



Our Luncheon was held on 5 July, the day after Independence Day. The theme was "Let Freedom Ring". We were honored and overwhelmed to hear from eight different speakers, from eight different nations, - all first generation Americans. Each spoke from the heart, expressing their profound gratitude to live in a land in which the rights of individuals are protected by the ideals contained in the Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution.

This Month's Program, August 2023

Dr. Kyle Knapp proudly served in the US Army as a decorated, airborne, infantry soldier with deployments to Georgia, New York, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. He was Honorably discharged from the Army due to injuries to his spine.



Dr. Kyle Knapp

He completed graduate work at Life Chiropractic College in Haywood, CA. Dr. Knapp is an experienced chiropractor, who owns *Kurv O2*, Advanced Chiropractic Clinic, located in McKinney.

Dr. Knapp's injury from his military service inspired his life's work. He has forged relationships with a variety of government and military agencies, and he has pioneered emerging therapies into his practice.

He and his wife Kelly work together at *Kurv O2* and they have two sons, Nathan and Kyle.

Dr. Knapp will describe for us how his military injury led to accurately identifying and treating ligament trauma.

The Commander's Report, August 2023

"Things I believe in Never change."

My dear fellow Companions and Patriots of the Dallas Chapter: It is a privilege to begin my service to this chapter, of which I have been a member for about 25 years. May I begin by expressing our thanks to three Companions, who have served admirably and loyally for several years: **Bill Coleman** as Treasurer; **John Wagner** as Communications Committee Chair; and **Jamie Malakoff** as our Chaplain. We have been blessed to have three Companions step up to assume the duties of our departing team members: **David Wallace** as Treasurer; **Bob Ganson** as Communications Committee Chair; and **James Grogan** as Chaplain.



Your chapter will be represented at the national MOWW Convention in Annapolis, MD, by me, your current chapter commander; former national Commander in Chief, LTC Chuck Chamberlin; and past chapter commander, LTC Don Munson.

Potential Increase of Dues. One of the major items of business to be considered at the Convention will be an increase of Regular dues from \$40 to \$60 and an increase of Perpetual dues from \$350 to \$500.


Commander's Report (continued)

This proposal prompted me to send messages to 24 of our Companions, who are currently categorized as: **Regular** (i.e. annual dues payers).

At least seven of these Regulars have been motivated enough to become upgraded to **Perpetuals** - under the current dues schedule. If you sponsored (or know of anyone who is) a Regular Companion, please inform them of the pending increases. We have already convinced one to upgrade to Perpetual. Help us to convince the rest.

Hereditary Members: Our national organization has to be constantly cognizant and aware of an IRS rule that at least 75% of our Companions must be Veterans to maintain our tax exempt status. Obviously, our Companions who are veterans are counted as veterans, but we need to be constantly on the alert to identify any Hereditary, *who are also veterans*, whether they were Enlisted or Non-Commissioned Officers, if they were in the military, they meet the IRS requirement. With that in mind, if you know of any Hereditary Companions who are also veterans, please inform me so we can update our membership records.



Constant Contact. A major change in administration for our chapter relates to announcing our coming events and identifying intent to attend by the adoption of a  system. This system allows our Companions and Patriots to receive information on our next event and to register on the web site, utilizing a credit card or PayPal for payment. A PayPal account is not necessary. In fact, PayPal not only allows you to pay your \$35 electronically, it also charges us a 3% fee! Registering for our lunches now costs \$36. Payment by check is \$35, mailed to our Treasurer, whose address is noted in the Constant Contact announcement. Members who arrive, unannounced, as "Walk-ins," will be charged \$40 at the door.

Registration, *prior* to our luncheons, is essential to ensure the Park City Club sets up enough tables to meet the Headcount.

Investments. Our Endowment and Investment funds are being managed by Ameriprise Financial and they most generously have already bestowed upon our chapter a gift of \$10,000. I hope to announce soon an additional matching grant of another \$10,000.



The chapter is deeply grateful to our immediate past Commander, LtCol Michael Menefee, who is an associate at Ameriprise.

