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BEST LARGE MOWW CHAPTER IN THE NATION



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This Month's Speaker



Joyce Denke

A touch of Home, the story of the Red Cross girls in Vietnam

Joyce Denke is from the small town of Riesel near Waco, Texas. Joyce graduated from Mary Hardin Baylor College in Belton, Texas with a degree in sociology and a minor in physical education. After graduation, she was named to the Outstanding Young Women of America. She joined the Red Cross to go to Vietnam after college where she served as a "Donut Dollie" from Oct 70-to Oct 71. Upon her return to the States, Joyce worked for the Red Cross in the Hospital Recreation Program at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas. Joyce was the owner of an independent insurance agency in Groesbeck, Texas for 28 years. Joyce retired in 2009 and hasn't stopped since! Joyce is a breast cancer survivor and is a volunteer fly fishing instructor for a breast cancer retreat. Joyce is an avid outdoor person who enjoys golf, hunting, and fishing. She has spoken to groups all over Texas about Vietnam and welcomes the opportunity to tell their unique story.

❖ **When:** April 1st, 2025 11:15 AM - 1.00 PM

❖ **Where:** Park City Club 5956 Sherry Lane, Dallas



COMMANDER'S REPORT



I have a personal announcement to make. After six months of background investigations, physical tests, medical and psychological evaluations, I have been accepted into the Police Academy. My passion to serve America and our communities started at an early stage of my adult life. I volunteered with the U.S. Peace Corps after college and then enlisted in the U.S. Army after graduate school. Around the year 2000, I wanted to become a police officer, but I was told that there was a cut-off age. That dream disappeared instantly. Twenty years later, the police profession became 'the most hated profession' after the George Floyd incident. Following the Defund the Police Movement the shortest of law enforcement officers has changed many agencies' policy on upper age limit. So, it is an honor and privilege to be able to have an

opportunity at my age to step up to serve our community. As a result, I will have to miss the April and May MOWW meetings because of my police training at the Academy. I will be present at our June Installation Banquet to observe the installation of our new officers. My term as Commander will end after the Installation Banquet effective on June 3, 2025. In the meantime, Senior Vice Commander CPT Mark Smits has graciously agreed to run the April and May Meetings.

There are 3 important events in April that we should all try to support by attending or participate as volunteers: 1) April 16 we will host our MOWW Golf Challenge at the Courses at Watters Creek 2) April 27 is the National Defense Briefing Series (NDBS) program 'Great Power Competition,' with LT General (Ret) Dave Deptula. April 30 – "A Salute to Vietnam Veterans" at the National Medal of Honor Museum in Arlington, Texas to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War. MOWW is a co-sponsor of this free event. Registration is required because of limited seating:

<https://givebutter.com/asalutetovietnamveterans>

DALLAS CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

March Luncheon

Vietnam Veteran, Purple Heart, John Bagwell, who served in the US Army shared his inspiring story of survival against all odds in South Vietnam. John showed how he found humor in the face of tragedy further captivating and motivating the participants with his unique style of delivery.



(Photo 1) LT Chuck Daniels presented an MOWW Certificate of Commendation to the Dallas Police Department Officer of the Month at the March luncheon of the DCPAC (Dallas Community Police Appreciation Council).

(Photos 2 & 3) MOWW Chapter companions making announcements during the March Luncheon regarding existing programming and upcoming events.

The 2025 MOWW Nominating Committee

My fellow MOWWers; I am the chair of the nominating committee for our chapter and the major announcement I will make at our April 1 is the nominees for our new year beginning Jul 1, 2025 especially a new Treasurer and Jr. Vice Commander.

I also am going to introduce our Outreach Committee Chairs and request our attendees at the luncheon know to give suggestions to each of you for areas in which your outreach may become involved.

If you are available, please be sure to attend the luncheon.

