



**Companions** from Dallas and Fort Worth joined with CommunityUSA to honor Sheriff Bill Waybourn for his programs in support of military Veterans. **left to right** - Jamie Malakoff, Paul Faidley (Ft Worth), Chuck Daniels, Sheriff Bill Weybourne, Bob Williams (Region VIII), Patty Williams (Region VIII), Mike Dundon, Toni Brinker (CommunityUSA), Barry Brown, John Wagner, Doug Gagliano, Don Munson, and Fred Aurbach. **See page five for details of the ceremony.**

### *This Month's Program, March 2021*

## Situational Awareness in Today's World

Hector Tarango began his career as a Senior Special Agent in the Dallas Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), of the Treasury Department. He served ATF's Resident Agent-in-Charge of the Oklahoma City Office and later was promoted to be the Supervisory Special Agent for the Fort Worth Office.



He left the Bureau in 2015 to become **President** of Vindico Investigations and Security in Dallas and has been there ever since.

Hector is a graduate of National University of La Jolla, CA, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. He is a member of the North Texas Crime Commission, on the Board of Directors for his hometown Crime Stopper's organization and is a Texas Association Licensed Investigator.

Prior to joining the ATF, he served in the United States Army, including a combat tour in Iraq.

He has agreed to educate the chapter on the current threat environment in North Texas in the era of domestic terrorism.

### *The Commander's Corner*

## Spring Resolutions to support your Chapter

After our latest intrusion by Father Winter, I am ready for a little springtime spent with Mother Nature. She can be stormy at times, but she is a little more predictable, and we have learned ways to deal with her. What we just experienced with this multi-day freeze was not predictable, and we were not prepared for the effect. nor the aftermath.



Many of our Companions suffered broken water lines, relocation and extended periods with little if any heat. Many homes are basically uninhabitable for the foreseeable future. I wish all our Companions who have been impacted, a speedy return to a normal homestead.

My point is that, once again, we are resolving, and finding ways to deal with and overcome the issues that our world seemingly continues to throw our way.

Many of our annual MOWW plans are moving forward, as they have in past years, but they are potentially going to require unusual and additional efforts on our parts to be accomplished.

**Notice:** Next Commander's Staff Meeting will be held Thursday, 18 March 2021 at 1:30 p.m., in the Frontiers of Flight Conference Room, 6911 Lemmon Avenue, Dallas, TX

**YLC Interviews** – Every year we ask Companions to interview and select Dallas ISD students to participate in our Youth Leadership Conferences. This year, Companions will conduct their interviews by Zoom, a departure from the norm, still effective, but with minimum exposure to Covid-19, for all involved.



**Annual Fundraising Campaign** – Our chapter conducts many events each year that require money and effort. Most know of our YLC efforts, and the cost of sending students to this weeklong, once a lifetime event. Our Dallas chapter also recognizes multiple Dallas Police Officers each year, as well as recognizing DFW heroes through our Law-and-Order partnership with One CommunityUSA. We will also recognize over 200 Scouts, both Boys and Girls, each year as they achieve their highest levels of achievement, Eagle and Gold awards. We also work extensively to learn, teach, and interface with Homeland and National Security organizations and maintain constant interface with many Veterans Service Organizations. Additionally, we promote and reward our future Military leadership through our JROTC/ROTC Awards recognition programs.



**EACH of these activities require funds to achieve. Contrary to some beliefs, no funds are raised by our luncheon meal collections. Annually we appeal to our membership to raise the necessary operating funds that allow us to continue our missions; so please consider answering the call when asked to donate.**

For the good of the order,

Charles D. Daniels,  
Commander, Dallas Chapter, MOWW

National Security

**Collaborative meetings of Interest to Military**

Dallas Chapter (MOWW), Seidel Chapter (AFA), and Dallas Council (NLUS) support lively discussions of contemporary military subjects at these meetings. Please call or text Don Munson (972-971-1413) if you plan to attend.

**The topic for the March meeting is:**  
*“The Virginia Dynasty: Four Presidents and the Creation of the Nation, 29 March, 7:30 a.m., at the Prestonwood Country Club (6600 Columbine Road, Plano, TX)*

**Speaker Programs in 2021**

- 2 Mar 21 – Hector Tarango, CEO, Vindico Investigations**  
*“Situational Awareness in the Modern Era”*
- 6 Apr 21 – Maj Terry Lynn Thorsen, Author, USAF (Ret)**  
*“Phantom in the Sky: A Marine's Back Seat View of the Vietnam War ”*

