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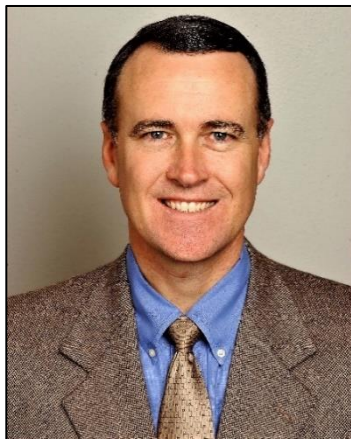


Jordan Spieth and Tiger Woods were unable to attend the resoundingly successful First Annual MOWW Patriot's Golf Tournament. But everyone else was there. Hat's off to all the volunteers, golfers, sponsors, and supporters who devoted so much time and energy at the Heritage Country Club in Fairview. Proceeds from the Tournament will fund our numerous Youth Leadership and Homeless Veterans programs.

This Month's Program, May 2018

"Military Initiatives at Lockheed Martin"

Craig Vanbeeber is a Senior Executive in the *Missiles and Fire Control* Division of Lockheed Martin. Craig is a graduate of the University of North Texas in Denton and has been with Lockheed Martin for the past 5 years.



Craig Vanbeeber, senior executive in the Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control Division

Missiles and Fire Control (MFC) is one of the four Lockheed Martin weapons systems Divisions.

The five sub-divisions of *Missiles and Fire Control* are: Air & Missile Defense Systems, Tactical Missiles & Maneuver Systems, Sensors & Global Sustainment Systems,

Energy, and Special & Advanced Programs (from unmanned missiles to advanced technology battlefield visualization systems),

The MFC Division is in Grand Prairie, Texas. MSC's arsenal includes air-to-air and air-to-ground missiles, naval rockets and missiles, fire control and fire sensor systems, missile launchers, missile defense systems, and anti-tank weapons.

Commander's Corner

First Annual Patriot's Golf Tournament

Thanks to the herculean efforts of the Golf Tournament Planning committee, your Dallas Chapter raised more than \$25,000 to help fund at least 80 students who will attend our 2018 Youth Leadership Conferences at Universities in Texas and Oklahoma, this summer.

The generosity of the golfers was magnificent, as they pitched in to aid in our fundraising efforts by purchasing "mulligans" and "single putt" options.

Everyone involved in this effort is to be congratulated for helping to make it happen. The weather was gorgeous, the greens were awesome, the event went off without a hitch.

Special thanks to **Gary Bunch** for chairing the activities, **Mike Miesman** for organizing the tournament, **Robert Epstein** for hosting the planning sessions, **Bill Coleman** for handling the money, **Jeff and Barbara Butcher** for coordinating volunteers, **Russ Hooper** for gathering the prizes, and **Kevin Hanford** and **Paul Brown** for reaching out to the Corporate world. And finally, a round of applause to all those who participated in the 18 holes.

It was the most fun you can have with your clothes on.

LTC Jim Blunk, US Army
Dallas Chapter, Commander



Region 8 Conference

The CINC is returning to Dallas

The Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order was so impressed with his recent trip to Dallas that he has elected to return in time to participate in the annual Conference of the 14 chapters of Region 8 (all of Texas, minus El Paso).



Col **David Gibson**, MOWW Commander-in-Chief, met with Rep. Pete Sessions at the Dallas Military Gala

The Conference will be conducted at the [Omni Dallas Hotel at Park West](#), on Luna Road, near

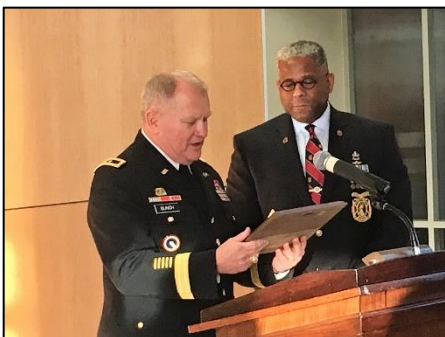
DFW Airport. *All Companions and their "Chiefs of Staff"* are cordially invited to attend.

