



Dallas Military Order News



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Lt Gen John Campbell

LT Chuck Daniels

MG Chuck Aris

The fourth and final Dinner in the extraordinarily successful National Defense Briefings was held on Sunday night, 13 Mar 22. The series was a Joint venture sponsored by four military chapters of North Texas, and your Dallas Chapter had a lead role in much of the planning and execution. LTG John Campbell chaired the four-part Series, LT Chuck Daniels Introduced the late Congressman Sam Johnson's daughters, MG Chuck Aris was the Keynote Speaker, and Scott Murray was the Master of Ceremonies. (Scott was also the recipient of the first ever SAM JOHNSON AWARD FOR PATRIOTIC ACHIEVEMENT). All four of them are Perpetual Companions of the Dallas Chapter of our Military Order.

This Month's Program, April 2022

"The Future of Energy in America"

The price of fuel is a major factor driving the current concerns of runaway inflation.



Carlos Guarda

Carlos Guarda has a unique perspective on the future of energy in the US. He is the Director of Process Engineering in one of the largest Refinery companies in the Oil and Gas industry.

Carlos earned his Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from New Jersey Institute of Technology and has developed professionally over the years under the mentorship of some of the industry's most distinguished specialists.

Carlos has over 20 years of experience in the Oil and Gas Industry. Prior to his current assignment he was the Director of Refinery at Philadelphia Energy Solutions in New Jersey.

He has worked for ExxonMobil, Hess, and Valero in engineering and supervisory roles. He will speak to the chapter on current policies that are affecting the oil and gas industry and the future of our energy independence.



Midland/Odessa

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. We still have several opportunities to serve in multiple areas. CPT Mark Smits is our new ROTC/JROTC coordinator and is working hard to restore our ROTC and JROTC connections, lost during virus "lockdowns." We have multiple opportunities to present awards to deserving ROTC and JROTC cadets.

Contact CPT Mark Smits (972-342-8901) to present a JROTC Citation and medal to an outstanding Cadet at a local high school near you.



We also have openings this summer for adult leaders at our Youth Leadership Conferences. Our goal is to sponsor as many as 80 students from Dallas area schools.

Contact LTC Don Munson (972-971-1413) to assist one of our TOP High School students in completing their application to attend one of the five 2022 MOWW Youth Leadership Conferences.



Several new Companions have stepped up to serve, but we need many more volunteers to help in supporting our Youth Outreach programs. We also have staff positions and elected

positions to fill. If you would like an opportunity to serve on the staff or on one of our committees, please call me at **817.368.7799**, or contact any staff member.

We still have Companions who are recovering. Please continue to keep these Companions and their wives in your prayers. Let me (or any staff officer) know if you or your spouse is ill, so we can add you to our prayer list.

Our chapter is helping to host the 2022 Regional Conference in 15-17 May in Arlington. Attending the regional conference is a great way to increase your chapter involvement, knowledge, and commitment to MOWW.



We continue to serve more youth through our education and leadership programs, our Constitution, our Outreach support of military monuments, American history, law enforcement and veterans. 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! **Ductus Exemplo**,*

LtCol Michael W. Menefee, USMCR (Ret)
Commander, Dallas Chapter MOWW
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[MOWW Region VIII Convention](#)

Region VIII Chapters will convene in MAY

The 2022 annual Convention of the fourteen Chapters of MOWW Region VIII (which includes Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas) will meet from 15-17 May 2022 at the Holiday Inn, on 1311 WetNWild Way, in Arlington, Texas.



The business meetings and Installation Banquet occur on 16 May 22. All Companions are encouraged to attend. Special room rates have been negotiated with the hotel for

those who desire to remain overnight(s). The rate includes a full breakfast for two, each morning, at the hotel restaurant.

Click [HERE](#) to Register for this important Event. www.holidayinn.com/arlintonx. Additional information can be obtained by contacting LT (USN) Chuck Daniels at 214-563-7651.