Fundraising. At our luncheon events, please do not miss an opportunity at the end of the sign-in table to buy six raffle tickets for \$5 for a chance to win a bottle of wine from the vineyards of our own Junior Vice Commander, Mark Smits. If your number is not drawn, you will be making a small contribution to a worthy cause within our chapter. We are also contemplating a monthly "50:50" drawing as an additional fundraising technique.



Thank you and stay cool the rest of the summer.

CPT Allen Clark, US Army (Ret)
Commander, Dallas Chapter MOWW
Vietnam Veteran (1966-1967)

Last Month's Program, JULY 2023

Let Freedom Ring

On the Fourth of July, our nation celebrated 247 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. That document enumerated the grievances of citizens of the 13 original colonies, signaling their intent to be self-governed.

The nation that evolved in the ensuing years has become a beacon of freedom to liberty loving people throughout the world. With all of its faults and failures, our nation continues to attract those who believe that the freedom to choose one's own path in life is an inherent right of every individual.



Brad Ackland (from Australia) surprised many by reminding them of the immense protective power of our Bill of Rights.

Our Speakers in July represented eight Americans from eight different nations of Europe, Asia, Africa, Central and South America, the Middle East, and Australia.

They have come to us from England, Kazakhstan, Vietnam, Egypt, Colombia, Mexico, Kuwait, and Australia. They now call the USA: "Home."

"Freedom is a fragile thing, and it is never more than one generation from extinction. Those in History who have known freedom and lost it, have never known it again....Ronald Reagan

To cherish the memories of the World Wars...

AUG 1945, THE END OF WORLD WAR II

Drew Coombs remembers his Grandfather, Commander **Charles Soden Coombs** (USN, Ret) who passed away in 2015. He was a Naval Aviator in the Pacific during WWII; a sub-hunter. He said his best memory from the war was being part of a search team that recovered all of the aircrew from a crash that happened a good distance from their boats. The Navy was using sub-killer aircraft, the Vought O2SU (Kingfisher) because they could land on their floats and scoop up an aircrew who was forced to ditch. The survival equipment worn by the pilots back then didn't have the locator beacons we use today, and a lot of the time pilots and crew were never recovered. Rescue at sea was still pretty rare.

Ron Forest's wife, *Redon's* dad, **James C Tompkins**, was an Infantry Lieutenant in the Pacific in WWII. He brought back a Sumari sword which he gave to Ron. Ron donated a brick in his honor at the WWII museum in New Orleans.

Ron also dedicated a brick in honor of his brother, Navy Seaman **Clyde Forest**, who served on a PC 461 submarine chaser in the Caribbean.

Ron's older sister's husband, **Floyd Moore**, was an infantryman in the 36th Infantry Division. Floyd's squad captured a German General in the closing days of the war. The German soldiers said their general would only surrender to an officer. The General surrendered to Lieutenant Moore. Floyd brought back the 9mm Luger, dagger, and helmet he received during this event.



Tom Garriss' cousin, Ensign **Edward Harding Seawell**, was killed in action, 9 August 1942, aboard the USS Quincy at Guadalcanal during the Battle of Savo Island. She was the first ship sunk. 370 sailors, including the captain were killed and another 167 wounded. Ensign Seawell was lost at sea.



Jim Vineyard's Father, **Roscoe O. Vineyard**, was a US Army Sergeant in Company C, 1308 Engineering Regiment in both the European and Pacific Theatres. After the Battle of the Bulge, his unit was redeployed to the Pacific where they were involved in Operations to seize and subsequently occupy Okinawa. Jim's Father in Law, **Avis A. Ruddick**, was a US Marine in Company B, 5th Pioneer Battalion, 5th Marine Division during the invasion of Iwo Jima. His Marines were assigned to the coming invasion of Japan. Once war was declared over, his unit was assigned to the Occupation Forces of Japan.



Bob Ganson's Godfather, **Col William Kevan**, USAF, was the Commander of Bob's KC135 Crew. Bill graduated from pilot training in February of 1941, prior to Pearl Harbor. He flew in the Ferry Command, moving aircraft from coast to coast. During the war, he flew transports in the South Pacific, troops, supplies, and med-evac. After the war, he was involved in the Berlin Airlift and eventually piloted KC-97 (*Stratofreighter*) tankers prior to transitioning to the KC135 (*Stratotanker*) and became my aircraft commander. He was the most professional pilot with whom I ever flew. Happy Landings, Bill.