**Happy Birthday, Companions**

**“People who live longer, have more birthdays.”**

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| 1 March  | MG Michael Marchand  |
| 2 March  | LCDR Ralph Muse      |
| 3 March  | HPM Richard Bullock  |
| 3 March  | LT John Canales      |
| 4 March  | HPM Ashley Adams     |
| 4 March  | COL John Antal       |
| 4 March  | HPM Geoffrey Merton  |
| 5 March  | COL James Methered   |
| 6 March  | MAJ Edward Marty     |
| 8 March  | HPM Ned Butler III   |
| 8 March  | LT Lorelei Gaus      |
| 8 March  | MG Albert Zapanta    |
| 12 March | Lt Col Michael Giles |
| 12 March | CWO3 Joseph Lynch    |
| 12 March | LTC Jeffrey Spears   |
| 13 March | DR Fred Aurbach      |
| 13 March | CDR H.B. Germany     |
| 19 March | LTC Don Nguyen       |
| 20 March | CAPT Robert Elwell   |
| 21 March | MAJ Billy Manning    |
| 22 March | HON Pete Sessions    |
| 23 March | CAPT BJ Bjorklund    |
| 23 March | Col Ric Hamer        |
| 23 March | LT Michael Sable     |
| 25 March | LTC Clyde Orr        |
| 27 March | CWO4 Monifa Rucker   |
| 28 March | Lt Col Daniel Hagood |
| 28 March | HPM Shawn Hogan      |
| 28 March | CPT Michael Metcalf  |
| 29 March | CDR Sean Fox         |
| 31 March | CAPT Richard Stewart |



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

## KNOW YOUR DALLAS COMPANIONS

### Lieutenant Colonel Don Munson, US Army

Lieutenant Colonel Don Munson received his Bachelor of Arts degree and Regular Army commission from Tulane University, New Orleans, LA. in 1960.



He was trained as an Airborne, Ranger, Special Forces, Infantryman, and is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, KS, and the Russian Area Studies program, Georgetown University, Washington, DC.

Don was an Infantry Platoon Leader and later Commander of Company C, 504th Airborne Battle Group, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC, during the Cuban Missile crisis. In 1964, he was selected to be the Aide-de-Camp of the Commanding General of US Seventh Army. Following that assignment, he served as the Commander of Detachment A-26, 10th Special Forces, Bad Tolz, Germany.

During the Viet Nam war, he was the Commander of Company B, 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. Upon returning to Viet Nam, he was the Operations Officer (S3) for 2nd Battalion, 7th Cav, during the Battle for Hue and the relief of the Marines in the combat base near Khe Sahn.

He Commanded Company B, US Army Special Forces – Thailand, and later assumed Command of 1st Battalion, 507th Airborne Regiment. He was Deputy Director of US Army Ranger School, Fort Benning, GA, until his final assignment as a Political/Military analyst in the Office of the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Pentagon.

His awards and decorations include: the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross for Valor, 2 Bronze Stars for Valor, 9 Air Medals, the Purple Heart, and 5 Meritorious Service medals (DA, DOD, & JCS).

After leaving the military, he served DOD in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Federation of Bosnia, the Emirate of Kuwait, and post war Iraq. He currently lives in Coppell, Texas.

### Colonel Ken Cordier, US Air Force

Colonel Ken Cordier received his Bachelor of Science degree and an Air Force commission from the University of Akron (Ohio) in 1960.



Ken was trained as a Minuteman Missile Launch Officer, later serving as an instructor at Maxwell Air Force Base, AL. He entered Undergraduate Pilot Training in 1963 and received his wings and flew F-4 Phantoms with the 45th Tactical Fighter Squadron, MacDill AFB, FL.

He began flying combat missions in Southeast Asia with the 45th TFS in 1965, while deployed to Ubon Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand. He volunteered for another tour in 1966, this time flying out of Cam Ranh Bay AFB, in the Republic of Vietnam.

On 2 Dec 1966, while flying his 176th combat mission, he was forced to eject over North Vietnam after his F-4 took a direct hit from a surface-to-air missile. He was immediately captured and spent the next 2,284 days as a Prisoner of War, before being released during Operation Homecoming, in March 1973.

After hospitalization, he attended the Armed Forces Staff College, and then requalified to fly jet fighters. From 1979 to 1981, he directed the flying operations at Sembach AFB, West Germany, and was then selected to command the reactivation of Wiesbaden AFB.

Ken served as the Air Attaché to the United Kingdom, based in the US Embassy in London, until his retirement in 1985. Following his retirement, he represented British Aerospace, in Washington, DC, as Director of Military Aircraft.

He is Past President of the Vietnam POW's and the Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association. He wears Command Pilot Wings, as well as the Air Force Missile Badge. And, he has accumulated over 2,000 flying hours in fighter aircraft.

Ken is married to the former Barbara Leighton of Abilene, TX, and they have two children. Ken and Barbie currently live in Dallas, Texas.

