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Companions,

What a great turnout we had to honor two outstanding Youth Leadership Conference “top performer” students from Wylie East High School. This was such an honor and privilege to recognize and award these two outstanding students and future leaders. What is remarkable is that they gave up part of their summer to do this – this speaks volumes about the future of our young future leaders. We ask all our YLC attendees to take what they’ve learned about Leadership, Americanism, Patriotism, fundamentals of Citizenship, our free enterprise system and our Judicial System and share that experience with their peers. There is no doubt in my mind that both Christopher and Treyden will do that.



Christopher Troncoso & Treyden Hallan

Both students were awarded the prestigious MOWW Youth Merit Medal by MOWW North Texas Chapter Commander CWO4 Jacques Loraine USA (Ret) and North Texas Chapter Vice Commander MG Gary Bunch USA (Ret) for “Outstanding Leadership and demonstrated Patriotism at the 2022 Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) held at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas. They consistently demonstrated powerful leadership, superb articulation, outstanding intellect and superior poise and self-confidence

throughout the YLC conference. Acknowledged by their peers as Top Performers at their YLC, they comported themselves with confidence, thoughtfulness, and deep understanding of leadership principles during the entire period, both inside and outside of the YLC workshops”.

As I mentioned to the Wylie TX City Council on August 23rd, I’d like the North Texas Chapter of the MOWW in partnership with the City Governments, their associated ISDs and other veterans’ organizations to conduct one-day, focused Youth Leadership Seminars for our youth to better understand City Governance, its many functions/operations, and “how to get youth involved as future leaders”. Companions, I need your help to make this happen.

Very Respectfully,

Jacques Loraine, Commander
MOWW North Texas Chapter 234
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Companion Birthdays

- 9 October**— Capt. Lyle Digby USA (Fmr)
- 12 October** — Capt. Scott O’Grady USAF (Fmr)
- 12 October** — Capt. John Hayes USAF (Fmr)
- 13 October** — Lt. Jonathan Mitchell USN (Ret)



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MOWW North Texas Chapter Youth Leadership Awards Banquet



(Left to Right) - Colonel Brooks McFarland US Air Force (Ret) / Wylie East Senior AFJROTC Aerospace Instructor, Ms Emily Ragsdale / Wylie East High School Counselor, Dr. Shelley Garrett GISD Asst. Superintendent, Student/Cadet Christopher Troncoso Wylie East HS, Student/Cadet Treyden Hallan Wylie East HS, Parents Shannan and Jeff Hallan, and Chief Warrant Officer Four US Army (Ret) and MOWW North Texas Chapter Commander Jacques Loraine.



(Left to Right) - Major General US Army (Ret) and MOWW North Texas Vice Commander Gary Bunch, Student/Cadet Christopher Troncoso Wylie East HS, and Chief Warrant Officer Four US Army (Ret) and MOWW North Texas Chapter Commander Jacques Loraine



(Left to Right) - Major General US Army (Ret) and MOWW North Texas Vice Commander Gary Bunch, Student/Cadet Treyden Hallan Wylie East HS, and Chief Warrant Officer Four US Army (Ret) and MOWW North Texas Chapter Commander Jacques Loraine.

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Chaplain's Corner

LTC Robert Welch II, USA (Ret)

"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:29-31



This month has been an exceptional rough one for the family. Our AC coil decided to die (major \$ there); doctor visits complete with MRI, X-rays and fluoroscopic spinal injections, swollen joints and legs as well as regular aches and pains. But the most painful was the deaths of two of my closest church brothers; men I had known for over 25 years. Both were Army vets, proud of their service and mine too; and both were there to support us when our son was KIA. Rich had served in Vietnam as a commo wireman in the bush and Joe was an AGGIE through and through with Cold War experience.

We were part of a special bond that all service folks have and now I had lost my most valuable support network. When they passed, I was pretty torn up and I spoke at Joe's service at DFW National Cemetery about his love of country and patriotism. As I pondered what to say at his service, through my grief, I found Isaiah 40 and the words began to fill me with hope and knowledge of their life's fulfillment. I know where they are; not in pain, no lost thoughts and no suffering, greatly enjoying their rewards.

These verses have helped me get relief to my grieving by knowing that my God strengthens me when I lean on him for support. Now let's work on these aches and pains!

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Historical US Military Events

October 8, 1918 - During World War I in the Argonne Forest in France, U.S. Sergeant Alvin C. York single-handedly took out a German machine-gun battalion and capturing 132. He was later awarded the Medal of Honor and the French Croix de Guerre.

