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This Month's Speaker



JANINE TURNER: *The Continued Relevancy of the U.S. Constitution*

Janine Turner, founder of the nonpartisan, educational 501(c)(3) Constituting America, is a three-time Golden Globe and Emmy nominated actress for Best Actress, known for the hit CBS television series *Northern Exposure*, the blockbuster movie, *Cliffhanger*, with Sylvester Stallone and Universal's *Leave it to Beaver*. She has also starred in many series: *Lifetime's* (with Whoopi Goldberg) *Strong Medicine*, and NBC's, *Friday Night Lights*, among others. *Northern Exposure* is currently in re-release, distributed in the United States via all Amazon platforms and worldwide in countries such as: Spain, Asia, Australia, Canada, Malaysia and the UK. *Cliffhanger* is poised for a sequel.

Janine is a prolific writer. She has five published books: *The Pivot Principle*, *Finding Joy in Despair*, (CES) *Holding Her Head High: 12 Single Mothers Who Championed Their Children and Changed History*, (Thomas Nelson), *A Little Bit Vulnerable*, (Putnam Books), *Wisdom for Each Day*, and *Artificial Intelligentsia vs Primal Sense*, (RSP) In addition, Janine has written several dozen published editorials, and has given over 600 speeches nationwide as a motivational speaker. Janine is currently living in Texas on her beloved ranch, and is Broadway bound with her musical *Just Call Me Belva!* for which she is the playwright/ lyricist and the star. *Just Call Me Belva!* has had successful performances in N.Y.C. at Pearl Studios. Janine's most cherished role however is mother. Her beloved daughter, Juliette, who recently graduated from Harvard Law School, is her joy.

For more info, visit Janine's website:
www.janineturner.com

SEPTEMBER KEY DATES

- ❖ September 17th - Constitution Day
- ❖ September 18th - US Air Force Birthday



West Point graduates group photo

COMMANDER'S REPORT



Our order is a Patriotic Veterans Service organization with a Vision of "A strong America, dedicated to preserving and advancing American Ideals and founding principles."

Each year we meet at the National Convention to remind ourselves of our Vision. The MOWW National Convention in Valley Forge, PA in August 2024 was a great experience for me.

Companions from our Chapter who attended the event included Regional Commander Chuck Daniels, Senior Vice Commander Mark Smits, Past Commander Chuck Chamberlains, and Katherine Blair. During the Business Session of the Convention attending delegates representing all the MOWW Chapters voted to extend membership to include "all U.S. veterans." The proposed amendment to the MOWW Constitution, to make all U.S veterans eligible for MOWW regular membership, failed to pass by ONE vote (the required 75% amendment-passage threshold was not met). However, the proposed amendment to the MOWW Constitution to include Senior Non-Commissioned Officers in the ranks E-7 through E-9 eligible for MOWW regular membership passed unanimously.

Both proposed amendments were contentious and divided amongst the delegates, and I could feel the commotion on the floor. At any rate, the first two Senior Non-Commissioned Officers were sworn-in as MOWW regular members on 10 August 2024 during the CINC Banquet in Valley Forge, King of Prussia, PA. It was an historic moment in MOWW history.

Soon our Chapter will induct our first Senior Non-Commissioned Officer. The will of the MOWW companions is represented by the MOWW delegates, and we must dutifully follow our MOWW Constitution and Bylaws. The MOWW has endured for almost 105 years now. No matter how you feel about the amendments and changes that have been made in recent years and in the coming years, we must not forget that our two main purposes are to serve our U.S. veterans and America's youth.

Our Constitution's amendment on membership has changed, but our Mission has not. Our chapter will grow with the additional new recruitment of Senior Non-Commissioned Officers. We welcome them into our order with pride and honor. Let's focus on making our chapter stronger so that we can better serve our veterans, community and youths for a brighter future. The success of our Chapter depends on your dedication and participation.