The Conference will begin on Friday, 4 May and continue thru 5 May 18. Saturday night will feature a formal reception and supper. Commander-in-Chief, David Gibson, and his wife, Diane, look forward to meeting you all. The Reception will begin at 6:00 p.m. The Dinner will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Youth Leadership Conferences

"To promote and foster patriotic education..."

Under the supervision of the Texas Patriotic Education Foundation, Inc. and the Dallas Chapter, the 14 chapters of MOWW Region 8 will select over 325 students (from high schools throughout Texas) to attend one of the annual Southwest Youth Leadership Conferences (YLC).



MG **Gary Bunch**, TAMU YLC Director, presented a plaque to Keynote Speaker, Hon. **Allen West**, at last year's Banquet.

The process begins with on-site interviews to select the best and brightest of more than 500 candidates.

Please volunteer to be an interviewer. The process is simple the time is minimal and the benefits to

you and to your chapter, are immeasurable.

This year will be the first time that one of the MOWW YLCs will be conducted on the campus of a university, here in Dallas. This is the *inaugural* year of the University of Texas, Dallas (UTD) YLC.

Guest Speakers

Speaker Programs Just Keep Getting Better

1 May 18 – Craig Vanbeeber, Lockheed Martin
"Missiles and Fire Control Division of LMCO"

5 Jun 18 – LTC Jim Blunk, Chapter Commander
"Installation of Incoming Command & Staff"

3 Jul 18 – BG Paul Owen, CDR, SW Engineer Division
"Our Most Precious Natural Resource"

7 Aug 18 – Larry Kryske, NY Times Bestselling Author
"Churchill - from Warrior to War Leader"

4 Sep 18 – Dallas Chapter Companions present:
"Bronze Patrick Henry YLC Awards"

2 Oct 18 – Dallas Chapter Companions present:
"Bronze Patrick Henry JROTC Awards"

Officer of the Month

Chapter salutes Dallas' Finest Officers in Blue

On 19 Apr 18, Past Chapter Commander, Captain Paul Brown, presented Dallas Police Officer **Senior Corporal James Songer** (#9818), our Outstanding Service Citation for his selection as April's *Officer of the Month*.

While serving in the Central Business Division, Sr Cpl Songer has received numerous Commendations from senior Corporate Executives throughout the Dallas



Former Chapter Commander **Paul Brown** presented our Certificate of Commendation to Dallas Police Sr. Corporal **James Songer**. business community for his exemplary professionalism and initiatives, for his contributions to the success of the annual Dallas Police Department Toy Drive for Disadvantaged Children.

Officer Songer is a sterling example of why the Dallas Police Department is one of the finest in the Nation.

Attention Chapter Staff:

The Chapter Command and Staff meeting will be held in the Frontier of Flight Museum Conference Room, on Thursday, 17 MAY 18, at 1:30 p.m.

KNOW YOUR COMPANIONS

Docia Lynnette Buckner, Major, US Army

Major Docia Lynette Buckner is a native Texan.



She enlisted in the US Army immediately upon graduation from High School in 1992.

She served on active duty for nine (9) years, at which time she applied for and received a “Green to Gold” scholarship, offered by the US Army, to pursue a commis-

sion as a military officer by participating in a US Army Senior ROTC program.

She received a Bachelor’s degree from Tarleton State University, Stephenville, TX. (Tarleton State is a member of the *Texas A & M University System*).

Upon graduation, Lynn was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in US Army Military Intelligence.

In addition to stateside school and troop assignments, while on active duty, she served in three overseas deployments to Korea, a fourth deployment to Mogadishu, Somalia, during *Operation Restore Hope*, in 1993, and a fifth deployment to Baghdad, Iraq in support of *Operation Iraqi Freedom*, in 2003.