Speaker Programs Just Keep Getting Better

5 Apr 22 – Mr. Carlos Guarda, Dir, Delek Refineries
“The Future of Energy in America”

3 May 22 – BG Christopher Beck, US Army, ACE
“Panther Island: The Jewel of Fort Worth”

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

[Junior and Senior ROTC Awards Programs](#)

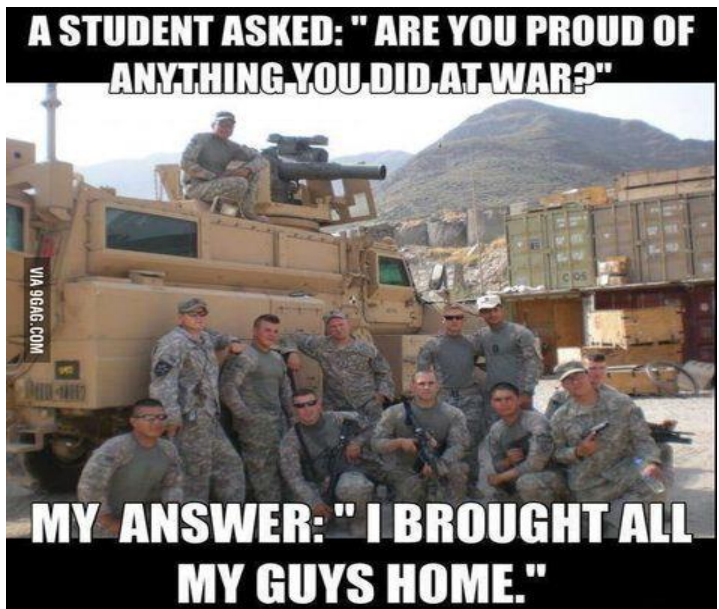
“Recognizing Excellence”

Your Dallas chapter is known throughout the State of Texas for its long history of supporting the **85** Reserve Officer Training programs of DISD and *other* independent school districts extending from Waxahachie to San Angelo.

The catch is that it takes manpower to maximize our visibility while covering so many schools and such a broad geographical area. We cannot be present at every Awards program, but with your assistance we plan to attend as many as possible.

When you arrive for the Luncheon on Tuesday, there will be a Sign-Up sheet at the registration desk. If you miss the Luncheon, simply call Mark Smits (972-342-8901) to volunteer. Help us to show our pride in these young Cadets.

Please take a moment to add your name to the list.



National Security

Quarterly National Security Briefings

The last in our 4-part series of national security briefings was an overwhelming success.

Our Keynote Speaker was **Major General Charles Aris**, former Commanding General of the 36th Infantry Division, Texas Army National Guard. Chuck knocked it out of the park, with his summary of global challenges and the threats they pose to US national security.



If you missed it, you missed an outstanding presentation.

The four-part series was so well received that the National Security Briefing series (NSBS) committee is already planning to repeat the concept in the remaining months of 2022. Not only are the strategic topics timely and essential to the nation, but the proceeds of the fundraising go toward sponsoring dozens of Outreach programs conducted by the Chapters involved.

Contact **Barry Brown** (361-244-3298) to register for the next iteration of this series. Times and Speakers will be announced in our next Newsletter.

Monuments & Memorials

Medal of Honor Museum breaks ground

Fifteen Medal of Honor recipients were on hand in Arlington, Texas, for the groundbreaking ceremony which marks the beginning of construction of a \$12 million museum located immediately adjacent to the Ballpark in Arlington.



Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, GEN Mark Miley, leads the Medal of Honor recipients in the Groundbreaking in Arlington.

Proposed Grand opening is late 2023 or early 2024.



To commemorate wars fought for Humanity

AFA salutes the late LTC James Megellas

Three four-star generals will preside over an Award Dinner to pay tribute to LTC **James (Maggie) Megellas**, the most highly decorated officer of the illustrious 82nd Airborne Division.