LT Natan Ton-That

DALLAS CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

August Luncheon Speaker

In a room filled at a record capacity, Keith Self, former US Lieutenant Colonel, West Point graduate, now representative of Texas' 3rd Congressional District, gave a revealing synopsis of the current governance situation impacting our national security, veterans, and our youth's future.



Congressman Keith Self informing participants about key legislative policies in Washington D.C. and ongoing issues impacting veterans, the current military standing and the security of Texas constituents overall.

Award and Recognition Ceremonies



From Left to Right - Photo 1: Sr. Vice Commander Mark Smits presenting Outstanding service award to Dallas PD Detective Barrientos. Photo 2: Dallas DCPAC representative presenting award to officer Barrientos (middle).



From Left to Right - Photo 1: HP Pat Teipel receiving flowers for his wedding anniversary by Caroline Faust Walker. Photo 2: CPT James Runzheimer USA (Ret) installed as new Jr. Vice Commander by LtCol Michael W. Menefee.

NATIONAL & HOMELAND SECURITY REPORT



SOCIALISM AND MARXIST IDEOLOGY THREATEN THE US REPUBLIC

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

"Socialism is the philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance, and the gospel of envy." -Winston Churchill

Over the past several decades, American schools, colleges, and universities have not given students a thorough foundation in basic civics, economics, government, and history. Traditionally, US colleges and universities have been breeding grounds of liberal and politically correct ideologies, but now are leaning more radically toward socialism. Critical Race Theory (CRT) is a Marxist-inspired example of socialism which has crept into every level of the US government. It has even penetrated the US military and school boards. CRT philosophy indoctrinates students to evaluate and categorize others by race. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) policies are an outgrowth of affirmative action. DEI policies, as a form of repackaged socialism, have helped move the US away from meritocracy. Universities and colleges have said they are trying to have equal outcomes rather than equal opportunity. Diversity is being used for institutional acceptance of racism, and inclusion means the exclusion of non-whites. As long as the US proposes policies some consider racist, racism will remain a problem. Recent riots and protests on university campuses have been funded and financed by those who support socialist policies. In many universities today, freedom of speech is often suspended to anyone who hold traditional views or whose beliefs are counter to the beliefs of the progressive anti-Christian and anti-Judaism rioters. Recent polling reports that almost half of younger US citizens would "prefer living in a socialist country," and that about the same percentage of all US citizens believe the US is headed toward socialism. Surveys also say that many students have not been taught what socialism really stands for.

They have not been taught that it has failed wherever it has been tried, or what its adherents really believe.

The failure of educational institutions to provide a foundation of basic civics, economics, government, and history is evidenced by recent comments of the former Chief Economist and Economic Policy Advisor to the Vice President of the United States and Chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisors who stated,

"The US government can't go bankrupt because we print our own money." . . . "The government definitely prints money, and it definitely lends that money by selling bonds. Is that what they do?"

Currently, the US government obtains money to run itself in three ways. It can borrow money and issue bond debt, it can print currency, or tax its citizens.

Over 40 percent of US citizens do not pay federal income taxes and only about one percent of non-citizens pay federal income taxes. Today the national debt exceeds \$35.26 Trillion, and the 2024 budget deficit exceeds \$1.88 Trillion. This year's interest on the debt is almost \$1Trillion, which is larger than the Department of Defense budget at \$841.4 Billion. In socialist governments, fiscal responsibility is non-existent. The US republic is divided between those who favor socialist and Marxist ideology and want to enlarge the administrative state and those who want to retain a capitalist representative republic.

It has spread from the classrooms of America's schools and colleges to the halls of Congress on both sides of the aisle. Those who support socialism cannot seem to balance a budget.

Technology firms, educational elites, the administrative state, and conglomerate media are working diligently to alter the US system of government and implement a socialist agenda of the Great Reset of capitalism. Socialism has destroyed prosperity wherever it has been tried and brought misery to the citizens those governments who have tried it. It is an antithetical philosophy to human nature and economic growth. It undermines individual freedoms and religious faith. It inhibits personal responsibility and encourages dependence on government.