Allen B. Clark

NATIONAL & HOMELAND SECURITY REPORT

THE DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY IS A NATIONAL SECURITY IMPERATIVE

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

The Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) is the government organization undertaking the first federal budget audit since WWII. The controversial department is saving US taxpayers today billions of dollars by using Artificial Intelligence and updated software. AI sorts through millions of lines of budget code and has found the administrative state misspent billions of dollars funding political slush fund projects. Data says that 92% of the administrative state (full-time government employees) are registered Democrats. Effectively, lawmakers have delegated many of the legislative branch duties to full-time government employees. The Supreme Court recently overturned the ability of the administrative state to write laws, levy fees or fines. Many of the projects intended for US citizens instead funded affirmative action, abnormal behaviors, animal studies, DEI, CRT, and other agendas not supported by most Americans. A substantial amount of corrupt money, fraud, and waste was funneled to nongovernmental organizations to fund illegal migrant housing, food, clothing, medical care, airfare, cell phones, credit cards, and education. Other funds were spent on wasteful climate and green energy initiatives in the US, and non-friendly countries. DOGE employees using AI and computer software are uncovering billions of dollars of corruption, fraud, and waste in DOD, Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. Over \$1T taxpayer funds were stolen during COVID. Tens of thousands of government bureaucrats have been laid off starting with those who do not show up to work. Dozens of empty government office buildings in Washington, DC will be repurposed. They are currently empty, as many government workers “work remotely.” The goal of DOGE is to modernize federal agency computers, technology, and software. A secondary goal is to reduce corruption, waste, and fraud. Cabinet secretaries approve all DOGE layoffs.

Elon Musk, a multi-billionaire and one of the wealthiest men in the world, is leading the DOGE effort. He is the creative, serial business entrepreneur who founded the Boring Company (a tunnel transportation company), SpaceX, and Tesla. He co-founded OpenAI (an artificial intelligence company) and Neuralink (a brain-computer interface company). Musk also bought Twitter which he renamed X. Elon Musk was born in South Africa and legally immigrated to the US where he earned two bachelor's degrees (physics and economics) from the University of Pennsylvania. He has hired multiple CEOs, dozens of young programmers, computer scientists, and accountants to sift through hundreds of thousands of lines of budget coding, which little attention had been paid to in earlier administrations. Each DOGE hire is a federal contractor or employee. Those working with classified budgets and data have clearances. Musk is a Senior Advisor to President Trump and like President Trump is also working without a paycheck.

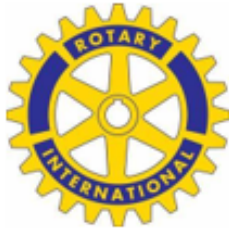
DOGE may save the national treasury a trillion (T) dollars of taxpayer money. Today, the US debt is approaching \$37T and the interest on the debt is greater than the DOD budget. Without drastic measures, government benefits such as Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and Veterans benefits may have to be reduced within two years. DOGE found the previous administration used funds from the VA to fund luxury hotel accommodations for illegal aliens and used FEMA funds for illegals instead of giving disaster relief to American citizens (for floods, hurricanes, tornados, fires, and earthquakes). Social Security has 20,000,000 people over age 100 on its rolls. The SBA gave infants millions of dollars in loans. DOGE cuts will streamline Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and save over \$8B in DOD waste. Its technology will help reduce corruption, waste, and fraud, from all federal bureaucracies and departments. DOGE cuts are a national security imperative and will strengthen the dollar and economy.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MILITARY ORDER OF WORLD WARS GOLF CHALLENGE SUPPORTED BY THE RICHARDSON AND PLANO ROTARY CLUBS



MILITARY ORDER
OF THE WORLD WARS



Supporting Youth Leadership and Veterans in Texas: **(Tax Deductible)**

- 1) High school students attending Rotary and MOWW Youth Leadership Conferences
- 2) Non-Profit veteran's groups in the DFW area

April 16, 2025

Golf: 4:15 9 Hole 2 person Scramble

Putting: 4:30

Dinner and Awards Served After Match

CoChairs: Mark Smits mmwsmits@aol.com

(972) 342-8901

John Caldwell Johnrcaldwell@verizon.net

(972) 948-4883

Golf Registration – 2-person Scramble

\$200 Early bird registration **(tax-deductible)**

\$300 Registration after 3/1 **(all per Scramble)**

Putting Registration – 2-person Scramble

\$50 Early bird registration \$75 after March 1



Registration Link:

The Courses at Watters Creek

7201 Chase Oaks Blvd

Plano, Texas 75025

Gen DD Eisenhower Event Sponsor - \$10,000

- 5 Team Entries
- Sporting Clays Shotgun Clinic for 4 people
- Company name and logo on all correspondence

Gen GC Marshall Beverage Cart Sponsor - \$5,000

- 3 Team Entries
- Sporting Clays Shotgun Clinic for 2 people
- Company name and logo on all beverage cart

