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Best Large Chapter in the Nation

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The skyline of Dallas provided a glow of lights that emphasized the beauty of the evening. The annual Christmas Banquet attracted a full house that included the National Commander-in-Chief, Companions from all of the North Texas chapters, a dozen officers from the Dallas Police Department, and more than a hundred others, who brought family and friends to share the joy of fellowship, camaraderie, and commitment to service that is the bedrock of our Order.

This Month's Program, January 2023

"Succeeding -- in spite of Everything"

Elizabeth McCormick (US Army) has been an inspiration



to hundreds of young men and, especially, young women, through motivational presentations at schools, civic organizations, military units, and in the power of her testimony in numerous books and articles. She is a classic role model of perseverance and drive in overcoming obstacles, none more so than in her motto: *Soar to Success*. Her message is simplicity itself. Yes, you **CAN**: Communicate, Activate, and Navigate to achieve your goals.

Elizabeth has been the leader of the Power Women Division of the National Speaker's Association (NSA) for over 2 years, and currently serves as President of the Board of Directors for NSA of North Texas.

As a former US Army Black Hawk pilot, Elizabeth flew command and control, air assault, and top-secret intelligence missions, including transporting the Secretary of Defense. She is a combat decorated pilot and has received a US Congressional Commendation for her commitment to serving her country as a disabled veteran.

Her personal development book, *The P.I.L.O.T. Method* is one of more than 17 books providing tips for success in business and in Life.

Commander's Comments

"It is Better to Serve..."

Happy New Year, Companions. As I begin the final six months of my tenure as your Chapter Commander, I have asked that this edition of our award-winning Newsletter be dedicated to a recap of our accomplishments thus far and our goals to be achieved prior to the change of command ceremony in June.



First and foremost, as always, is **Recruiting**. I am pleased and proud to announce that we have emerged from the years of Covid isolation and quarantines well positioned to set records for induction of new members into our Order.

In addition to our traditional categories of Perpetual and Hereditary, we now welcome **PATRIOTS**, whose values and principles mirror our own, but who would not otherwise meet our membership requirement of "commissioned" military service.



Next, as you will read in the following articles, we plan to emphasize our **Outreach** programs by identifying the members who chair those activities and a summary of their success, to date. There is a cliché that says: 20% of the members do 80% of the work. Not this Chapter. I am once again proud to reveal the extent to which so many of you support our Outreach activities by volunteering to assist as your time and other commitments allow.

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Finally, I want to reiterate what each of you already know. Virtually everything we seek to accomplish costs money. While our participation is *pro bono*, recognition of students, Cadets, Law enforcement officers, and end-of-year awards to recognize the achievements of everyone who has excelled or performed in an outstanding manner, costs money.

Our premier program, Youth Leadership Conference, is foremost among the most expensive. This flagship activity,

through which we mentor, train, and educate the best young high school



men and women, comes at a steep price. To house, feed, and support the five day courses at Universities in Texas and Oklahoma costs \$350 per student.

Please join me in the drive to send between 50-60 students to one of our YLC's, this summer. To reach this goal, each of you need to reach out to local businesses and corporations in your neighborhood to convince them to sponsor at least one worthy student. In their hearts, they know it is their civic duty to do so. They simply need to be asked.

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

Happy New Year!

LtCol Michael W. Menefee, USMCR (Ret)

Commander, Dallas Chapter MOWW

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Law and Order

Chapter salutes Dallas' Finest Officers in Blue

On 14 Dec 21, our Law & Order Chair, LT Chuck Daniels presented an MOWW Citation for Outstanding Service to Dallas Police Officer Teregi Rossi (#6544), for his selection as DPD's *Officer of the Month*. Throughout his illustrious 30-year career, Officer Rossi has received 74 Commendations for Excellence. He is another outstanding example of why the Dallas Police Department is one of the Finest in the Nation.



Officer Teregi Rossi received our Citation from. LT Chuck Daniels

In keeping with our Preamble

Chapter Programs Just Keep Getting Better

3 Jan 23 – Elizabeth McCormick, US Army Pilot
“Succeeding – in spite of Everything”

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”

Joint North Texas National Security seminars

National Defense Security Briefings

29 Jan 23 – “Air and Naval Power in the 21st Century”
Admiral James Foggo (US Navy, Ret) and Major Heather Penney (former USAF pilot)

2 Apr 23 – “Naval Challenges in the 21st Century”
Admiral John Richardson (US Navy, Ret)

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

The series is sponsored by **Dallas and North Texas Chapters of the Military Order of World Wars**, in cooperation with the Seidel Chapter of the Air Force Association, the Dallas Council of the Navy League of the United States, the and the Dallas Chapter of Jewish War Veterans.

Congratulations to Dallas Companion Chuck Daniels for his efforts in coordinating these events. Also to Companions LTG John Campbell, MG Al Zapanta, and HPM Scott Murray for their insuperable support.

These evening supper 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

OPEN BORDERS

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

Illegal immigration into the US is a major national security issue. In the last two years, **over 5 million migrants have entered the US illegally**, and 124 of these illegal aliens were arrested as suspected terrorists. In fiscal year (FY) 2021, **1.7 million** migrants surrendered to Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) agents after they illegally crossed the US border. **Approximately 2.4 million** migrants surrendered to CBP agents after they illegally crossed the southern US border, in FY 2022.