The US cannot afford the social and economic costs of socialist redistribution. Meritocracy has historically built the best organizations and governments. Capitalism even with its flaws, allows greater prosperity and freedoms to the masses. Marxists do not believe in individual freedoms, family, marriage, ownership of property, or religion, and maintain their power through force.

"The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of blessings; the inherent virtue of socialism is the equal sharing of miseries."

—Winston Churchill.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

DALLAS CHAPTER RECOGNIZED AS VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATIVE PARTNER

The Dallas Chapter of the MOWW is now officially a Commemorative Partner with the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration. The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration (2008 National Defense Authorization Act, Sec. 598) exists to fulfill 5 objectives:

1. To thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war or listed as missing in action, for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States and to thank and honor the families of these veterans.
2. To highlight the service of the armed forces during the Vietnam War and the contributions of federal agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations that served with, or in support of, the armed forces.
3. To pay tribute to the contributions made on the home front by the people of the United States during the Vietnam War.
4. To highlight the advances in technology, science, and medicine related to military research conducted during the Vietnam War.
5. To recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by the allies of the United States during the Vietnam War.



As a partner organization, our members have access to the Commemorative Partner Portal to obtain information on planning events and activities. We can view and print other resources. You can visit and view all materials on the website at: <https://www.vietnamwar50th.com/>.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

It is important that we obey the law as far as is possible. Proverbs says, "Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint, but happy is he who keeps the law."

If we obey the law, it preserves our civilized society and preserves our freedom.

The opposite to freedom is disobedience to the law. It stands to reason that freedom begins with you and me doing what is right under the law. If we obey the law, it sets an example for others who notice us.

All our nation's laws are derived from a divine, heavenly power that wants the best for us. Jesus said, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and earth."

Paul said, "All authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God."

So, by being law-abiding citizens, we not only preserve our liberty, but we also please God, our creator.

Captain James Grogan, DDS

Chapter Chaplain

DALLAS CHAPTER ACTIVITIES



A moment of surprise for Brandon Hern (right) as his cheerful wife helps him unveil his portrait.



From Left to Right - Photo 1: Portrait of 2LT Brandon Hern, USA (Fmr), a gift from past commander CPT Allen Clark.

Photo 2: Chapter Commander Natan Ton-That looks at past Commander CPT Allen Clark's ceremonial gift.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



*“People who have the most birthdays –
Live the longest”*

- 1 September HPM John D. Lester
- 1 September CPT Weldon W. Nash, Jr
- 5 September WO Billy W. Franklin
- 7 September MS Kathleen L. Spangler
- 8 September LTC Jerry B. Jochum
- 8 September LT Derrick W. Watson
- 9 September Robin P. Hartmann
- 10 September Mr. Spencer J. Adams
- 10 September COL Jeffrey W. Gault
- 13 September LCDR Harry Chris
- 13 September Ms. Maurine P. Dickey
- 13 September Capt Curtis L. Frisbie
- 13 September COL Gary D. Jackson
- 13 September CDR Kurt Richter
- 13 September Greg L. Schmitz
- 15 September LCDR David Minton
- 16 September CPT Robert E. Sanders
- 17 September LTC Milton C. Henderson
- 17 September Mr. John R. Waterfield
- 18 September LTC Kenneth W. Boatman
- 18 September Col Bennett W. Cervin
- 18 September LTC Kaaren J. Teuber
- 19 September CAPT David L. Love
- 19 September LTC Donald R. Willis
- 21 September LT Curtis Baggett
- 21 September LT James W. Crysedale
- 21 September Lt Col Bryan Maupin
- 21 September Mr. Aaron K. Schmidt
- 24 September MAJ James S. Angelino
- 25 September GEN Gordon Sullivan
- 26 September Bruce Mayo
- 28 September Mr. Christopher Neumeier
- 29 September Mr. Andrew Warner
- 30 September CPT James Grogan



Annual National MOWW Convention

The 2024 National Convention was held in King of Prussia, Valley Forge, PA, August 5-11, 2024.