King Moss' Father, **King Moss, Sr.**, was a US Marine in the Pacific. He did not talk much about the details of his service, probably because he saw a lot that he did not want to talk about. My Mom was a Nurse. Throughout the war she treated casualties in San Diego and San Francisco.



James Grogan's uncle, **Wilburn Grogan**, was a Navy Seaman aboard an LST in the Pacific. He was on board when an underwater mine ripped the ship in two. Nobody in our family saw him for the next three years. On the last day of the school year of my second grade, I looked up and to my astonishment, there stood my tall, amazing uncle, in his dress uniform with all his awards displayed. It was like a god had come to take me home. I ran across the room and wouldn't stop hugging him.



Upcoming Luncheon Speakers

Chapter Programs Just Keep Getting Better

*1 Aug 23 – “Health care for Military Veterans”
Dr. Kyle Knapp, former US Army Infantryman*

*5 Sep 23 – “National Medal of Honor Museum”
Michael Caldwell, Dir. of Ops & Veteran Support*

*3 Oct 23 – “JROTC Leadership Awards”
MG Al Zapanta, US Army (Ret)*

Companions Down

Keep them in your prayers.

We have been informed that **Bill Farmer’s** wife, **Claire**, lost her battle with Cancer on 4 July 2023. Bill has promised that he will keep us informed as final arrangements have been made. Please join us in extending your condolences to Bill. Even in his time of deep sorrow and mourning, he nevertheless took the time to talk to the students at the Texas Wesleyan University YLC and received a flood of compliments for his warmth and caring.



Long time Dallas Chapter Companion and Texas Aggie, Lt Col Jack Bond, US Air Force passed away on 23 June 2023. He was a Fighter pilot with over 3,900 hours in the Northrop F-89D (Scorpion) and the McDonnell RF101C (Voodoo). He was awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross, nine Air Medals, and numerous meritorious awards.



Both Gene and his wife, Phyliss, have been in and out of the hospital, lately. Gene underwent surgery for an intestinal problem, while Phyliss has had problems with blood clots in her lungs and legs. She is currently home and in recovery. Gene and Phyliss are both **Patriot** members. Gene was in US Army Special Forces in the highly secretive unit known as Special Operations Group (SOG) during the Vietnam war.



National Defense Briefing Series

Click [HERE](#) to view NDBS Seasons 1 & 2

*Jan 2024 – “Season Two Wrap-up”
Presentation of the Congressman Sam Johnson
Defender of Freedom Award*

No Security Briefing in September

*Date TBD – “NDBS Season Three”
Keep watching for Season Three Line-ups*

Deadline: December 2025

DOD requires new military ID’s.

All retired military personnel and dependents will need to get a new military retiree ID card as soon as possible. DOD has announced a phase-out date of December 2025 for the existing cards. After that date, personnel with the old ID cards will not be allowed to gain entry to a military base, use military medical facilities, commissaries, or post exchanges. JRB-NAS, Fort Worth is the closest metroplex facility to obtain new ID’s. Appointments must be scheduled. The renewal process takes about 20 minutes. Check to determine the necessary documents which must be presented, as the requirements may have changed.



Veterans Helping Veterans

Open to the Public

Any Companion needing assistance on programs available to veterans is cordially invited to attend this informative symposium, featuring former Army officer, Congressman Keith Self (TX, 3).

Who: Congressman Keith Self

What: Veterans Information Forum.

When: 9 Sep 23 from 10:00 until noon.

Where: Collin College, Wylie Conference Center, 391 Country Club Road, Wylie, TX 75098



Know Your New Companions

1LT William D. Wallace, US Army (Fmr)

William D. Wallace was born on May 21, 1966, in Durham, NC. He earned a BS in Economics from The University of Houston and a JD from the University of Oklahoma College of Law, having been the Editor-in-Chief of the American Indian Law Review.



William enlisted in the United State Marine Corps in 1983 and attended Boot Camp at San Diego, CA. He was assigned to HQ Battery, 2/14 Marines at NAS Dallas. In 1984, He transferred to the Texas Army National Guard and served as a crew chief on the UH-1H (Huey), later as an aeroscout observer in the OH-58A (Kiowa) with 1/124 Cav.

