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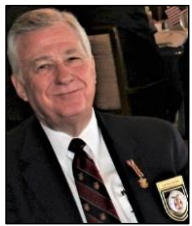
Students attending the Texas A&M Youth Leadership Conference in College Station gathered at the **Alumni Class Ring** for their YLC group photo. It was the largest TAMU YLC in more than a decade. In addition to the 78 students from 63 Texas High Schools, Companions Chuck Daniels, Jeff and Barbara Butcher, Lauren and Carl Bunch served as adult Counselors, while Top Students Micah Sanders, Matt Hadley and Anna Kate Slater returned as Youth Counselors. If you are considering greater involvement in Chapter activities, nothing, *absolutely nothing*, can top a week on campus with Tomorrow's Leaders.

This Month's Speaker, August 2021

The Nuclear Triad

The topic for our speaker, this month, has been ripped from the National Headlines. "[U.S. military warns China is building more nuclear missile silos](#)".

Former Dallas Commander Paul Brown is *imminently* qualified to explain the urgent need for the US to examine its current nuclear capability and to take corrective action to modernize it.



Paul's first active-duty assignment was at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, in Strategic Air Command, assigned to the 351st Strategic Missile Wing as an

ICBM Minuteman Missile Launch Officer.

Paul received his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration at SMU, Master's Degree in Business Administration at the University of Missouri, and Juris Doctor Degree at Southern Methodist University.

Commander's Call

The Commander's Report

Companions and Friends, Barbara and I had the distinct privilege, recently, to be Counselors at the Youth Leadership Conference, held at Texas A&M. It was wonderful!

You have heard many times – from scores of former students - that their experiences at the YLC were "life changing!" Perhaps that is hyperbole. But perhaps not.

I got to know ten of these students quite well during the week, serving as their Counselor. They expressed to me some of their anxieties prior to attending, that they didn't understand what they had signed up for. They were apprehensive. Nervous. Scared. I am sure there are many other potential YLC students who do not avail themselves of the opportunity because they do not understand it...they lack a vision of the conference and of what they can become because of it.

By the end of the conference, they had learned principles that would enhance their leadership abilities, gained an appreciation for the freedoms we are afforded in this country and had made lifelong friendships.



Commander's Report (continued next page)

I wonder if we too, at times, lack the proper Vision about our purpose as it relates to these conferences. That is one reason Barbara and I wanted to attend as counselors; so we could gain a better understanding of the program. We have caught the vision!

A favorite poem of mine by Antoine de Saint-Exupery, goes like this: *If you want to build a ship, don't drum up the men to gather wood, divide the work and give orders. Instead, teach them to yearn for the endless immensity of the sea.*

In other words, if we have the correct vision (the WHY) then we will find a way to reach it and will do it with great passion. If our vision of the Youth Leadership Conferences is simply something our chapter fund raises for, then that would be **good**, but an incomplete vision. If our vision is expanded by understanding what goes into running one of these conferences, then we begin to feel more of its impact, and that is **better**. But if our vision is one that sees us participating in changing and improving the lives of young people via these conferences, then that is **best!**



We then can see our contributions as part of changing generations to come. Having this grander vision is akin to “yearning for the endless immensity of the sea”, and we would gladly build the ship, so to speak.

I am honored to be associated with the fine men and women of the Dallas Chapter of the MOWW. You have dedicated your lives to service and are magnificent examples to me. I am excited to be part – if only a small part – of the effort to help the rising generation expand its vision. And I know, without a shadow of doubt, that the Youth Leadership Conferences can be life changing. Because it changed mine!

Jeffery D. Butcher
Commander, Dallas Chapter
Military Order of World Wars

Notice: Next Commander's Staff Meeting will be held Thursday, 19 Aug 2021 at 1:30 p.m., in the Frontiers of Flight Conference Room, 6911 Lemmon Avenue, Dallas, TX, adjacent to Love Field.

In Memoriam

Maj Gen Harvey McCarter, USAF (1934-2021)

Harvey J. McCarter, 87 of Fairview, Texas, “flew west” on July 14th, 2021, with his wife by his side.



General McCarter was born in Louisburg, KS on February 7, 1934. He lived in Manhattan, KS, from age 8 and attended Manhattan High School. He graduated from Kansas State University in 1956 with a BS in Electrical Engineering, played baseball, was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and KSU Air Force ROTC Detachment.

Upon graduation from KSU, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the US Air Force and was sent to USAF Flight School at Vance Air Force Base, OK, earning his wings in 1958. His Engineering degree earned him an assignment as a Communications and Electronics Officer at an Aircraft Control and Warning Direction Center in Alaska. Upon completion of the Alaska tour of duty in 1959, he was released from active duty and began a career at Boeing Aircraft in Wichita, KS. In 1960, he joined the Kansas Air National Guard at McConnell AFB, where he flew the T-33, F-86L, the F-100C and F-100F combat aircraft.