Dallas MOWW Commander accepting the Individual Recruiting Citation Award for Operating Year 2023 on behalf of immediate Past Commander CPT Allen Clark.



The installation of the new MOWW Commander-in-Chief (CINC), LT Col David J. Worley, USAF (Ret).



Past National Commander LTC Chuck S. Chamberlin.



Dallas companion Katherine Blair (in white).

UPCOMING EVENTS

National Security Luncheon

Past chapter commander, CPT Allen Clark has organized a personal luncheon program from 1130-1300 hours at Park City Club on Monday Sep. 23, 2024, covering an important national security topic.



The luncheon speaker is John Guandolo, a 1989 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. He began his military career as a Marine infantry officer and served in Desert Storm before moving over to the 2nd Force Recon Company, where he deployed to the Adriatic/Bosnia.

After his military service, John was an FBI agent and added some incredible experiences in his service to our nation. He was on the FBI teams that conducted the investigation and recovery efforts at the U.S. Embassy in Kenya (1998) and the Pentagon after the 9/11 attack.

John created the first training in the government on the topic upon which he will be speaking - U.S. Islamic and communist movements driving the war against America. John is one of the nation's premier experts on threats to our homeland.

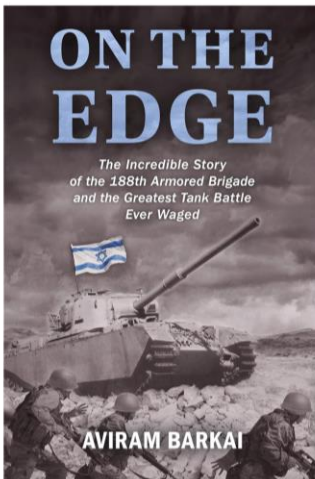
Please send an email: to Allen at allenbclark@aol.com to reserve your place and then please mail check for \$37 to Allen Clark: 2120 Leon Dr, Plano, TX 75074.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Military History Book Club

The discussion will be guided by Robert Epstein: Texas Guard- Military Police Brigade; Civil Air Patrol University Instructor. Bob will also be inviting IDF soldiers who fought in that battle to the meeting.

Event Details: Prestonwood CC, 15909 Preston Road, Dallas, TX. Please arrive by 7:30 a.m. to order from the menu. Breakfast is \$15. Discussion starts at 7:30 and ends at 9:00. **RSVP to Bob Epstein at:** macabee1948@gmail.com.



Military History Book Club 9/12/24

On the Edge: 188th Armored

Brigade's Tank Battle

On Saturday, October 6, 1973, a few minutes before 14:00, the Syrian army attacked the Golan Heights unprovoked and with full force, marking the beginning of the infamous Yom Kippur War. In the first crucial hours of combat, only one group of soldiers and their tanks stood between the Syrians and the Sea of Galilee: the 188th Armored Brigade.

Divided and outnumbered eight to one, the young soldiers of the 188th were given orders to halt the enemy's advance for 48 hours until the arrival of reserve units. They assumed control of the brigade after losing their commanding officers in the first hours of battle. They held back an unprecedented ratio of enemy forces in what became a world-famous armored battle of defense. They turned the tide of the war, storming deep into enemy territory. And they did it in just two days.

On the Edge tells the unbelievable story of the legendary 188th Armored Brigade and the heroic actions of its fighters: the drivers, loaders, gunners, and commanders. With chilling, exhilarating testimonials from the brigade's surviving soldiers, it dissipates the fog of war from the first 48 hours on the Golan front, shedding light on the individual crews and soldiers who gave their lives as the anvil on which the waves of Syrian attacks were shattered. Wikipedia article: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/188th_Armored_Brigade_\(Israel\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/188th_Armored_Brigade_(Israel)).



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- ❖ Oct. 1, 2024 – YLC Awards: program for outstanding YLC students
- ❖ Oct. 30, 2024 – Army Scholarship Foundation – [Annual “Help our Heroes” Luncheon](#)