He earned a commissioned as a 2LT in the Corps of Engineers in 1988, then served as a Platoon Leader and later Commander of Co. E, 111th Engineer Battalion. He was honorably discharged as a 1LT in 1991.

William Wallace has served as an insurance counsel with Carnahan Thomas LLP, as General Counsel of Standard and US Lloyds Insurance Company, and as Fraud Counsel for Nationwide Insurance. In 2018 William Wallace was elected Judge of the 378th Judicial District Court in Ellis County, Texas. He presides over Family, Civil, Juvenile, Protective Order, and Veterans Treatment dockets. He is especially proud of the Veterans Court, which he founded with the Ellis County District Attorney.

William D. Wallace has served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Texas A&M University College of Law in Fort Worth for the past 14 years, where he teaches in the JD program and in the LLM program in Insurance and Risk Management.

William D. Wallace presently serves as Commander of the American Legion Chris Kyle Post 388 in Midlothian, Texas; is the immediate Past President of the Waxahachie Rotary Club, and a current Assistant District Governor of Rotary District 5810.

Judge Wallace and his wife, Billie, live in Waxahachie, TX. Billie serves on the City Council and is a retired Waxahachie Police Lieutenant with thirty years of service.

Captain Chase Cappo, US Army (Fmr)

Chase was born in Riverside, California. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree and a commission as a Second Lieutenant of Armor from the United States Military Academy at West Point. He was a four-year letterman as a varsity Army boxer.



Chase then served six years as a US Army officer in the South Pacific, completing the Army's Reconnaissance, Ranger, and Jungle Warfare training programs.

Upon completion of his military obligation, he resigned his commission and returned Stateside to earn an advanced degree. He received a Master's degree in Economics from the University of Oklahoma and joined the Sales and Trading division of Goldman Sachs.

He received multiple promotions, eventually becoming a Vice President in the Interest Rate Products business. He then joined Russell Reynolds' Executive Advisory and Selection practice.

Chase has also co-founded two successful start-ups. The first was Pleeb.co which is a subscription-based tech and design service for scaling start-up companies.

The second is BibleChat.Ai, an artificial intelligence app for consumers and a plug-in API/service for churches and other religious organizations to leverage the power of artificial intelligence chatbots for God's Kingdom to help share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Chase and his wife, Samantha, have two sons, under 3 years old. He and Samantha were leaders of the Texas chapter of My Faith Votes and are current members of Reunion Church in Dallas.

They love to host and lead a Bible-based Life Group in their home in Grapevine, TX.

National Defense and Homeland Security

FINLAND AND SWEDEN'S ENTRY INTO NATO: IMPLICATIONS FOR US POLICY"

By LtCol Michael W. Menefee, USMCR (Ret)

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was created in 1947 as a military alliance after World War II to deter the former Soviet Union (USSR) and Warsaw Pact threat. The US joined the military alliance in 1949. Each member country has agreed to defend every other country in the alliance from any third-party attack. During the Cold War, NATO did help deter the USSR and Warsaw Pact, and when the Cold War ended, the USSR collapsed, and the Warsaw Pact disintegrated. Today there are 31 member countries in NATO, twenty-nine countries are in Europe and two in North America. Each NATO country is required to make a two percent contribution of their GDP to allocate toward NATO, but only seven of the 31 countries do. Its primary headquarters is in Brussels, Belgium. Since the end of the Cold War, NATO has conducted military operations in Africa, the Balkans, the Middle East, and in South Asia.



Finland and Sweden have traditionally been neutral countries. Finland joined NATO in April 2023 and Sweden will become the 32nd member as it has just been voted into the NATO Alliance. This means all the Nordic countries are NATO countries. *Finland shares an 800-mile border with Russia and like Sweden has compulsory conscription. The Finns conscript only men, while Swedes conscript both men and women. This means they can rapidly mobilize their citizen reserve population.* Both Finland and Sweden expand NATO's northern flank. They have strong armies, navies, and air forces. These countries give the Baltic states more security, as Sweden has announced they will be reinforcing the defenses of Gotland Island, a 109-mile-long island in the Baltic Sea. *Finland and Sweden will increase NATO access to the Baltic Sea and Arctic Ocean and may restrict Russian naval operations in both.* After Russia invaded Ukraine, its violent warfare against the Ukrainian people dramatically shifted public opinion in Finland and Sweden.

