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Best Chapter Newsletter in the Nation



June 2021



As the pandemic of Covid relinquishes its grip on society, the Chapter has begun to return to normal. Pictured above is our newest Companion, Capt David Wallace, USAF (Ret), flanked by his Sponsor, CPT Allen Clark (left) and Chapter Commander Chuck Daniels (right). As of this date we have applications from five additional former officers who are looking forward to being inducted into our Order in June or July.

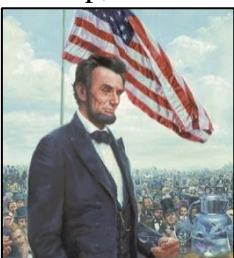
Incoming Commander's Message

The Last Best Hope

Shakespeare said that "brevity is the soul of wit." I will be brief – if not witty.

The year behind us is certainly one for the record books. In some ways it feels like it was yesterday that COVID-19 appeared on the scene. In other ways, it has felt like an exceedingly long time ago. Either way, we came through, and stronger for it. I applaud our Commander, Chuck Daniel's, leadership and resolve while guiding us through this turbulent time.

We now look forward to new beginnings. I am incredibly optimistic for our future. For the future of our chapter, for which I anticipate growth in not only our membership, but in our positive impact in our communities.



I am also optimistic for our country, which will, as it always has, find a way to heal from its wounds and become stronger, remaining, as Abraham Lincoln once said, "...the last best hope of Earth."

I am deeply grateful to have the honor to serve as the Commander for this year. I am humbled by the trust you have placed in me and will, with all my heart, strive to live worthy of that trust.

Departing Commander's Message

Returning to Port

The Dallas Chapter has set the Sea and Anchor Detail, and is preparing to return to port on June 1st, 2021, after a year-long cruise, that no one could have predicted.

When we left port a year ago, we never could have predicted all the course changes and corrections that were going to be necessary to stay afloat, and to continue to make headway. We are now preparing for a smooth **Home Port Call** return and a Celebration Dinner, with all the military ceremony befitting the "Flag Ship" chapter of our Military Order.



Last year, when we began, we left port in a thick fog, using only radar, and experience, to guide us. We delayed our Installation, using written Oaths of Office to take Command, and we held our Installation of Officers in the early fall. Our expectation was that we would soon be able to achieve full speed ahead, but we took a few Covid torpedoes and had to do damage control to maintain steerageway. Eventually, after a lot of work and systems recovery, we got up to cruising speed and completed our missions.



Returning to Port (continued)

For now, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge all the hard work of the Officers and Crew of the good ship “*USS Dallas*”. Without their dedication, knowledge and experience their new Commander would have never been successful, and I want to thank each one of you for your professionalism, dedication, and initiative, over the last year.

The new Command Staff Elect is already planning a new cruise, with lots of adventure, great port calls and fun liberty. They are planning an even better tour to come, but for now, let us take a moment to recognize the hard work this year and prepare for a new term.

Once again, the Companions and staff have taken this Chapter to new levels of achievement, even when rough seas were ahead. When you were called to perform, you accepted the challenge and delivered more than was asked, notwithstanding the COVID-19 headwinds. You can see the Chapter’s Performance Statistics in this Newsletter. I want to highlight a few of the Challenges you faced and in which you excelled.

Fund Raising – Goal was to raise funds to send 50 students to Region VIII Youth Leadership Conferences. *Mission accomplished!*

Outreach Programs – Page seven shows all the Programs this past year which you funded; and more importantly, for which you gave your time.

Companions Thank You. Bravo Zulu (Job Well Done!!)

For now, let us take a breath, to reflect and then prepare for the challenges of FY 2022. Your new Commander and Staff will have the task of leading us into a new and brighter future. So, please help them with your participation and support to continue to make this the BEST LARGE MOWW CHAPTER in the nation.

It has been an honor to serve as the Chapter Commander for this past year, and I wish the best to CPT Jeffery Butcher, Commander Elect, and his Staff as they begin to continue the Chapter’s traditions during this coming year.

For the good of the Order,



Charles D. Daniels,
Commander, Dallas Chapter
Military Order of World Wars

Law and Order

It is Better to Serve ...

Captain (USN) Richard G. Stewart, Jr, steps down, this month, from his service as the Chapter’s *Judge Advocate*. In keeping with the motto of our Order, Captain Stewart has devoted his life to serving his country and his community.



Captain (USN) Richard Stewart

We recently saluted him for receiving the Dallas Bar Association’s prestigious *Martin Luther King, Jr. Justice* award for 2020.

We neglected to include a host of other examples of Judge Stewart’s devotion to serving his community.

Prior to his retirement, he served as Chairman of the Board of the Irving Convention and Visitor’s Bureau, the Executive Board of the University of North Texas College of Law, the Executive Board of Perkins School of Theology, the North Texas Episcopacy Conference, and Chairman of the Dallas County Historical Commission.

