in 1951, Mac enlisted in the US Air Force and trained at Webb AFB in Big Spring, TX, to fly F-80 and F-86 fighters at the speed of sound.

He later joined the Texas Air National Guard to continue his love of flying and in 1955 while still a pilot in the Texas Air National Guard he became an employee of Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO). In 1979, he founded Liberty Natural Gas Company, connecting Texas gas wells with major pipelines.

General Mac served as the Director of Operations for the Texas Air National Guard, then served as Commander of the 181st Tactical Squadron, Vice Commander of the 136th Tactical Airlift Wing and ultimately, Commander of the Texas Air National Guard in 1983.

General Mac retired from the Military in 1989 and in 1999 he was inducted into the Hall of Honor at the Texas Military Forces Museum at Camp Mabry, in Austin, TX.

He was a Companion of the Dallas Chapter of MOWW for 25 years.

The Victory Ball, 25 Feb 23

Commemorative Air Force celebrates WW II

Heads Up, Airmen. Companion Hank Coates has invited all military veterans to the second annual Commemorative Air Force (CAF) evening of dinner and dance, *The Victory Ball*, to be held on Saturday, February 25, 2023, at Dallas Executive Airport. Click [HERE](#) for additional information.

This year's ball will feature live music by the one and only Tommy Dorsey's Orchestra, a cocktail reception, and a VIP Meet & Greet with **General Ron Fogleman**, the 15th Chief of Staff of the Air Force. The evening will include a cocktail hour, a three-course dinner, an open bar, and lots of time to dance the night away.



Guests will enjoy the night in a World War II-era setting, including the historic aircraft, C-47 (*That's All, Brother*), and a Tuskegee Airmen P-51.

Your Chapter in Action, January 2023

COORDINATOR'S CORNER

Web Site: Our chapter web site (dallasmoww.org) has been completely redesigned by our webmaster **Steve**



Suiter. It now provides a newer and fresher overall appearance that demonstrates the goals and accomplishments of the Dallas chapter. The web site also now provides a platform to register for our banquets and luncheons. The entire Dallas staff provided direction and feedback that led to the excellent finished product.

Adjutant: Brandon Hern (brandon@imctx.com)

controls all actions pertaining to membership. He uses the national web site (www.moww.org) to enroll applicants who wish to become a Companion. All applications require a sponsor whose information is available in national records. Brandon also notifies national headquarters of any changes to Membership.



Family are eligible to become *Hereditary* members. Annual dues are currently \$40 per year for regular or hereditary membership. Perpetual (Lifetime) dues are \$350. Any individual supportive of our MOWW precepts may apply for *Patriot* affiliation. Forms to do so are available on the Dallas chapter website (www.dallasmoww.org).

Awards: Under the supervision of **Charles Daniels**



Our Dallas chapter awards annually recognize a City of Dallas Police Officer. Patriot Tres Fife is initiating coordination with the Sheriff's Departments of Dallas and Collin County to present an annual award to deserving deputy sheriffs. 1LT Rick Herrick is initiating coordination with the City of Dallas Fire Department to honor deserving firefighters and paramedics.

Communications (Call Committee): **John Wagner**

(jwagner57@gmail.com) oversees 22 Companions and Patriots, who have volunteered to send announcement messages before chapter events to obtain RSVPs for attendance. The callers are MAJ John Van Buskirk, CPT Robert Ganson, COL King Moss,



LTC Bryan Maupin, COL Jeff Gault, LtCol Michael Menefee, LT Walt Laidlaw, COL Gregory Tate, 1LT Rick Herrick, CPT Tom Jones, LCDR Christopher Cooper, CPT Michael Dundon, 1LT William Pry, 1LT Brandon Hern, LT Tom Meyer, CPT Fred Aurbach, 1LT Richard Foster, CPT Tom Garriss, HPM Sharon Sexton, Patriot "Trey" Fife, Patriot Phyllis Pugh.

Hospitality: Our Hospitality Committee Chair **Carolyn Foust-Walker** (foustwalker@sbcglobal.net)

and Linda Clark are the greeters for our functions. Carolyn and co-host Linda would like to initiate a first-time social event for our chapter ladies (Companions, Companion spouses, and Patriots) with a tea on Tuesday March 28, 2023 from 2-4 p.m. It will be strictly a social event. It will be held at her home in Prestonwood near the intersection of Beltline and Preston Road. Please RSVP directly to Carolyn and she will provide her home address.



Marshal: Pat Teipel is the Chapter Marshal. He mans-



the sign-in table and is the one who assigns table seating, provides the tent name cards for the tables, puts together the name board for table seating, and oversees the luncheon raffles. When bringing a guest, please provide Pat the name and rank of your guest. Also give the name and rank to your phone caller. Pat also handles the raffle tickets, which are available from him at the sign-in table when you arrive. The proceeds from the raffle are donated to the Youth Leadership Programs. There will be two drawings each month, a bottle of wine and an autographed book, donated by a chapter member.