This is the opposite effect that Putin thought he would achieve when he invaded Ukraine. He thought the war would end quickly with a Russian victory and Russia would regain some of its territory lost after the USSR collapsed at the end of the Cold War. Putin thought a quick decisive victory would force several European countries to reconsider their alliance with NATO and the US. Instead, the Russian fleet in the Baltic Sea is now surrounded by NATO countries, and NATO is much stronger - militarily, economically, and politically. At the same time, Russia is more isolated, has lost international prestige, and severely hurt its military. This war has demonstrated the poor leadership and strategy of Putin and his general staff. It also reduced Putin's internal and external power.

Some of the negative consequences of Finland and Sweden joining NATO is the alliance obligates the US to defend additional NATO countries. Also, the US may send F-16 jets to Turkey in exchange for lifting their veto over Sweden joining NATO. Current US civilian and military leaders should continue to be harshly judged for *abandoning over seven billion dollars in military equipment in Afghanistan which needs to be replaced, and for spending over \$77 billion in Ukraine without accounting where the money was spent. The US military is spread thin with deficiencies in recruiting, leadership, equipment, training, and budgets.* Increasing US military budgets, rather than proposing to decrease them, should increase equipment and weapons procurement. The US should seriously consider returning to having a mandatory universal military service requirement to help offset recruiting shortfalls. Maintaining a strong US defense policy is a sound strategic plan if the US intends to remain the preeminent superpower in the world, as global stability depends upon a competent and well-equipped US military.



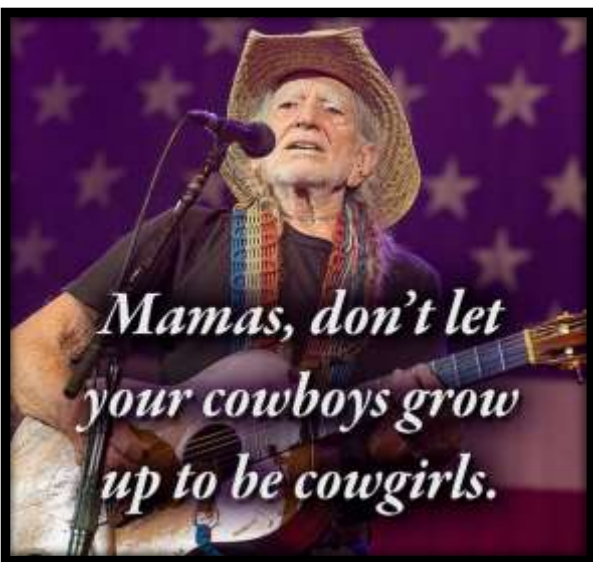
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Lighten Up

**On my way to tell
my wife she's wrong.**



*Mamas, don't let
your cowboys grow
up to be cowgirls.*



**I just switched my
"20-year home
mortgage" to a
"student loan."**



Happy Birthday

"The secret to Birthdays is to pick one you like and stick to it!" ...Snoopy

2 August	Mr Ian Barton
4 August	Mr Paul Epply-Schmidt
4 August	Lt Col Sid Snedeker
5 August	CPT James Runzheimer
8 August	LT Thor James Hansen
8 August	CPT Chris Kite-Powell
9 August	Capt Paul Welch
12 August	MAJ Doug Gagliano
12 August	CPT Tom Garriss
13 August	CPT Ira Archer
13 August	MAJ Docia Buckner
14 August	JUSTICE Lana Myers
14 August	Capt William Sweitzer
15 August	CPT Bernard Kenan
16 August	LTC Fred Holland
17 August	Capt Stanley Seat
17 August	Brig Gen Michael Torma
18 August	Lt David Dewhurst
19 August	MAJ Ivan Wong
21 August	Ms. Christine Hogan
21 August	CPT Peter Maurer
21 August	HPM Scott Murray
23 August	Mr. William Farmer
23 August	Mr. Louis Felini
26 August	Ms. Catherine Moore
26 August	LT Jerry Prater
27 August	LT Thomas Meyer
27 August	LTC Don Munson
28 August	CPT Katherine Stewart