Gen GS Patton Golf Cart Sponsor - \$5,000

ADM C Nimitz Love the Military Sponsor - \$2,500

Medal of Honor Hole Sponsor - \$1,000

Gen John J. Pershing Team Sponsor - \$1,000

- 4 players
- Archery Clinic for 4 people

Gen Douglas MacArthur Team Sponsor - \$500

- 2 players **Or you can sponsor 2 veterans**
- Archery Clinic for 4 people

Sponsor Chair Robert Epstein

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*"People who have the most birthdays –
Live the Longest"*



4 April ADM Bobby Inman
4 April LT David Iverson
5 April COL John Moffett
6 April LT Bill Pry
6 April Maj Howard Roberts
7 April MG Charles Aris
7 April LtCol Gregory Dowell
7 April MG Keith Thurgood
10 April Capt Ed Fitzmaurice
10 April HPM Anne Gentry
10 April COL Robert Gill
11 April CAPT Barry Brown
12 April HPM Carolina Pace
13 April LTC Robert Davis
14 April LT Richard Forster
16 April Capt Earl Barnette
18 April MAJ Paul Davis
20 April Mr. Chris Rajala
20 April MR John Rajala
20 April MR Lamar Richardson
21 April MS April Adams
22 April LTC Woody Alexander
24 April LTC Michel Minear
26 April LTC Jesse Bullard
26 April COL Alan DiMiero
26 April COL Ed Elder
26 April COL William Lee
27 April LTC Chris Carney
27 April MAJ Paul Rittmuller
28 April Lt Gen John Campbell
29 April LTC Gilbert Bernabe

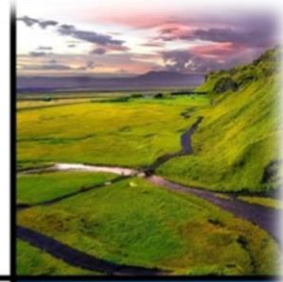


~ Lighten Up ~

**BELIEVES WE LIVE
IN A SIMULATION**

**STILL WANTS TO
SAVE THE PLANET**

ICELAND



GREENLAND



WAR HAS A LOT MORE SITTING AND WAITING



THAN I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



In Memoriam

Dallas Chapter Companion Thomas Max Nygaard passed away into the loving arms of his savior, Jesus Christ, while holding his wife's hand, at the age of 90. Max will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and many acquaintances. His balanced nature was such that he was equally comfortable talking to a roughneck on a drilling rig or the President of the United States. His quick wit, loyalty, and tremendous sense of optimism brought joy to all he knew.

Max was born on September 27th, 1934, in Haynesville, Louisiana to Lois Marie McClurkin and Marinus Jensen Nygaard. The son of a Danish immigrant, he studied to be a concert violinist at the Juilliard School of Music and the Kings Conservatory in Copenhagen. He came to Dallas in search of a music degree from Southern Methodist University. While in school, he served in the Air National Guard where he broke his little finger sadly ending his violin career. He later attended the University of Texas Law School in Austin where he met his bride of 65 years, Shirley Walters. After marrying Shirley, they moved to Dallas where he worked for The Travelers Insurance Company, Mercantile National Bank, and eventually as an independent oil and gas operator and landman where he garnered most of his personal success. Max served as President of Dallas Civic Music and The Dallas Symphony Music Board. He was a sponsor for 500 Inc. and served on the Board for the Dallas Council on World Affairs. Max also enjoyed serving the City of University Park on the City Finance Committee and as Vice President of Southwest Higher Education Authority and President of Texas Higher Education Authority. On a personal level, his family and the Church of the Incarnation were of utmost importance to him. He played an active role being "Papa" to his grandsons. Max also loved gardening at his home. He enjoyed his memberships in the Society of the Cincinnati, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and The Military Order of the World Wars. Max is survived by his wife Shirley, his daughter and son-in-law, Alicia and Nace Formagus, Jr., his grandsons Lee William McNutt and Thomas Max Nygaard McNutt, as well as their families and six great-grandchildren.

The Memorial Service for Dallas Chapter Companion 2nd LT Thomas Max Nygaard will be at 10am April 3, 2025 at Church of the Incarnation 3966 McKinney Ave. Dallas, TX 75204.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- ❖ April 14th, 2025 – Air Force Reserve Birthday
- ❖ April 16th, 2025 – [MOWW Golf Challenge](#)
- ❖ April 27th, 2025 – [National Defense Briefing Series](#)
- ❖ April 30th, 2025 – [A Salute to Vietnam Veterans](#)