Major Buckner later earned a Master’s Degree in Human Resource Management from Webster University, located in St. Louis, Missouri.

She retired in 2012, after serving 22 years of honorable military service.

Upon retirement, she went back to school and earned both a Texas Teacher’s Certification and Administrative Certification. She is currently the Senior Army Instructor of the Junior ROTC Program at Poteet High School, in Mesquite ISD.

Her mentor is Dallas Chapter Companion, LTC Jerry Jochum, who is the Director of the five JROTC programs of Mesquite ISD. LTC Jochum is her Sponsor and presented her Perpetual lapel pin, during our April Luncheon.

Lynn currently lives in Sunnyvale, TX. She is a Notary for the state of Texas and a licensed Realtor with Keller Williams Realty.

Tommie Williams, 1Lt, US Marine Corps

Lieutenant Tommie Williams was born in Shreveport,



LA, and grew up in Jefferson, TX. He attended North Texas State University and graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in Biology.

After graduation, Tommie completed the USMC Officers Candidate School in Quantico, VA, and was commis-

sioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. He completed Infantry Basic training at Quantico and specialty training as an Air Support Control Officer at Twenty-Nine Palms, CA. After MOS training, he was assigned to Marine Air Support Squadron 3, in Orange County, CA. While serving on active duty, he completed courses at Pepperdine University and received a Master’s Degree in Human Resources Management.

After active duty in the Marine Corps, Tommie spent 22 years in Supply Chain Management. The last 12 of which were with McDonald’s Corporation, in both domestic and international assignments. A highlight of his career came when McDonald’s assigned him responsibility for Logistics & Supply Chain Management for a zone that included the Middle East and Eastern Europe. During his tenure in this position, he traveled extensively throughout the zone and contributed to opening of the company’s first restaurants in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Egypt and Dubai.

He was then promoted to Director of Logistics, where he was the strategic level manager of McDonald’s relationships with suppliers and distributors in North America. After a corporate restructuring, he was promoted to Senior Director of Supply Chain Management for the entire Northeast Division of the company.

Tommie resigned from McDonald’s to pursue his goal of entrepreneurship. He invested in a Miller Coors distributorship, in Oklahoma City, and is, currently, co-owner of the business.

Tommie and his wife, Velisse, and their three children, live in Frisco.

Happy Birthday, Companions

“AGE: To some it’s a number; to others a gift”

- 1 May \ LTC Guillermo Cisneros
- 1 May Col Robert Lanham
- 1 May MRS Sharon Sexton
- 2 May \ LT Jack Coleman
- 3 May \ MR Christopher Adams
- 3 May \ MR Eric Bradford
- 4 May \ \ \ \ \ LTC Gilbert Collins
- 4 May LT Charles Daniels
- 7 May LT William Ferrill III
- 8 May Capt Thomas Jones
- 10 May MRS Donna Starnes
- 12 May MR Harold Moore III
- 14 May MR Terry Brown
- 14 May MR Ryan Moss
- 14 May Lt Col Don Payne
- 14 May LTC James Sammons
- 15 May Capt Matthew Neyland
- 17 May LTG Ricardo Sanchez
- 18 May COL Pete Malik
- 19 May MR James Applewhite
- 19 May LTC Robert Brown
- 19 May LCDR Howard Custer
- 19 May LT James Gooch
- 20 May Lt Col Phelicia Geary
- 20 May Col Christopher Kulas
- 21 May MR Robert Epstein
- 26 May LTC John Byrns
- 27 May LtCol Norm Van Gilmore
- 29 May MRS Diane Johnson
- 30 May MAJ Jack Coleman
- 30 May COL Emmett Dubose
- 31 May MR William Bradford
- 31 May MAJ Beverly Johnson



Installation Banquet, Tuesday, 5 June 18

Reservations are Due by 15 May 18

The *first* of the two formal evening Banquets sponsored by the Chapter each year is the annual Installation of the newly elected Commander and his Staff.



