



# Dallas Military Order News



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**Best Large Chapter in the Nation**

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Golfers will be encouraged to **Play Through** when encountering distractions on the course during our First Annual Patriot's Golf Tournament at the Heritage Country Club in Fairview, on 27 April 2018. We continue to encourage all Companions to become an Individual or Corporate Sponsor. Proceeds from the Tournament will fund our numerous youth, leadership, and community involvement activities throughout the year.

## This Month's Program, April 2018

### **"ISIS: Understanding the Threat"**

John Guandolo, is a 1989 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, who received his commission as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps.



**John Guandolo**, FBI Special Agent for counterterrorism

In 1996, Mr. Guandolo joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation, serving in the Washington Field Office.

After starting his FBI career in narcotics, Mr. Guandolo transferred to the Counterterrorism Division, developing expertise in Islamic Doctrine, the global Islamic Movement, and the many

variations and spin-off terrorist organizations.

In 2006, Mr. Guandolo was designated a "*Subject Matter Expert*" by FBI Headquarters. He created and implemented the FBI's first Counterterrorism Training Program focused on Islamic Doctrine.

Former Special Agent Guandolo is the founder of *Understanding the Threat*, an organization dedicated to providing strategic and operational threat-focused consultation, education, and training for federal, state and local leadership and agencies, and designing strategies at all levels of the community in order to counter the threat posed by global Islamic extremists.

## Commander's Corner

### **North Texas Military Foundation Ball, 14 Apr 18**



**All Companions**, are invited to attend the annual Black Tie / Dress Blues / Mess Dress Military Ball. on Saturday, **14 April 2018** at the Irving Convention Center, 500 West Las Colinas Boulevard, Irving, TX The cost to former military is \$135 per person for dinner and entertainment. (Hotel Reservations can be made at the nearby elegant Omni Mandalay, (866-238-8235). Mandalay Hotel's discount cost is \$95.00 (including tax). Entertainment and dance music will be provided by The Walton Stout Band. Purchase your tickets on line at [www.greaterdallasmilitaryfoundation.org/ball.html](http://www.greaterdallasmilitaryfoundation.org/ball.html).

Be sure to indicate your desire to be seated with: **"The Military Order of the World Wars"**.



LTC Jim Blunk, US Army (Ret)  
Dallas Chapter, Commander

## The National Commander-in-Chief

### The MOWW CINC is coming to Dallas

Each year, the Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order visits Dallas to enjoy an action-packed, fun-filled weekend.

The highlight of the MOWW weekend is the **Friday Night** four-Chapter party for the CINC and his First Lady. National Commander-in-Chief, David Gibson, and his wife, Diane, look forward to meeting you all. The Reception hour will begin Friday evening, **13 April 18**, at 6:00 p.m. The Dinner will begin at 7:00 p.m.

All Companions and their "Chiefs of Staff" are cordially invited to join fellow members, from the four MOWW chapters of the Greater DFW area, at [Omni Dallas Hotel at Park West](#) (1590 LBJ Freeway) ([click on the link for more info](#)).

The following evening, on **Saturday Night**, 14 April 18, we will reconvene to enjoy the largest Military Ball of the year. (Details concerning the Ball can be found on [page one](#).)

### 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 select over 325 students (from high schools throughout Texas) to attend one of the annual Southwest Youth Leadership Conferences.

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

Please Step Forward and volunteer to be an Interviewer. Your reward will be an affirmation in the future of our nation that you get when you listen to these gifted and exceptional students.

This year will feature a **1st** ever. It is the first time that one of the YLCs will be conducted on the campus of a university in Dallas –The University of Texas, Dallas (UTD).



Col David Gibson, MOWW Commander-in-Chief

## Guest Speakers

### Speaker Programs Just Keep Getting Better

**3 Apr 18 – John Guandolo, National Security Analyst**  
"Understanding the Islamic Threat"

**1 May 18 – Kevin Freeman, (not yet confirmed)**  
"Global Economic Warfare"

**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 Commander presents:**  
"Top YLC Bronze Patrick Henry Awards"

### Officer of the Month

#### Chapter salutes Dallas' Finest Officers in Blue

On 25 Mar 18, Past Chapter Commander, Captain Paul Brown, presented Dallas Police Officer **Joe King** (#7482), our Outstanding Service Citation for his selection as March's **Officer of the Month**.

Officer King has devoted years of exceptional service to the South-Central Division and the Legal Services Unit. His extraordinary expertise and professionalism, while



Former Chapter Commander Paul Brown presented our Certificate of Commendation to Dallas Police Officer Joe King.

filing thousands of criminal cases, with all appropriate legal and laws enforcement agencies, has earned him praise from attorneys throughout the State.