October 13, 1775 - The United States Navy was born after the Second Continental Congress authorized the acquisition of a fleet of ships.

October 14, 1947 - U.S. Air Force Captain Chuck Yeager became the first man to break the sound barrier, flying in a rocket-powered research aircraft.

October 19, 1781 - the British Army marched out in formation and surrendered to the Americans at Yorktown. The war between Britain and its American colonies was effectively ended. The final peace treaty was signed in Paris on September 3, 1783.

October 20, 1944 - During World War II in the Pacific, General Douglas MacArthur set foot on Philippine soil for the first time since his escape in 1942, fulfilling his promise, "I shall return."

October 23, 1983 - Terrorists drove a truck loaded with TNT into the U.S. and French headquarters in Beirut, Lebanon, exploding it and killing 241 U.S. Marines and 58 French paratroopers.

October 25-30, 1983 - The Caribbean Island of Grenada was liberated by the U.S. to restore "order and democracy."

October 28, 1962 - The Cuban Missile Crisis ended with the announcement by Soviet Russia's leader Nikita Khrushchev that his Soviet government was halting construction of missile bases in Cuba and would remove the offensive missiles.

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Sergeant Alvin C. York US Army



Alvin Cullum York was born in Pall Mall, Tennessee, on December 13, 1887, into a family of farmers. He was the third of 11 children, and the oldest boy of William and Mary Brooks York. In 1914, York attended a meeting of the Church of Christ in Christian Union and decided to change his life. He joined the church in 1915 and adopted its strict moral code

which forbade violence. His faith helped improve his life but was put to the test when he was drafted in 1917.

Due to his new religious beliefs, York did not want to fight in the war raging across Europe. With the United States' entry into World War I, the government decided to use the draft to raise its fighting forces to send to Europe. On June 5, 1917, York received the notice he had been selected for military service. York now faced the difficult decision of choosing to fight which went against his religious beliefs, or choosing not to and being arrested.

He tried to file for an exemption as a conscientious objector due to his religious beliefs. Even with a testimonial from his pastor, York's appeal was denied three times because his church was not recognized as an official sect of Christianity. He reported to Camp Gordon, Georgia (now Fort Gordon) in the fall of 1917, where he continued to explain his predicament. Assigned to the 328th Infantry Regiment, 82d Infantry Division, York proved himself a skilled marksman but still struggled with the order to fight. He appealed the order to his battalion commander, Maj. Edward Buxton. Instead of instantly denying him, Buxton and York spent hours talking and referencing Bible passages that supported each other's views. York left that meeting still a Soldier and just as confused. He returned home to contemplate the issue and after days of prayer and reflection made the decision to follow orders and fight. Though he still opposed the war, he returned to Camp Gordon to prepare for deployment to Europe.

York arrived in France on June 27, 1918, and immediately went to the front. The Army assigned his unit to the Meuse-Argonne Offensive. On October 8,

1918, York and his unit of 16 Soldiers were dispatched to capture the Decauville Railroad. Unfortunately, their map was in French and the detachment ended up behind enemy lines where they ran into a German unit on guard. York and his unit won a brief firefight and captured the enemy soldiers. However, the captured Germans soon discovered the Americans' mistake and yelled out for help. Enemy machine-gun fire immediately cut down nine American Soldiers. After losing all their sergeants, York took command of the unit. The remaining men returned fire, while York took on the machine gun alone.

York used the skills he had learned hunting in the mountains of Tennessee to work his way toward the gun, slowly and calmly approaching the enemy position. He eliminated the machine gun and the German commander decided to surrender instead of losing any more men. In all, his unit captured 132 German prisoners and the remainder of his squad made it back to the American line. York was immediately promoted to sergeant and soon became a national hero.

York received a number of awards for his actions including the Medal of Honor and the French Croix de Guerre. He returned home a hero with a huge celebration in New York. Hollywood executives begged for the rights to tell his story but York declined. Instead, he returned to Pall Mall to marry Gracie Williams.

In 1926 he started the York Agricultural Institute in Jamestown, 10 miles from Pall Mall, to educate the youth of his town. York stayed out of the spotlight until Hollywood screenwriters finally convinced him to make a film about his story. "Sergeant York" was released in 1941, and focused on his time in France. Starring Gary Cooper, "Sergeant York" became one of the highest-grossing films in the United States during World War II.