This year’s Banquet will be held on *Tuesday, 5 June 18*, at the Park City Club Main Dining Room.

Reservation forms will be distributed at the upcoming meeting on 1 May. Please complete the reservation form and return it to MAJ Bill Coleman.

End of the Year Best Chapter Entries

Entries are Due by 1 May 2018

Your Chapter has been awarded the title of the “*Best Large MOWW Chapter in the Nation*” for the past 15 years.

It reflects the massive efforts of all members getting and staying involved in one or more of our many worthy extracurricular activities.

The efforts of the chapter can only be measured by national committee chairs, **if entries are submitted** (in accordance with the forms specified in the MOWW National Policy Manual).

The *Chapter Commander* requests that all Committee Chairs research, document, and report the work of their committee, no later than 1 May 2018.



• CHAPTER PROGRAM AWARD SUBMISSIONS (DUE 1 JUN 18): Chapter commanders must email their Word.doc MOWW program award submission to the respective chairs of the national committees (see the MOWW National Directory for their contact information) by 1 June 2018.

Extract from Officer Review, Apr 2018

committee’s guidance forms will not be accepted.



Chapter Activities in the month of April



MAJ **Lynn Buckner** joined as a Perpetual. She is the SAI at Poteet HS in Mesquite. Her Sponsor, LTC **Jerry Jochum**, commands the 5 JROTC units in Mesquite ISD



Lt **Tommie Williams** upgraded his membership to **Perpetual**. His Sponsor, Col **Ron Forest** has helped to bring our Chapter's Grand Total to 645 Companions.



Commander LTC **Jim Blunk** travelled all the way to Lubbock, TX, to present MOWW awards to the Cadets of Texas Tech University



Special Ops LTC **Don Munson** travelled up I-35E to Denton, TX, to present MOWW awards to the Cadets of the University of North Texas



Scouting Chairman LTC **Bill Farmer** led a contingent of six Chapter officers who represented MOWW awarding **92** Eagle Scouts from Troops of the Lone Star Council



MAJ **Bill Coleman** presented an MOWW Certificate and medal to Cadet **Maria Chavez**, Bryan Adams HS. One of the **58** high school JROTC's we support.



Give to God your *First Fruits*

Throughout Scripture, we are instructed to give to God of our "first fruits".

From King David, we are told of the importance of prayer as a daily discipline, and, the importance of early morning prayer. (*Psalms. 5:3*)

In fact, nothing reveals a person's heart more than that they give of their "first fruits."

We read of this in the story, in Genesis, of Cain and Abel, and see it reinforced throughout Scripture.

Like King David, you are encouraged to open your day with prayer, giving to God the "first fruits" of your blessings.

Prayer draws us into closer communion with God and communion with God is the highest privilege any person can attain. It is indeed our very purpose for having been created.

Want to talk more about prayer? Contact me anytime! It is a privilege to serve as your Chaplain.

Jamie Malakoff

Last Month's Program, April 2018

"Recognizing the Threat"

Former US Naval Academy graduate John Guandolo spent 10 years on active duty in the Marine Corps and another 20 in the FBI.

In 2006, John was designated a "Subject Matter Expert" by FBI Headquarters for creating and implementing the FBI's first Counterterrorism Training Program focused on Islamic Doctrine.

His riveting presentation was dramatically enhanced when he selected Companions in the audience to read aloud the actual doctrine and policy statements published by Al Qaeda and other Islamic organizations, clearly emphasizing their avowed intent to subvert and replace the liberties enshrined in the Bill of Rights of the US Constitution.



John Guandolo briefed the chapter on the seriousness of the Islamic Threat to Western civilization's culture and democratic way of life.

John is the founder of *Understanding the Threat*, an organization dedicated to providing strategic and operational consultation, education, and training to enhance threat awareness for federal, state and local agencies at all levels.

Command and Staff, FY 2018

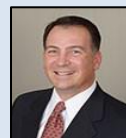
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