Maggie Megellas

The Dinner will be held at the Frontiers of Flight Museum, on 13 April 2022, at 5:30 p.m. It is open to the public.

Click [HERE](#) to register for this 5-Star Award Dinner.



Featured speakers are US Army GEN David Petraeus, USMC Gen Joseph Dunford, and USMC Gen James Mattis.

As a young Lieutenant, Maggie led his rifle platoon in an amphibious attack across the Waal river in Nijmegen, Holland, in 1944. He and his men crossed the river in 10-man inflatable rubber rafts, under heavy machine gun fire.

Maggie passed away two years ago, at the tender age of **103**. He was a Perpetual Companion of the Dallas Chapter.

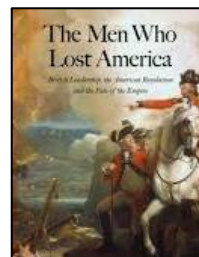
Chapter salutes Dallas' Finest Officers in Blue

On 17 Feb 22, our Law & Order Chair, LT Chuck Daniels presented an MOWW Citation for Outstanding Service to Dallas Police Officer Ramone Salgado (#9397), for his selection as DPD's **Officer of the Month**. Officer Salgado is assigned to the Central Patrol Division. He is a recipient of the Medal of Valor for heroism for actions that saved lives in 2019. He is another reason that Dallas' Men in Blue are still the Finest.



National Security

Monthly Military Book Discussions



A unique account told from the British perspective of the American Revolution.

Thursday, 21 Apr 22, 7:30 a.m. at the Prestonwood Country Club (15909 Prestonwood Road, Dallas, TX). Moderated by award winning author, Marc Liebman.

Know Your Companions

Col Michael Farrell, USMC (Ret)



Colonel Mike Farrell is a graduate of Western New England University with a degree in Business Administration. He later earned Master's degrees in Business from Boston University, in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, and in National Security Studies from the Army War College.

Following early assignments as a junior US Marine Officer, he became Commanding Officer of Marine Helicopter Squadron 262, Okinawa, Japan, a 200-person, 12 aircraft medium helicopter squadron.

Next, he was Executive Officer of Marine Aircraft Group 36. He was then selected to attend the Army War College. Upon graduation, he became Chief, Information and Intelligence Assessment Officer, United States Special Operations Command, in St. Petersburg, Florida.

From 2012-2015, he was Director of Operations supervising all Marine Corps operations in Europe and Africa, [after which he became Chief of Staff, US Marine Corps Forces, South](#), then [Chief of Staff, US Marine Forces Europe and Africa](#). [Returning stateside he became Chief of Staff, US Marine Forces, Southern Command](#).

Upon his retirement he was a Senior Planning Analyst for Amyx, Inc, a defense combat support agency in Ft. Belvoir, VA. In 2020, he became the 34th Chief of Staff and Chief Operating Officer at the Military Order of the World Wars, Alexandria, VA.

MG Gary Bunch, US Army (Ret)

Major General Harold Gary Bunch graduated from Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology. He also holds Master's Degrees from the U.S. Army War College, and U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.



Gary is currently the Program Director for the five MOWW Region VIII Youth Leadership Conferences.

His command assignments included: Logistics Support Element of *Task Force 420* in Honduras; Logistics Support Company of *Joint Task Force Jaguar* in Belize and Guatemala; 694th Maintenance Battalion, San Antonio, TX; and 172nd Corps Support Group, Broken Arrow, OK. He mobilized and deployed with the 172nd CSG to Iraq, in 2004. He then commanded the Logistics Support Unit, Fort Belvoir, Va. and was Deputy Commanding General, 1st Sustainment Command, Camp Arifjan, in Kuwait, later in Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, 3 Legions of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, 5 Meritorious Service Medals, 5 Army Commendation Medals, 3 Army Achievement Medals, National Defense Service Medal, 3 Iraqi Campaign Medals, and the Combat Action Badge.