His intimate knowledge of procedures has made him the primary trainer for Detectives of the Family Violence Unit, the Narcotics Division, and the CAPERS Division. Officer King 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, 19 APR 18, at 1:30 p.m.

# KNOW YOUR COMPANIONS

## Marc Liebman, Captain, US Navy

Marc Liebman was commissioned as an ensign in the US Navy in 1968. Within a year, he had earned the wings of a Naval Aviator. He deployed to Vietnam, and later served in the Mediterranean, as well as the Persian Gulf, Norwegian and Black Sea, flying helicopters on combat search and rescue, special operations, anti-submarine warfare and logistics support missions, while working with the armed forces of the Pacific Rim.



During Operation Desert Storm, he was responsible for the tasking and employment of 140 helicopters from fourteen nations. He retired as a Navy Captain after twenty-four years, with just under 5,000 hours of flight time in a variety of tactical military and civilian fixed and rotary wing aircraft.

In retirement, Marc has been a partner in two different consulting firms; CEO of an aerospace manufacturing company; a corporate pilot; Editor of a national magazine; and Founder of a marketing agency.

As corporate Senior Vice President for a 27,500-person business services provider, headquartered in Mumbai, India, he ran internal consulting practices, and was the special projects officer for the CEO.

Marc has authored five novels, the most recent one, *Inner Look*, was released in March 2017. Six months after his first book was released it was ranked #48 in Amazon's list of Top 100 war novels. All five of his novels are available through Amazon, Fireship Press, or the Penmore Press and can be found on-line.

The central character in all the novels is a Naval Aviator, Josh Haman. His close friend, Marty Cabot, is a Navy SEAL and together they solve problems and chase bad guys. Each book has events from Marc's experiences in the Navy and his career in the business world.

Marc and his wife of 47 years, Betty, have two children a daughter and a son. They live in North Texas and spend lots of time traveling in their RV and visiting their four grandchildren.

## Kevin Hanford, Lt Col, US Air Force

Kevin Hanford earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering from Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona. Upon graduation, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the US Air Force. And then, five years after his graduation from Arizona State, Kevin earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Chaminade University, in Honolulu, HI, majoring in Administration and Management.



He later attended the US Army Command and General Staff College, in Fort Leavenworth, KS, after which he pulled a penance tour in the Pentagon.

Within a year of his commissioning, Kevin had earned his wings as a McDonnell Douglas F-15C (*Eagle*) pilot, including two years leading fighter squadron operations. He is credited with more than 3,500 flying hours.

Kevin retired as a Lieutenant Colonel with over 21 years of active duty service and joined Sperry Van Ness as Managing Director of their Commercial Real Estate Division. He is a Certified Commercial Investments Manager (CCIM) and has closed over \$200 million dollars in Multi-family transactions, winning the prestigious Partners Circle Award in 2009.

Kevin was hired by SGI Partners of Orange County, California to be their Director of Acquisitions. He spent three years with them, during which time he acquired over \$40 million in multi-family properties.

Moving to Dallas, he joined Insight Housing, LLC, a multi-family investment company which focused on all-cash, \$5 to \$15 million properties. After four years with Insight Housing, he opened Hanford Investments, LLC, a privately owned real estate investment company focused on properties that produce strong cash flows and high yield returns.

Kevin and his wife, Paula, live in Fate, Texas, located in the center of Rockwall County.

# Happy Birthday, Companions

## “With Age, Wisdom comes” Yoda

- 5 April COL John Moffett
- 6 April LT Bill Pry
- 6 April Maj Howard Roberts
- 7 April LtCol Gregory Dowell
- 7 April MG Keith Thurgood
- 10 April Capt Edward Fitzmaurice
- 10 April COL Robert Gill
- 11 April CAPT Barry Brown
- 12 April Capt Kirk Bell
- 13 April LTC Robert Davis
- 16 April Capt Earl Barnette
- 18 April MAJ Paul Divis
- 18 April CPT Lee Drain
- 20 April MR Christopher Rajala
- 20 April MR John Rajala
- 20 April MR Lamar Richardson
- 21 April MS April Adams
- 21 April Col Mark Kipphut
- 22 April LTC Woody Alexander
- 24 April LTC Michel Minear
- 26 April LTC Jesse Bullard
- 26 April COL Alan DiMiero
- 26 April COL William Lee
- 26 April Lt (JG) Win Padgett
- 27 April LTC Christopher Carney
- 27 April MAJ Paul Rittmuller



## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Patriots' Golf Tournament

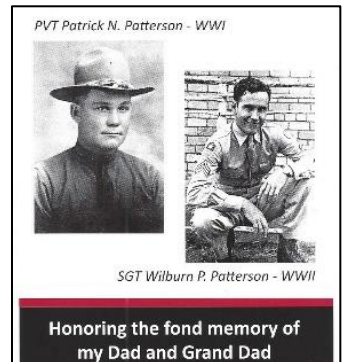
### Honor a Family Member

One of the innovations that we have initiated as a Fund-raising incentive is our “*In Memoriam*” page in the Golf Tournament Program.