Happy Retirement, Judge! Although if the last 60 years are any indicator, we doubt seriously if you plan to slow down.

Last Month’s Speaker, May 2021

Evolution of Officer Training Programs

The concept of ROTC began with the Land-Grant College



Act of 1862. In return for the gift of federal land, the government required the colleges to include military tactics in their curriculum.

LTC Richard Crossley has been involved with officer training for over 50 years. He was a Distinguished Military Graduate, served for 20 years, and then for the past decade, has been the Director of all Junior

Officer Training Corps schools in the Fort Worth Independent School District. Richard spoke highly of the devotion to the cadets that his Instructors display, while teaching and molding tomorrow’s leaders.

LTC Rich Crossley, USA (Ret)

Quarterly National Security Briefings

Dallas Chapter (MOWW), Seidel Chapter (AFA), and Dallas Council (NLUS) have joined forces in support of strategic briefings on contemporary military topics.

The first of these presentations will occur on **13 June 21** with an evening dinner, including members from all the above Armed Forces organizations, featuring Dallas native, **Admiral Patrick M. Walsh**, former Commander of the US



Admiral Patrick Walsh, USN
Former COMPACFLEET

Pacific Fleet and *Vice Chief of Naval Operations*.

Admiral Walsh will discuss the rise of China's military and its influence on National Security throughout the Pacific Rim.

Please contact Barry Brown (972-890-3541), or register online at navyleaguedallas.org, if you plan to attend and wish to ensure that a seat will be available.

Heritage Ranch Country Club

FAIRVIEW, TEXAS

June 13, 2021 | Time 3:00 PM

Topic:

Critical Security Issues: Asia-Pacific

Guest Speaker:

Admiral Pat M. Walsh, USN (Ret),

former Commander US Pacific Fleet and VCNO

Registration will open May 1, 2021

Make your reservation and pay at:

www.navyleaguedallas.org

For registration information contact:

Barry Brown at 972-890-3541

Click [HERE](#) to access our chapter website – then select “Activities” for additional information and a link to facilitate your generous support of the chapter.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- 1 June Lt Col Joe Banks
- 1 June CPT Robert Kurth
- 1 June HPM Jennifer Nsakasalo
- 1 June CPT Andrew White
- 1 June HPM Steve Suiter
- 2 June HRM Jonathan Mueller
- 3 June LT William Skeeters
- 4 June CDR James Bittle
- 5 June MS Sarah Bullock
- 5 June Col John Duncan
- 8 June Capt Paul Brown
- 9 June CPT Marshall Doke
- 10 June LTC William Holton
- 11 June HPM Peter Schmidt
- 12 June LT George H. W. Bush (#41)**
- 13 June HPM Aidan Schmidt
- 14 June LTC James Adams
- 15 June HPM Larry Franks
- 15 June Capt Harry Pierce
- 16 June HPM Richard Lewis
- 17 June HPM Harold Moore, IV
- 18 June Lt Col Earl Bullock
- 19 June HPM Valenia Merton
- 19 June HPM Pat Teipel
- 19 June LTC Benson Wheeler
- 20 June CPT Allen Clark
- 21 June LT James Hopper
- 22 June CDR John Lopez
- 23 June HPM Amy Merbler
- 29 June CPT William Felini
- 30 June MAJ Jon Edmonson
- 30 June HPM Alex Eppley Schmidt

(HPM = Hereditary Perpetual Member)

KNOW YOUR CHAPTER'S LEADERS FOR FY 2022

Captain Jeff Butcher, US Army

Captain Jeffery Butcher was born in Tampa, FL and raised in Massillon, OH. He graduated from the US Military Academy at West Point in 1985, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Field Artillery. He later earned a Master of Science in Systems Management from the University of Southern California.



His first assignment was to the US Army Jump School, Ft. Benning, GA. He attended *exactly 30 years*, to the month, after his father qualified to be a paratrooper in the famous 101st Airborne Division, during the Korean War.

After the Artillery Officers Basic Course, Jeff was assigned to Augsburg, Germany, in a Corps Artillery 8-inch howitzer battery, as a battery Fire Direction Officer, Platoon Leader, and Battery Executive Officer. His greatest accomplishment in Germany was meeting, and marrying, the beautiful Captain Barbara Carr!

He branch-transferred to Quartermaster Corps and attended the QM Officers Advanced Course at Ft. Lee VA, after which he was assigned to the Eagle Support Brigade at Fort Campbell, KY, in support of the 101st Airborne Division. He was the Commander of the Brigade Headquarters Company during Operation Desert Storm, in 1991. After returning from Desert Storm, he was as an Associate Professor of Military Science at the U. of Arizona.