Gary retired from the U.S. Army Materiel Command as the Assistant Deputy Commanding General on June 17, 2012. Previously he was the Deputy Commander for Mobilization and Operations, U.S. Army Sustainment Command, Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois

In his civilian life, he has served as a Senior Military Analyst and Director for Business Development in Fort Lee, Virginia. Gary and his wife, Lauren, have two sons, Kyle and Carl, and a daughter, Alicia. They live in Rockwall, TX.

Energy and National Defense

ENVIRONMENTAL GREEN ENERGY COSTS

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

The three most often talked about green energy alternatives are wind, solar, and electricity. While their benefits are frequently touted as carbon-free replacement sources of fossil-based fuels, few of their environmental impacts are discussed. When the total costs are calculated into the replacement costs and environmental damage they cause, they may not be as attractive as their proponents expect. In the haste to eliminate fossil fuels, the environmental concerns of these alternatives have often been ignored.

Windmills have a life span of 20-25 years, and the earliest windmills are already being decommissioned. In west Texas and other locales which were early adaptors of wind energy turbines, there is an increasing concern of the environmental degradation the wind turbines cause when they are decommissioned. In Sweetwater, Texas there are over 4,000 of these blades piled up covering 25 acres. Each blade can weigh up to eight tons and can be longer than a Boeing 747 aircraft wing. Blades are made from a composite material composed of resins and fiberglass which are not recyclable. Several European countries are also turning to wind power. The United Kingdom already produces 100,000 tons per year of wind turbine blade waste. In most countries, blades are buried in landfills and will take centuries to degrade. Harvard estimates 720,000 tons of windmill blades waste will be dumped in US landfills over the next 20 years.



Solar panels have been advertised as a clean energy alternative to provide electricity to homes and offices. They have a maximum expected lifespan of 25-30 years. By 2050, the International Renewable Energy Agency estimates 78 million tons of solar panels in the US will have reached the end of their lifespan and will add six million tons of photovoltaic waste, each year.



Solar panels contain toxic materials like lead and cadmium which contaminate the ground when they break down, and the costs of retrieving the silver and silicon from solar panels is greater than the costs of mining and producing it.

According to Japanese researchers, the value recovered from a lithium-ion battery used in EVs is also not worth the recycling cost. Only five percent of EV batteries are recycled, as it is five times less expensive to mine new lithium than to recycle. Several rare earth metals are used in EV batteries - lithium, cobalt, manganese, graphite, and nickel. Eighty percent of these metals are found in China. Indonesia, Bolivia, Argentina, Chile, and Democratic Republic of Congo, have the next largest deposits. Future EV production targets may be threatened by the availability of these strategic metals. Mining these metals is very energy intensive and pollution is a factor. Small amounts of these metals are extremely poisonous to humans, and can enter our bodies through air, food, or water contamination. The battery life-cycle costs (mining, production, shipping, and waste) are often not figured into the environmental savings total.



Governments and green energy advocates should address the facts that many of their green energy solutions will increase the global waste pollution crisis we already have. Our geopolitical environment could demand they seek alternative solutions rather than eliminating petroleum-based fossil fuels. This may be especially important if access to the needed rare earth minerals is restricted, and the waste pollution cost of their solutions to solving air quality is causing more environmental damage than the existing alternatives. Using an available, abundant, clean fossil fuel like natural gas may be a better energy choice until our technology and geopolitical situation improves.