Companion Down

Terry Thorson, Captain, USA

Terry gave his wife a serious scare last Friday night. According to Audrina, he had a stroke which involved massive internal cranial bleeding and partial paralysis.

The doctors at Medical Center Arlington performed a computerized tomography scan (CT) to get a clear picture of the damage. The good news is that less than a week later, Terry is stable and being scheduled for rehab on the road to recovery.



Audrina had a lengthy phone conversation with our Chaplain, Jamie Malakoff and told him to convey to the chapter how grateful she is for the many prayers offered to help her through this ordeal. She checks her email each day. Why not drop her a line? Every Good Companion should.

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A Letter to the Editor

Rebuttal to: July's "US Education: A National Security Concern"

By Tracy Fisher, Coppell ISD Master School Board Trustee, MOWW Hereditary Member - Dallas Chapter

Last month there was an article in our newsletter about "Critical Race Theory" that I wanted to address. Background, I am a proud Hereditary member of MOWW for seven years. I didn't serve in the military, but I did have a military-dependent ID card until I was 23 years old. My father was a Lt Col in the Air Force, a master navigator, and a Vietnam veteran. I went to 7 different schools growing up. One elementary in San Antonio, Texas (Dad was in Security Service at Kelly), two junior highs in Germany (Wiesbaden and Ramstein AFB), four high schools in Germany (Ramstein AFB), Belgium (SHAPE), and Nebraska (SAC). I believe this Texas girl served our country too.

Currently, I serve as a School Board Trustee in Coppell ISD. I am in my tenth year, specifically focused on legislative issues and curriculum and instruction. I have testified before the public education committees in both the Texas Senate and the House and the State Board of Education. I do this work for the children of Texas and our North Texas community.

First, Critical Race Theory (CRT) is a framework and /or analytical tool primarily used in university-level courses. Originating in the 1970s, CRT was first used to help law students think critically about the impact of historical and present-day racism on the legal system. In the 1990s, some colleges also started incorporating CRT into their coursework to help aspiring school administrators and teachers better understand inequities in the context of education.

Critical Race Theory is NOT part of the social studies curriculum and has NEVER been part of social studies curriculum in Texas.

Second, the required content for Texas social studies instruction can be found at: [Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills \(TEKS\)](#). It is important to remember that in Texas, the Texas State Board of Education curriculum must be adopted in consultation with stakeholders - educators, parents, and business representatives - and only after public hearings.

Of course, teaching social studies and history will require a discussion about historical instances of racism. This, in turn, often prompts students' questions and requests for additional discussion on how some elements of history continue to play out in our communities. Texas teachers have experience and expertise in managing this conversation.

And finally, as media channels and public members are confusing some key terms, it's important to note that the terms critical race theory and educational equity are not the same and shouldn't be used interchangeably.

Unlike CRT, which is a tool primarily used in higher education institutions, educational equity is a **K-12** term referring to federal and state policies and requirements. Specifically, the term is closely associated with "*No Child Left Behind*" (NCLB) legislation led by former President George W. Bush and signed into law in 2002. This watershed moment in US education policy established clear requirements for school districts to disaggregate achievement data by student groups to address and close achievement gaps.

Additionally, in recent years, the terms *equity work* or diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) have become commonplace in K-12 education. Many districts revisit and renew their local efforts to close achievement gaps as required by the "*Every Student Succeeds*" Act (ESSA). When signed into law in 2015, ESSA further advanced equity in the US education policy by upholding important protections outlined in NCLB. At the same time, it granted the flexibility to states, in exchange for rigorous and comprehensive state-developed plans designed to close achievement gaps, increase equity, improve the quality of instruction, and increase outcomes for ALL students.

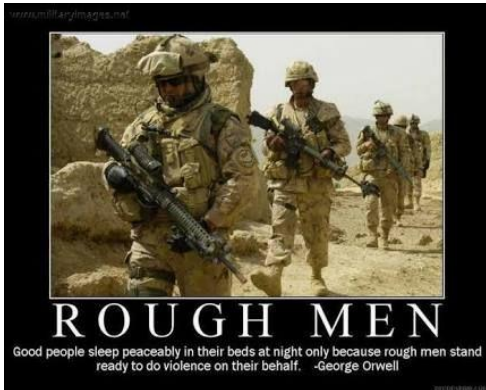
Isn't this what you, as veterans, fought for? Quality for ALL? Every day, I work for kids, all kids. I do not doubt that you do as well. Your grandkids matter. Mine do too.