## **RUSSIAN INTELLIGENCE CYBER SECURITY WARFARE**

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

Russian spies have recently conducted the most extensive and complex cyber-attack against the US in history. This cyber-attack involved more than 18,000 organizations including large multi-national technology firms and multiple



US government departments. Several cyber security and intelligence experts have labeled this attack as the beginning of a cyber war. The computer networks of some of the largest and presumed to be most secure US technology firms were affected. Some of the firms which have been named include Microsoft, Cisco Systems, Intel, and Nvidia.

Additionally, senior level communications within the US departments of Commerce, Energy, Justice,



State, and Treasury were attacked. Sensitive court documents and records were accessed. Cyber-spies also penetrated the National Nuclear Security Administration which

holds our nuclear secrets and nuclear weapons. The Department of Energy and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) were also attacked. The FERC is responsible for the protection and regulation of the national electric grids. Even worse, the attack lasted nine months before it was discovered. Many cyber security experts believe the attack is still ongoing and the extent of the intelligence damage may never be fully known!



The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and DHS failed to detect the breach. US military and intelligence cyber security experts believe this attack is more than an espionage probe and should be considered as cyber warfare, rather than a cyber-attack.



These intelligence experts believe one of the major problems of US cyber security strategy is our failure to retaliate so that our enemies or adversaries will fear the effects of our retaliation, more than any competitive advantage they can gain or harm they can cause by conducting cyberwar or a cyber-attack against us. They believe the Russians, Chinese, Iranians, Islamic terrorists, and North Koreans will continue cyber-attacks or conduct cyber warfare against the US and its allies to gain commercial or military advantage until the US changes its cyber strategy. Our experts believe if the US does retaliate to a degree that our adversaries fear US retaliation, our enemies will discontinue these cyber-attacks.



Private sector technology firms and many Washington bureaucrats believe that Russia is conducting enhanced spying and just probing our firewalls and systems. They believe this cyber-attack is another way of spying to gain economic or military advantage. Furthermore, they believe our adversaries and enemies will abide by a global treaty.

Intelligence and military cyber experts believe this Russian attack is the beginning of a cyber war and the Russians are trying to sabotage our cyber capabilities and probe our defenses, as a prelude to further military attacks. Our military and intelligence officials are less confident that authoritarian regimes will comply with a global treaty. They also believe that without stern direct retaliatory action our country will continue to be at risk.



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# Chapter Activities, February 2021



Chuck Daniels presented Certificates of Appreciation to Ashley Thomas for her humanitarian efforts to save women and children kidnapped by ISIS. And, to Tarrant County Sheriff Bill Waybourn for his programs in support of military veterans



Tori Brinker, CEO of CommunityUSA, told the Channel 4 (Fox TV) audience of the outstanding programs of MOWW, while the Companions enjoyed hilarious stories of Sheriff Waybourn's 35 years of taming the Wild West.



The wives and Valentine Sweethearts of the Dallas Chapter lent an air of Dignity and Class to our February Luncheon. In keeping with our long-standing tradition, each of the Ladies received a long-stemmed red rose and a standing ovation for putting up with us during long years of separations, deployments, and fear of receiving a dreaded telegram. Take a bow, Darlings. You have paid your dues and earned the rewards.

## Humor in Uniform





## The Lord is My Shepherd

Asked to recite the twenty-third Psalm, a Sunday school child began, "*The Lord is my shepherd; that's all I want!*"

Although it sounds humorous at first, isn't this exactly what the psalmist intended?

In our physical life, "green pastures" are symbols of provision. He knows our needs, and he will supply them.

In our emotional life, "still waters" are refuge from our troubled conscience, fears, anxiety, and withdrawal.

In our spiritual life, our "soul" needs to be restored. Man is estranged in sin. God provides the needed restoration through His son, Jesus.

In our moral life, "the paths of righteousness" are not easily discerned in a time of changing morality.

Everything done "for his name sake" is the answer for any moral question.

In our lives, "the valley of the shadow of death" is the price that all of us pay for the privilege of living.

So, the child was right. "*The Lord is my Shepherd, that's all I want.*"

Never let shame or guilt keep you away from God's forgiveness.

*Chaplain Jamie Malakoff*

Last Month's Program, Feb 2021

## Rescued from ISIS

Ashley Thomas is the CEO and Founder of Freedom USA. Her passion and desire to educate those who fail to understand the depth of international subversive and terrorist organizations is resolute and palpable.



Her presentation in February bordered on disturbing as we heard her describe conditions in many African nations who battle ISIS, COVID, Ebola, and hunger, while struggling to gain access to the bounty of the Western world,

The Freedom Fund, USA, is a unique organization that works toward assisting these countries economically.

The Freedom Fund mission does more than just provide monetary assistance, it engages citizens at the local level, while providing valuable insights and information that can be used to counter the constant threats from terrorist organizations and transnational organized crime syndicates, both domestic and abroad, which facilitate an environment conducive to ensuring freedom and national security

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