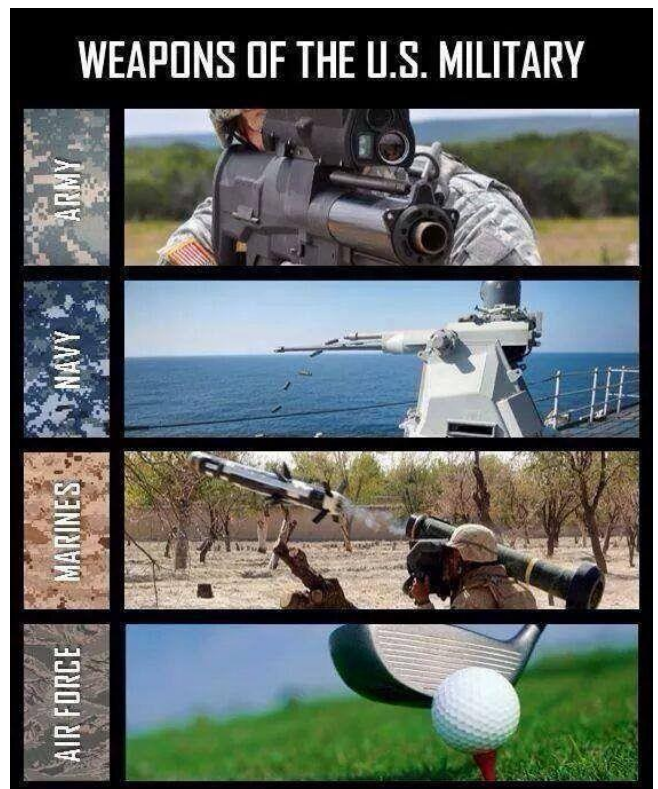
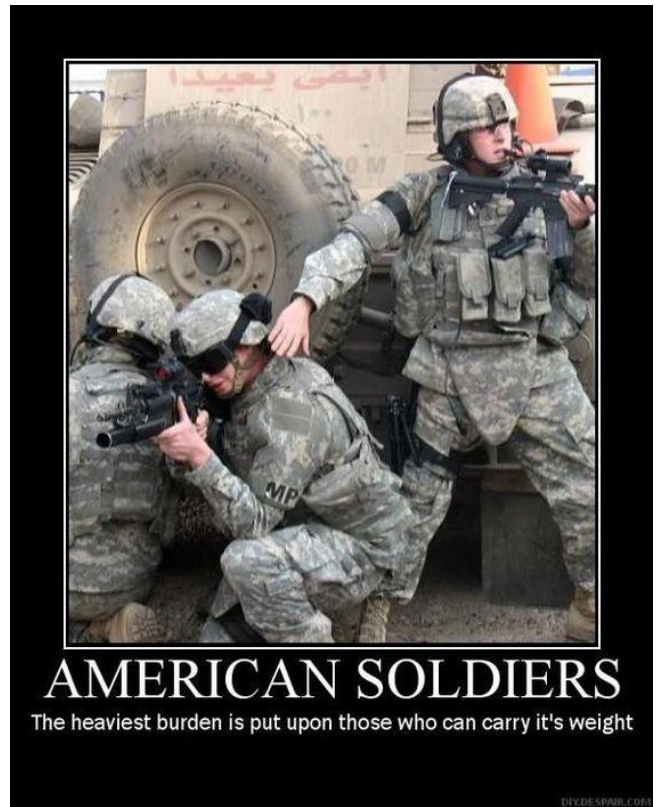
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| 4 April | ADM Bobby Inman |
| 4 April | LT David Iverson |
| 5 April | COL John Moffett |
| 6 April | LT Bill Pry |
| 6 April | Maj Howard Roberts |
| 7 April | LtCol Gregory Dowell |
| 7 April | MG Keith Thurgood |
| 10 April | Capt Ed Fitzmaurice |
| 10 April | COL Robert Gill |
| 11 April | CAPT Barry Brown |
| 13 April | LTC Robert Davis |
| 14 April | LT Richard Forster |
| 16 April | Capt Earl Barnette |
| 18 April | MAJ Paul Davis |
| 20 April | Mr. Chris Rajala |
| 20 April | MR John Rajala |
| 20 April | MR Lamar Richardson |
| 21 April | MS April Adams |
| 22 April | LTC Woody Alexander |
| 24 April | LTC Michel Minear |
| 26 April | LTC Jesse Bullard |
| 26 April | COL Alan DiMiero |
| 26 April | COL Ed Elder |
| 26 April | COL William Lee |
| 26 April | Lt (JG) Win Padgett |
| 27 April | LTC Chris Carney |
| 27 April | MAJ Paul Rittmuller |
| 28 April | Lt Gen John Campbell |
| 29 April | LTC Gilbert Bernabe |