For a small \$25 donation, an entry will appear in the Program honoring the military service of your [Father, Mother, Uncle, Aunt] or *anyone* you choose to honor.

For a modestly larger donation of \$50, you may add a treasured photo of your Dad in his uniform.

The money is for a great cause and the pleasant memories your thoughtfulness will bring to you and your loved ones will make you wish you had given more.



### Annual End of the Year Best Chapter Entries

#### Chapter Entries are Due by 1 May 2018

Your Chapter has been awarded the title of 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. Submission requirements are IAW the MOWW Policy Manual, as supplemented by the applicable national committee’s guidance. Late submissions will not be accepted.

**Extract from Officer Review, Apr 2018**

# Chapter Activities in the month of March



Great location, buffet to die for, Speakers that educate and motivate, Companionship, and camaraderie. These are a just few of the factors that contribute to the continuing growth and involvement of the Dallas Chapter. The March Luncheon was another Full House.



LT **Don Crusius** (USAF) and CPT **Ira Archer** (USA) joined the Chapter as Regular Companions. Don served from 1962-1966, and now lives in Addison. Ira served from 1964-1968. He lives on Greenville Avenue in Dallas. Both officers were sponsored by the inimitable CPT **Allen Clark**, who has now recruited **43** new members for our Chapter. Allen, you are The Apostle.



Maj **Bob Williams**, Region 8 Commander, came to Dallas to remind the Chapter of the CINC Supper on Friday, 13 Apr 18 at the Omni Hotel, Dallas Park West



MG **Gary Bunch**, Senior Vice Commander, briefed the Chapter on the status of the fundraising for our Patriots Golf Tournament, Friday, 27 Apr 18



Eleven of the Chapter's former Commanders gathered for a photo op following the March meeting. *Left to right:* Col Cliff Way, LTC Ken Boatman, Capt Paul Brown, LTC Jim Blunk, Capt John Hayes, CAPT Rollie Stevens, LTC Chuck Chamberlin, LTC Walt Capps, Col Joe Cordina, COL Ron Forest, and LTC King Moss. Cliff, John, and Rollie are also former **Commanders-in-Chief** of the Order.



**The Lord is my Shepherd.  
23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm**

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 is saying?

"I shall not want" should read, "I shall not lack."

In our physical life, "*green pastures*" are symbols of prosperity and provision that we desire.

In our emotional life, we long for the "*still waters*" that are sadly missing from our frustrated society.

In our spiritual life, restoring one's "*soul*" when a loved one has left us, is a daily prayer.

In the crises of our lives, "*the valley of the shadow of death*" is the price that we pay for the privilege of life.

When we walk through the shadow of death, we need fear no evil for His comfort is with us.

The Sunday School child was correct. He is all we need.

*"The Lord is my Shepherd, that's all I want!"*



Last Month's Program, Mar 2018

**"The Threat and the Options"**

From the moment he took the microphone, Marc Liebman made the hair on the back of your neck stand up.

After twenty-four years as a US Naval Aviator and combat veteran, Marc proceeded to paint the picture of the surprisingly real and present danger that North Korean leadership continues to pose to the US and the world, today.

He reminded his riveted audience that the United States - and the 15 nations who fought alongside of us during the Korean War - are *still* at war with the Democratic People's Republic of North Korea.



Marc Liebman briefed the chapter on the current troubles in the Pacific Rim

Marc has written and lectured extensively on the diminutive and mercurial *Dear Leader*, who desperately desires to be invited to the table with the adult nations of the world.

In addition to his superior grasp of the nuances of dealing with supreme leader, Kim Jong-Un, Marc brought to the table a lifetime of experience, having worked with the allied armed forces of Britain, Australia, Canada, Japan, Thailand, South Korea, and the Philippines.

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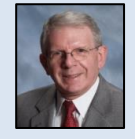
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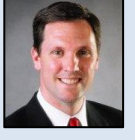
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