Please reach out before you buy into political rhetoric. I'm happy to spend time having conversations with our nation's heroes about what I have spent years investing in for all of us.

My phone number is 972-983-4843 and my email is antraasa@gmail.com. Thank you for reading this and for everything YOU have done for our country.

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Humor in Uniform



National Security

Quarterly National Security Briefings

Dallas Chapter (MOWW), Seidel Chapter (AFA), and Dallas Council (NLUS) have joined forces in support of strategic briefings on contemporary military topics.

The next of these presentations will occur on **12 Sep 21** with an evening meal and a featured Guest Speaker.

The inaugural National Security Briefing featured **Admiral Patrick Walsh**. It was a roaring success and a *lucrative fundraiser* for the sponsoring chapters.

Please continue to support this outstanding program.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 August CPT (Dr) Weldon Estes
- 1 August CPT David Young
- 2 August Mr Ian Barton
- 4 August Mr Paul Epply-Schmidt
- 4 August Lt Col Sid Snedeker
- 5 August CPT James Runzheimer
- 8 August LT Thor James Hansen
- 8 August CPT Chris Kite-Powell
- 9 August Capt Paul Welch
- 12 August MAJ Doug Gagliano
- 12 August CPT Tom Garriss
- 13 August CPT Ira Archer
- 13 August MAJ Docia Buckner
- 14 August CPT Edwin McAuliffe
- 14 August JUSTICE Lana Myers
- 14 August Capt William Sweitzer
- 15 August CPT Bernard Kenan
- 16 August LTC Fred Holland
- 17 August Capt Stanley Seat
- 17 August Brig Gen Michael Torma
- 18 August Lt David Dewhurst
- 21 August Ms. Christine Hogan
- 21 August CPT Peter Maurer
- 21 August HPM Scott Murray
- 23 August Mr. William Farmer
- 23 August Mr. Louis Felini
- 26 August Ms. Catherine Moore
- 26 August LT Jerry Prater
- 27 August LT Thomas Meyer
- 27 August LTC Don Munson
- 28 August CPT Katherine Stewart
- 30 August Capt Allan Tomlinson
- 31 August LT Donald Crusius
- 31 August LT John Hall
- 31 August ! Jonathan Lennox



Your Chapter in Action, July 2021



This is what Youth Leadership Conferences are all about – Training Tomorrow's Leaders. For five full days these 78 students deliberated, debated, discussed, and exchanged views on topics covering a wide-reaching range of political, economic, social, and legal contemporary issues. They arrived as strangers, but according to many, they quickly became – Best Friends for Life.



Jeff clearly enjoys presiding over his first Luncheon as our Chapter Commander



Chuck Daniels was speechless when Chuck Chamberlin presented him a **Gold Patrick Henry**



We were pleased to announce Mike Wallace's renewed membership and his promotion to **BG!**



Senior Vice Commander, Reverend Russ Hooper led us in prayer to open the Luncheon meeting



Jeff presented a Certificate to COL Myles Caggins, Public Affairs Officer of Fort Hood & III Corps



Debbie Evans, Top Student at the Schreiner YLC, briefed the Chapter on her experience there.



Food for Thought

In the Book of Kings, we are told of the prophet Elisha, who instructed a man to distribute food to the people, to which the man objected. Such little food could never feed the multitudes who had assembled.

When Elisha repeated his instruction, the man obliged and distributed the food. Not only were the multitudes fed; there was food left over.

A similar story played out eight centuries later, when Jesus of Nazareth fed 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish, again with food left over to fill 12 baskets. (John 6: 1-15)

While we could explore at length the symbolism of the 12 baskets, we can also take from these accounts that God's love and provision are inexhaustible. They never run out.

To struggle with sin is to be human. Yet when we come to God humbly, in his great mercy, He looks not upon our sin, but on our hearts' needs and desires.

Jamie Malakoff
Chapter Chaplain

Wreaths Across America

Your Chance to Excel

Barbara Butcher has agreed to assume Chairmanship of the Youth Leadership Conference committee, for the coming year.



Knowing that the YLC program is a huge and time-consuming project, the chapter is seeking a volunteer to replace her as the Chair of our **Wreaths Across America** program.

Barbara is willing to be your "wingman" and work with you on this year's Wreath Laying event, to ensure a smooth transition.

(The primary activities occur in November and December).

For more information about what is involved in the *Wreaths Across America* drive, contact Barbara at mightymathmama@gmail.com or 972-333-0924.

If you would like to serve on this team, contact our Commander: jeff.butcher@edwardjones.com



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