Jeff resigned his commission in 1992 and took a job as an energy analyst for Fina Oil and Chemical Company of Big Spring, TX. In 1995, an old battery commander of his helped him land a job with Texas Instruments and he worked in various IT roles for the next 22 years.

He also worked for Raytheon, SBC Wireless, Pepsi, and Hewlett-Packard. In 2017 he made another career change and is now a Financial Advisor for Edward Jones.

His hobbies have always revolved around his children...enjoying them, teaching them, being with them. He has been involved with Boy Scouts for nearly 30 years, serving as a Scoutmaster four times along the way.

Jeff and his wife, Barbara, are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, in which he has held numerous leadership roles. He is currently serving as the Bishop for the 7th Ward in Plano.

Major Russ Hooper, US Army

Lieutenant Colonel Russell L. Hooper is a native of Palestine, TX. He graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University as a Distinguished Military Graduate. He was commissioned as an Artillery Officer and completed the Officer Basic Course at Fort Sill, OK. His first assignment was with the 3rd Battalion, 79th Field Artillery (Lance), 42nd Field Artillery Brigade in Germany.



Russ returned to Fort Sill to attend the Officer Advanced Course. Upon completion, he immediately assumed command of Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Battalion, 75th Field Artillery Brigade. He deployed his unit to Southwest Asia in support of **Operation Desert Storm**. Upon his return, he served as Assistant Plans and Operations Officer for III Corps Artillery at Fort Sill, OK.

LTC Hooper was then assigned as a FORSCOM trainer for the Louisiana National Guard's 256th Mechanized Brigade. He was assigned as the Executive Officer of the 1st Battalion, 141st Field Artillery (self-propelled, 155mm cannon, PALADIN). He served as the Battalion Commander of this unit for four years.

After a brief tour as the Assistant G-3, Operations, he was assigned to the Joint Forces Command Headquarters-Louisiana. His last assignment was the Maintenance and Logistics Officer at Camp Minden, LA. He retired in March 2006 after 20 years of active military service.

LTC Hooper served for two years as the Senior Army Instructor (JROTC) at Emmett J. Conrad High School, Dallas ISD in Dallas, Texas, then, transferred to be the JROTC Coordinator for the DeSoto Independent School District and the Senior Army Instructor at DeSoto High School.

His military awards include the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal (w/3 OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (w/3 OLC), the National Defense Service Medal and the Liberation of Kuwait Medal.

Russ lives in DeSoto, Texas.

NORTH KOREAN CYBER ATTACKS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES

By LtCol Michael W. Menefee, USMCR (Ret)

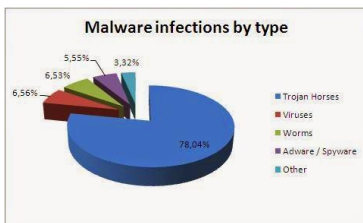
In February 2018, three Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) computer programmers from the Reconnaissance General Bureau of the North Korean military intelligence agency conducted the first of several cyberattacks.

The first attacks were against Sony Pictures and included a ransomware called **WannaCry 2.0**. These three North Korean operatives were charged by U.S. Justice Department officials,



on 17 Feb 21, for trying to extort and steal over **\$1.3 billion** in cryptocurrency and cash from corporations and financial organizations. Their scheme was to use a blockchain platform and install a *phishing* operation targeting defense contractors, DoD, and State department employees, aerospace, technology, and energy companies. The objective of the attacks was to evade US and international sanctions by diverting funds from investors to control marine shipping.

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), the FBI, and the Department of Treasury identified malware software designed to cause damage to computer servers, and computer networks. Among the different types of malware infections are: Trojan horses, viruses, worms, adware, spyware, ransomware, and other lesser-known names. The US government has



labeled the malevolent DPRK state-sponsored cybersecurity threats as “advanced persistent threats,” and has named them – **HIDDEN COBRA**.

Cyber terrorist groups have targeted more than 30 countries in the past year. Their primary goals are to circumvent US and international sanctions on North Korea by attacking companies and individuals who use their websites and applications, and then steal cryptocurrency from those organizations and individuals who use it.

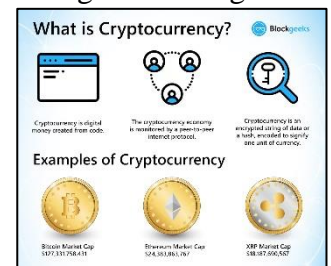
Since 2018, the DPRK has used *Hidden Cobra* malware to pose as a cryptocurrency trading platform, enticing victims to download information from a third-party.