Photographer: Pat is ably assisted by our chapter photographer **Doug Gagliano**,

who also coordinates the audio/visual needs for our monthly Luncheon Speaker programs. As our Resident Tech Guru, Doug supervises the setup of the portable microphone, computer, projector and screen for video presentations.



Neighborhood Watch: **Robert Epstein** is the coordinator for our participation in this year's National Neighborhood Watch program. Bob will provide tips for us to protect our property and neighborhoods.



<https://www.nnw.org> contains valuable information and tips to help our membership maintain safety of our homes and neighborhoods. Another effort in which he is involved is the Civil Air Patrol Small Unmanned Aerial Systems (SUAS) program as a resource for remote imaging, search and rescue and disaster recovery. That CAP website is: <https://ilwg.cap.gov>.

Scouting: **Bill Farmer** has performed a valuable service to the chapter by personally presenting 17 Eagle Scout awards, at numerous Council gatherings since 1 Jun 22.

The Girl Scouts only present their coveted Gold Awards, once a year, at a huge ceremony that brings together every GSA troop in Northeast Texas. Don Munson prepares and presents an average of 150 MOWW Gold Award Citations, annually.



ROTC/JROTC: Since June 1, 2022, chapter coordinator **Mark Smits** (mmwsmits@aol.com) has presented 49 JROTC awards to 49 different high schools and 3 Senior ROTC awards to students at Texas Tech University. Companions Bill Coleman, Fred Aurbach, Rick Herrick, Pat Teipel, Ivan Wong and Don Munson assisted the chapter efforts by being present at numerous high school award ceremonies. At the April 2022 luncheon, the chapter recognized 5 outstanding Cadets from the Dallas Independent School District along with their senior instructors. At the October luncheon, the chapter presented Bronze Patrick Henry Award to 8 area high schoolers for their outstanding efforts during JROTC summer camps, including the Youth Leadership Conferences.



Treasurer: **Bill Coleman** has loyally fulfilled the Treasurer responsibilities for seven long years. He finally has some backup. David Wallace has agreed to assume the Treasurer responsibilities, this spring, and Katherine Grogan has volunteered to assist in the Treasurer responsibilities. Checks and cash are still accepted at our Luncheons, however, we strongly encourage Companions to make use of our chapter web site (www.dallasmoww.org) to register for the Luncheon. The site accepts PayPal or credit cards for payments.



Youth Leadership Conferences: **Don Munson** (don.munson@tx.rr.com). Our chapter supports the four North Texas YLC programs by sponsored students at a cost of \$350 per student. We will set a goal of sending at least 50 students this year. We are hopeful members will step up to support this program. If any member has corporate contacts, please inquire about their interest in supporting our program. We would appreciate members who reside in proximity of local high schools to contact **Don Munson** and agree to interview and select the best and brightest to be YLC students. We need volunteers to contact Home Schoolers and area private schools to locate and interview there as well as.



Programs: It has been the policy of our most recent Chapter Commanders to assign the task of finding and scheduling Guest Speakers for our monthly Luncheons to the Junior Vice Commander. Our current JVC, LT **Natan Ton-That**, would like to hear from you. Each of you knows a person with personal or professional experience in a subject that would be of interest to our general membership. Give him a call (214-548-1179) or send him a text message with the person's name and contact information and Natan will take it from there.



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Notice: Next Commander's Staff Meeting will be held Thursday, 16 FEB 2023 at 1:00 p.m., in the Frontiers of Flight Conference Room, 6911 Lemmon Ave., Dallas, TX, adjacent to Love Field.



Obey His Commandments

In Psalm 103, David writes

"For he knows us. He remembers that we are dust. But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting to those who fear him, to those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his commandments."

It is all too easy to spend our days chasing the treasures of our temporal world, be they wealth, position, status, or accomplishment.

Each of these can be a worthwhile goal, and we can honor the Lord by using our talents to the fullest. But let us each take a moment to reflect on what is really most important.

Following the Lord and obeying his commandments brings eternal rewards; rewards which extend from generation to generation.

God bless each of you.

Jamie Malakoff
Chapter Chaplain



Mark Your Calendar

Chapter Lunch, 7 Feb 23



Great Speaker; premier showing of the *Defenders of Freedom* video; plus an inspirational talk. This is one chapter meeting that you do not want to miss.

Chapter Lunch, 8 Feb 23



Seidel Chapter (AFA) will meet in the Gleneagles Country Club (5401 W. Park Blvd, Plano) on Wednesday, 8 Feb 23 at 11:30. The Speaker will be Dr. Stephen Holt. He will discuss the many VA programs designed for those in the 65+ year group. [Click HERE](#) for additional information.

You do not have to be a member of AFA to attend. This invitation is extended by Dallas Companion Col. Joe Cordina, currently the President of the Seidel Chapter.

Valentine's Day, 14 Feb 23



It is a tradition of the Dallas Chapter to observe Valentine Day, each year, by awarding roses to 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, 7 February 2023, every wife or significant other will be given a rose, during our February luncheon.

Please contact **Mary Schlott** (817-795-2020) to let her know if your spouse will attend, so that she can ensure we have sufficient roses on hand.



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