Military Memes



Your Chapter in Action, March 2022



Allen Clark introduced the Guest Speaker and then, held our feet to the fire to dismiss "on time."

Dr. Carole Haynes spoke on the current controversy in education that has parents concerned about the content of school curricula.



Chuck Daniels announced the winner of the SENATOR SAM JOHNSON PATRIOTIC ACHIEVEMENT award. The recipient, Dallas Companion Scott Murray (2nd from left) is flanked by Dallas Cowboy Hall of Fame offensive lineman, Bob Lilly, and the daughters of Senator Sam Johnson.



The four National Defense Briefings took in over \$40,000, which will be divided between the four sponsoring veterans' organizations. Companions Al Zapanta and Don Munson (2nd row left) attended and took copious notes.



With COVID restrictions in our rearview mirror, we are pleased to see the return of near full house attendance at our monthly luncheons. We will soon, once again, average 85 Companions, each month.

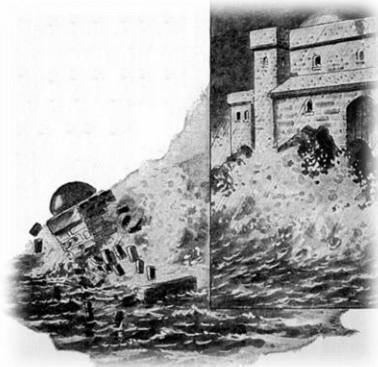
Notice: Next Commander's Staff Meeting will be held Thursday, 21 APR 2022, at 1300 hrs (1:00 p.m.), in the Frontiers of Flight Conference Room, 6911 Lemmon Ave., Dallas, TX (adjacent to Love Field).

Chaplain's Message

Build Your House on Rock

In our current times, many are wrestling with a sense of uncertainty. Yet, we only need to look back as far as 1941, 1963, 2001, or 2008 to see that what seemed secure and unshakable was actually not so. These dates show us that putting our ultimate trust in earthly things is folly. Our trust and our hope belong with God alone, and our lives should reflect this.

As Jesus teaches in the Parable of the Builders, "Everyone who hears these words and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rains 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 everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rains came, the streams rose, and the winds beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

(Matthew 7:24-27)

May each of us examine in our own lives where we are placing our hope.

Jamie Malakoff
Chapter Chaplain

Request for input

Chief of Staff wants You

Colonel Michael Farrell, USMC (Ret) is the current *National* Chief of Staff of our Order.



Col Michael Farrell,
MOWW Chief of Staff

In an "ALL HANDS" message to all Companions,

Col Farrell invites input from the membership-at-large.

"I am initiating a membership satisfaction survey in which I am requesting that all Companions participate by taking this short survey (estimated 6 Minutes) to provide feedback to your National Headquarters. It is crucial that we obtain candid, professional feedback from as many Companions as possible to assist us in improving our programs and our Order."

Click [HERE](#) to respond to the Chief's request for your input.

This link opens a survey in which The Chief would like all active members to participate by briefing him on the State of the Order.

It is a remarkably simple online form which only requires you to check the appropriate boxes. Please take a moment to respond. It is your chance to tell the Chief what you would do if you were the Chief.