Over 1,400 illegals died, and large numbers of women and girls are raped by cartels. 856 died attempting to cross. Also, over **1 million** illegal aliens (often criminals, terrorists, and gang members) crossed but did not surrender to CBP agents in the last two years. **These numbers exceed the size of every major city in the US except New York City, and they exceed the entire populations of 31 US states.**

Open borders do not benefit any country. **Illegal immigration** hurts the economy by flooding the country with low-skilled workers, who lower the wages of low-income citizens. **The US already admits over 1 million legal immigrants per year.** In Europe, 2.2 million migrants sought asylum in 2017. This refugee influx has permanently changed the populations and culture of western Europe.

If immigrants do not speak the same language, have a similar culture, and have transferable job skills, they often



become generational wards of the state. Migrants from 106 countries criminally entered the US, from 2021 to 2022, and Venezuela emptied their prisons to send violent convicts.

In April 2021, the President of the National Border Patrol Council stated the CBP no longer had operational control of the border, and transnational cartels now control the US southern border.

DHS estimates Mexican cartels collected \$500 Million in 2018 from drugs and human trafficking and that number grew to \$13 Billion in 2022.

Over 10,071 pounds of fentanyl was seized at the southern border in FY 2022. This is enough to kill every man, woman, and child in the US.

It only takes two milligrams of pure fentanyl to kill the average adult (about four individual grains of table salt). Over 120,000 Americans have died from fentanyl overdoses from 2020-22. It is the leading cause of death for adults, 18-45 years of age.

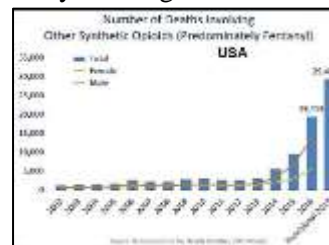
Cartels have branched into human trafficking, where migrants pay them large sums of money to be smuggled into the US, and if they cannot pay, they may become sex slaves or drug mules.



Human trafficking is now the primary revenue source for cartels, as they now make over **\$1 Billion per month.**

The US Supreme Court has agreed with nineteen states that have stated if Title 42 ended, it would unduly burden the citizens of those states' education, medical, and law enforcement services. CBP officers can expel illegals more quickly under Title 42, because it overrides the asylum process. If the US intends to retain its preeminent strategic position as the dominant superpower, it needs a responsible border policy which only allows **legal** immigration.

Many in Congress want to impeach the DHS Secretary for



not securing the border and the Attorney Generals of 17 states want fentanyl to be declared a weapon of mass destruction and transnational cartels to be labeled as terrorist organizations.

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- 2 January CPT Allan Backof
- 2 January LtCol Jeffrey Hauser
- 4 January HRM Jessica Cafferata
- 8 January Lt Col Jack Bond
- 8 January LTC Weldon Estes
- 8 January CPT John Wagner
- 9 January MAJ John Van Buskirk
- 10 January CDR Jerry Rucker
- 11 January LTC Stonell Greene
- 12 January CPT Boyd Branch
- 12 January COL Virgil Williams
- 16 January LTC King Moss
- 17 January Maj Gen Robert McDonald
- 18 January CDR Henry Coates
- 20 January HPM Mark Munson
- 20 January CPT Richard Wegner
- 22 January CPT Steven Poole
- 23 January LTC James Small
- 28 January MR Walter Applewhite
- 31 January MR Joe Applewhite
- 31 January COL Joe Sasser



Last Month's Christmas Banquet, December 2022

Opening our hearts to the less fortunate

Each year as a complement to our festive party and the magnificent feast served by the Park City Club; we encourage our members to bring a gift for a child. As they have for the last 15 years, our Companions overwhelmed the space set aside under the Christmas tree with their generosity and eagerness to share the joy of the season.

This Christmas we donated over 100 games, toys, and stuffed animals, which were distributed by our Chapter Commander to his favorite local US Marine unit to add to their *Toys for Tots* campaign.



In Memoriam, 2022

Gone to live in Flanders Fields

We played *Taps* and bid a fond farewell to two beloved Perpetual Companions, gone but not forgotten.



Former Adjutant, David Darelus, Captain (USAF) and long-time member, Jack Hall, LT (USA).



In the obituary in the Dallas Morning News, David's family requested that "in lieu of flowers, please send a donation to support his favorite MOWW activity – The Youth Leadership Conferences sponsored by his Dallas Chapter." Donations may be sent to Captain Bill Coleman, Treasurer of the Dallas Chapter. (214-771-1179) bill.coleman@php-agent.com
Please note on your check that it is "In Memory Of David Darelus".



Your Chapter in Action, December 2022







Joy TO THE WORLD



What is Most Important?

The choices we make for New Year's resolutions often reveal what we hold most important in our lives.

You should start with spending more time with family, caring for your health, or renewing old friendships.

As we reflect on our priorities, let us always remember that nothing is more important than our spiritual health.

Time spent with God, whether in church, in prayer, or in the reading of Scripture, is time directed toward the most important relationship of all.

"Be still and know that I am God."
Psalm 46:10

God bless each of you. May each of you, by God's grace, walk in obedience and live by truth.

Jamie Malakoff
Chapter Chaplain



Monuments and Memorials

Wreaths Across America

On the 17th of December, 1,500 volunteers assembled at the Dallas National Veteran's Cemetery, in Grand Prairie, to honor the fallen, by laying Wreaths on over 41,000 headstones.

Now the call is made for you to gather on Saturday, 15 January 2022, to remove the wreaths and return the gravesites to their original pristine condition.

Contact Don Munson (972-971-1413) for details.

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 born, 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 **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.



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Notice: Next Commander's Staff Meeting will be held Thursday, 19 JAN 2023 at 1:00 p.m., in the Frontiers of Flight Conference Room, 6911 Lemmon Ave., Dallas, TX, adjacent to Love Field.