Your Dallas Chapter, July 2023



The first order of business at our monthly Luncheons is the Induction of new Companions. July's meeting brought a cornucopia of new members. The photo above shows sponsors pinning lapel pins on their recruits. (l to r) Marshall Myles pins Juan Saldivar with wife, Dawn, looking on, John Wagner pins Greg Schmitz, Linda Clarke pins Lainie Myer, Don Munson pins Janet Rawe, and dad, Rick Groesch, II, pins his son, Rick Groesch, III.



Following induction of the Regular Companions, we inducted two more Perpetuals. (l to r) Don Munson who sponsored Col Rick Groesch, Jr., (US Air Force, Ret), and Bennett Cervin, who sponsored CPT William Harper, (US Army Reserve)



At the June Luncheon, Michael Menefee presented a Silver Patrick Henry to Sr. Vice Commander Natan Ton That. When he hung it in his office, the Owner insisted that the entire staff share in Natan's prestigious award.



Everyone who has visited one of our Texas Youth Leadership Conferences has commented that they are the best activity in which our Chapter and the Military Order are involved. The photo above is the fourth and final Youth Leadership Conference of the summer. The Director of the Texas A&M YLC is MG Gary Bunch, (right, kneeling) who is also Director of the Texas Patriotic Education Foundation that oversees the YLC programs! It is our sacred duty to prepare Tomorrow's Leaders. This is where we do it.

Installation Banquet, JUNE 2023



These are the Speakers who reminded us so eloquently that this is truly The Land of the Brave and the Home of the Free. (l to r) Hala Askar (Egypt), Mark Witham (England), Diane Crenshaw (Colombia), Victor Avila (Mexico)



Julia Sharapova (Kazakhstan), Natan Ton That (Vietnam) and Brad Ackland (Australia). Chapter Commander Allen Clark invited popular singer and entertainer, Danny Griego, to join us. Danny played an inspirational version of Lee Greenwood's "Proud to be an American," which was the perfect cap to an unforgettable Luncheon.





" ONE NATION UNDER GOD"

As we look back on the day we celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence, it is appropriate that we pay tribute to our country and offer praise to GOD for His blessings and guidance upon the Founding Fathers of our country.

Our nation is the marvel of the entire world. We are indeed fortunate to be the citizens of a great nation like America.

We have both a Christian and a Patriotic duty to help our nation to be a better place in which to work and worship.

On the fourth of July, some explode fireworks, some display flags, and others hold Patriotic picnics.

Perhaps the greatest service that we could render to our nation would be to spend some time in earnest prayer that it might continue to be worthy of God's blessings.

The Bible says: "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God." (Romans 13:1)

God bless each of you.

James Grogan
Chapter Chaplain

Mark Your Calendar

Chapter Lunch, 1 Aug 23



Note that the August Luncheon will be held on the first Tuesday, as usual.

Join us to bid farewell to the summer of 2023 and the latest Texas heatwave records.

**NATIONAL CONVENTION,
1-6 Aug 23**



The annual assembly of MOWW Companions is in Annapolis, Maryland, this year. The recipient of the 2023 *Distinguished Service Award* is Vice Admiral Sean S. Buck, Superintendent of the United States Naval Academy.

September Events

Chapter Lunch, 5 Sep 23



Our Speaker will be Michael Caldwell, Director of Operations for the Medal of Honor Museum

Foundation. The final beam of structural steel has been installed. The Museum is on track for opening on National Medal of Honor Day, March 25, 2025.

AUSA Dinner, 9 Sep 2023



Army Scholarship Foundation fundraiser to support spouses and children of soldiers, who serve our country and defend our freedoms. The Foundation distributes college scholarship grants to students in need of financial aid.

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Notice: Next Commander's Staff Meeting will be held Thursday, 17 AUG 2023 at 16:00 p.m. This will be a ZOOM meeting. Check your Inbox in mid-August for the link to the ZOOM website.