Command and Staff, FY 2022

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Dallas Chapter MOWW

Proposed Amendment # 1

Purpose: Patriot membership, a new membership category recently authorized by MOWW, must have certain criteria and guidelines included in the bylaws of a local chapter offering Patriot membership.

Summary: All changes regarding Patriot membership are in “Article III, Membership”: (1) adding the Patriot category in Paragraph 3; and (2) Adding Paragraph 11 to enumerate the criteria and guidelines for Patriot membership.

All proposed changes to the Dallas Chapter Bylaws below are **underlined and in bold.**

ARTICLE III

Membership

1. Eligibility for membership in this Chapter shall be as provided by the National Constitution of the Order and as hereinafter specified.
2. Regular membership is open to citizens of the United States of America, of good moral character and good repute who have or are serving honorably as a commissioned officer or Chief Warrant Officer of the armed forces, the Public Health Service (PHS) or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) of the United States and served on active duty between 6 April 1917 to present, or a citizen of the United States of America, of good moral character and repute who is an Officer’s spouse or direct lineal descendent from such Officer.
3. Classes of membership, as defined in the National Constitution of the Order, shall be (a) Regular, (b) Perpetual, (c) Senior, (d) Hereditary, (e) Memorial, **and (f) Patriot.** Honorary membership in the Order may not be conferred on any person.
4. Companions sponsoring a new member are responsible for verifying the eligibility and moral character of said potential new member. After signing a new member’s application the sponsor will insure that it is forwarded to the Adjutant for processing.
5. All applicants are welcome to attend Chapter meetings pending action on the applications by National Headquarters.
6. A member may resign at any time prior to the expiration of their currently paid dues year and not be considered “Indebted to the Order”.
7. Any member dismissed, cashiered, or dishonorable discharged from the armed forces, PHS, NOAA, or convicted of a felony offense by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall thereby cease to be a member.
8. Members may transfer to this Chapter from other Chapters of the Order upon receipt of evidence from the transferring Chapter that the member is in good standing.
9. Any member who is delinquent in the payment of their dues for six months shall thereupon be dropped from the rolls of the Chapter, provided that such member shall have been given ample notification of such delinquency at least two times, either by telephone or email, during delinquency period.
10. By majority vote of the Chapter Staff a former member may be reinstated by paying the full dues of the current year plus a reinstatement fee, as required by National Bylaws. The words “plurality”, “majority”, and “two-thirds vote” are based upon the number of Staff members present and voting.
11. **Patriot membership is designed to formalize and recognize those individuals who are not otherwise eligible for membership within the Order, yet through their support and contributions**

espouse and promote the values of the Order. The MOWW Patriot category is authorized at the chapter level and has no official standing within the larger National MOWW. This category will exist only at the discretion of, and will be managed by the local chapter.

Guidelines for Patriot membership in the Dallas Chapter:

- A. **Individual shall not be eligible for Regular, Perpetual, Senior, Hereditary, or Memorial membership.**
- B. **Patriot member must be age 18 or older.**
- C. **The MOWW Patriot will have no national, regional or chapter membership fees or financial obligation to the Order. The MOWW Patriot category and MOWW Patriots will incur no financial obligation from MOWW, Inc.**
- D. **An MOWW Patriot will adhere to the standards set forth for MOWW Companions.**
- E. **An MOWW Patriot cannot vote at any level in the Order; Chapter, Region, National.**
- F. **An MOWW Patriot cannot hold an elected chapter, region, or national office; Commander, Vice Commander, Adjutant or Treasurer. An MOWW Patriot may not serve as a chair of any committee at all levels of the Order. An MOWW Patriot may not serve on the following chapter committees; Membership, Nominating, Bylaws. An MOWW Patriot is not authorized to speak on behalf of the chapter or the Order and cannot represent the chapter or the Order in any official capacity.**
- G. **An MOWW Patriot can attend chapter, regional and national meetings, conferences, and conventions. An MOWW Patriot can serve on designated chapter committees as determined by the Chapter Commander and may include committees dealing with Law & Order, National Security, Homeland Security, Veterans Activities, and others designated ad hoc. An MOWW Patriot can be appointed to a position on a Chapter Commander's staff to include Historian, Judge Advocate, Surgeon, Chaplain and Newsletter Editor. An MOWW Patriot will wear a name tag designating the wearer as an MOWW Patriot when attending MOWW functions.**
- H. **Entrance of an MOWW Patriot within the chapter may be recognized by a certificate for the MOWW Patriot but will not include an official pledge to uphold the Order's Constitution and Bylaws.**
- I. **Nomination of a prospective Patriot candidate can be made by any chapter member in good standing by submitting the name and contact information of both the candidate and the nominating member to the chapter adjutant. Ideally the nomination will have a brief (90 words or less) summary of support and contributions to the chapter. A majority vote by the chapter staff will forward the nomination to the membership to be decided by a majority vote at a regular membership meeting.**