The DPRK website and third-party applications appear to



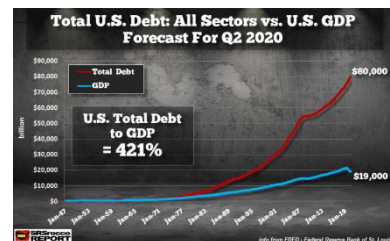
be legitimate, deceiving vendors and individuals who use them. It has appeared on both MS Windows and Apple Mac operating systems. Since the website appears to be a legitimate cryptocurrency trading website, it has enabled the DPRK to steal hundreds of millions of cryptocurrency dollars, infecting users by phishing and social engineering, then baiting victims to use their malware.

While the technology of blockchain is very innovative, cyber security concerns continue to challenge cryptocurrencies. They have garnered significant press coverage; however, cryptocurrencies are still considered by many in the financial world to be a speculative high dollar gambling venue.



More tech savvy young people under age 40 use cryptocurrencies. Many of our federal law enforcement agencies have noted block chain currencies are used to launder illicit funds by criminal gangs, cybersecurity criminals, drug lords, high net worth individuals, and state actors, to hide money and evade tax and revenue officials.

As inflation rises, numerous investors use cryptocurrency as a hedge to a declining dollar and inflation. Our national debt is rising to a percentage of Gross



Domestic Product not seen since World War II. Traditional hedges against a declining dollar and inflation - *gold* and *silver* - are not working. This year, the value of gold has declined, and silver prices have grown less than \$1.00 per ounce.

Cryptocurrencies are not currently regulated. For that reason, citizens should be wary of proposals to move toward digital currencies, as cybersecurity concerns and extreme volatility illustrate ongoing concerns for cryptocurrencies.

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Chapter Activities, May 2021

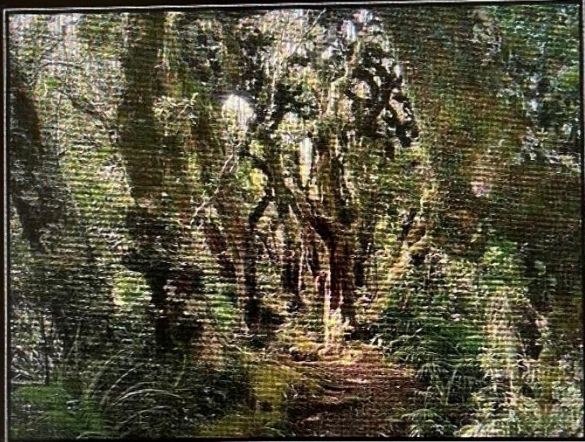


Dallas Companion CPT Allen Clark is seen pinning the symbol of a Perpetual member on our newest inductee, Capt David Wallace.



Chapter Commander Chuck Daniels read the glowing Citation on the Certificate of Appreciation presented to LTC Richard Crossley.

Humor in Uniform



U.S. Marine Snipers

Can you find all 25?



IF YOU HEARD MY SHOT

I missed.

Notice: Next Commander's Staff Meeting will be held Thursday, 17 Jun 2021 at 1:30 p.m., in the Frontiers of Flight Conference Room, 6911 Lemmon Avenue, Dallas, TX. All are vaccinated, hence no mas masks.



Memorial Day 2021

Memorial Day is a holiday that deeply touches Americans of all stripes, because of the great sacrifices made our freedoms. Those who gave their lives had all the dreams and aspirations of youth, yet they left them all on the mantle of freedom.

As the great evangelist Billy Graham said, “The bells of liberty ring in America today because of what these men we honor today got through for us. The sacred memory of their sacrifice will always live in our hearts, and we have a sacred and holy trust—and we cannot fail them!”

While we work to preserve and advance the freedoms that these brave souls bestowed upon us, let us on Memorial Day be still, remember, and say thank you in our hearts.

“Greater love has no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.” (John 15:13)

Chaplain Jamie Malakoff

Goals and Objectives

FY 2021 in Review

Veterans – maintained all existing relationships and added VA Advisory Council, the Veteran Center of North Texas, the Collin County Veterans Center and *Joint* Veteran programs with the Association of US Army, Navy League of the US, Air Force Assn., and the Jewish War Veterans Assn.

ROTC – maintained all JROTC and ROTC unit relationships, even though many Dallas ISD schools did not allow direct interface.

National Security – expanded both Homeland and National Security programs through knowledgeable speakers and professional articles in the Chapter Newsletter and the *Officer Review* magazine.

Scouting – BSA and GSA councils maintained and grew, despite Covid restrictions and unit support organizational limitations.

Patriotic Education – Transitioned Region VIII chapters to a Youth Leadership program, which will be coordinated at Regional level, with nominations and registrations, *online*. School districts are slowly responding as classes begin to return to normal.

Law and Order – maintained Dallas County Police Awards Committee relationships and added partnership with *One CommunityUSA* to our Law-and-Order recognition awards.

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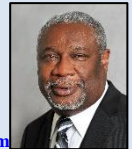
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