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Proposed Amendment # 2

Purpose: When a staff position is vacated, or when there is no candidate for a position at the annual election, such staff vacancies can be temporarily filled until the next election the following May.

Summary: All of the changes for this proposed amendment are under “Article V, Election of Officers”, by adding Paragraph 6.

All proposed changes to the Dallas Chapter Bylaws below are **underlined and in bold.**

ARTICLE V

Election of Officers

1. At the regular monthly meeting in March of each year, the Commander shall appoint a Nominating Committee that shall be chaired by the immediate Past Commander and shall be staffed in accordance with Article VIII, paragraph 1. At the regular Chapter meeting in April the Nominating Committee shall report to the Chapter, making nominations for the several elected offices in the Chapter. Other nominations may be made by members from the floor following the report of the Nominating Committee.
2. Chapter officers shall be elected at the regular Chapter meeting in May of each year. A plurality of one vote shall elect any officer. The Commander, as presiding officer, does not vote, but votes only to break a tie.
3. Chapter officers as elected shall be formally installed, with proper ceremony, at the annual installation meeting in June of each year and shall hold office for one year or until their respective successors are elected and qualified.
4. Any elected officer who shall neglect or fail to perform properly the duties of their office may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the Chapter Staff at any regular meeting of said Staff.
5. All officers shall service without compensation.
6. **Vacancies of these elected officer positions may be filled by a majority vote of the staff at a staff meeting at which a quorum is present and the intention to vote on the vacancy has been announced to the staff at least 10 days in advance of the vote. A staff member elected to fill a vacancy under this paragraph shall be elected for the unexpired term of the applicable vacant office – the term to automatically end at the next May chapter meeting and not to exceed 364 days. This procedure for filling vacancies of elected officer positions shall not be used to bypass the election of officers set out in Article V, Election of Officers, Paragraphs 1 through 5 of these Bylaws. Vacancy of an elected officer position occurs when an officer, duly elected in the annual election vacates that office, or when there was no candidate for the elected office at the time of the annual election.**

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Proposed Amendment # 3

Purpose: In attempting to form the nominating committee, the most recent past commanders may be unwilling or unable to serve. This proposed amendment allows going farther back to additional past commanders to form the nominating committee.

Summary:

1. Article V, Paragraph 1. Election of Officers has some words deleted because they disagree with Article VIII, paragraph 1.
2. Article VIII, paragraph 1, Committees, Nominating has words added to clarify that the four most recent available past commanders can serve.

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ARTICLE VIII

Committees

1. Nominating

The Nominating Committee shall consist of the four most recent **available** living Past Chapter Commanders, of whom the most recent shall be the Chairperson. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Commander in March and shall report on its nominations for officers at the regular Chapter meeting in April. **Note: A Past Chapter Commander is not considered available if that Past Chapter Commander has moved out of the Dallas area, has declined serving, is incapacitated, or has not responded to a request to serve after a reasonable effort to get the Past Commander's response.**