Alvin C. York passed away in Nashville on September 2, 1964. York was buried in Pall Mall, the place he loved most. Today his legacy in combat and education still lives on. Though a war hero, York wanted to be remembered as an educator focused on helping prepare future generations for an ever changing world. The school he founded continues to educate children in Tennessee to this day.

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Veterans Service Organization of the Month

www.patriotpaws.org



My name is **Lori Stevens**, and I am the Founder and Executive Director of Patriot PAWS Service Dogs. In 2005, I was working as a professional dog trainer when I was asked to help a group of disabled veterans train their dogs. After working with these veterans and visiting the VA Hospital in Dallas, I realized just how many of our disabled veterans are in desperate need of assistance dogs and I knew I had to help. With the help of a few friends and family, I started Patriot PAWS Service Dogs in a small storefront in Rockwall, TX, training only about 8 dogs at a time. Patriot PAWS has long since outgrown that little storefront and our Rockwall campus now includes administrative, training, and kennel facilities where we are able to train and house as many as 25 dogs. Working with our volunteer puppy raisers and our innovative Prison Training program at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, we are able to train an additional 45 dogs in other locations

and place about 35-41 Patriot PAWS Service Dogs with disabled veterans each year.

It has been an exciting journey! But with over 50 disabled American veterans waiting for a Patriot PAWS Service Dog, there is still much work to be done and we need your help. Please consider donating your time, money or resources to help us help those who served.



Patriot PAWS Service Dogs is dedicated to providing highly trained service dogs to disabled American Veterans. Each dog trained at Patriot PAWS is customized to the individual needs of the Veteran with the goal of increased independence. Our dogs are trained to assist Veterans with both visible and invisible disabilities, and can help with many tasks that would otherwise be difficult or impossible. It takes about 2 1/2 years to train one service dog at a cost of approximately \$35,000, but we provide these dogs at no cost to the Veteran. If you are a Veteran who wants more information about our Service Dog application process, please contact our Veteran Coordinator office at veterans@patriotpaws.org.

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Chapter Meeting Location Map



Bavarian Grill location address is :

3425 Premier Drive, Plano TX 75023

Meeting Agenda

18 October 2022

- ◆ Call to Order
- ◆ Invocation
- ◆ Pledge of Allegiance
- ◆ Reading of Preamble
- ◆ Awards &
- ◆ Recognition
- ◆ Book Review
- ◆ Retirement of Colors and Adjournment

Chapter Meeting



BAVARIAN GRILL

- Tuesday, 18 Oct 2022—1130-1300
- Tuesday, 15 Nov 2022—1130-1300
- Tuesday, 19 December 2022—1130-1300
- Tuesday, 17 January 2023—1130-1300
- Tuesday, 21 February 2023—1130-1300
- Tuesday, 21 March 2023—1130-1300

Region VIII Officers (mow-regionviii.org)

Vice CINC, CAPT. Deborah Dombeck, USCG (Ret)

Commander: LTC Donald Willhouse, USA (Ret)

Vice Commander, CWO4 Jacques Loraine, USA (Ret)

Adjutant/Treasurer/Editor of "The Bridge" Newsletter, HPM Patricia Williams

Treasurer Patriotic Education Committee, COL Robert Gehbauer USAF (Ret)

Chaplain, CPT James M. Malakoff, USA (Fmr)

Judge Advocate, LTC David J. Green, USAR

Chair of Patriotic Education Committee, MG Gary Bunch, USA

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Our Chapter Core Values

- ATTITUDE** – We maintain a courteous, enthusiastic, friendly, positive, professional and teachable mindset at all times.
- COMMUNITY/VETERANS FOCUSED** – Everything we do as Officers of the Military Order of World Wars is aimed at meeting and exceeding the expectations of the MOWW Keys to Success: supporting veterans, military and military families in our community”, and “MOWW Principles of Excellence action plan”, helping to ensure that our community, veterans and their dependents successfully thrive in the nation, state, community and our region.
- TEAMWORK** – We pull together with cooperation, respect and support toward our common goals; we put the good of the Chapter and Order, and the good of an individual or group of individuals in our nation, state, communities and our region.
- INTEGRITY** – We always do what is ethical and honest as we strive to be dependable, fair, reliable and trustworthy with our Chapter, Order, veterans, communities, region, and each other.
- ONE HUNDRED PERCENT** – We consistently give a maximum effort every day with our Chapter and Order; we go the extra mile to achieve personal and Chapter and Order success with our Companions, veterans, communities, and region.
- NOTHING BUT THE BEST** – We will not be satisfied, neither individually nor as a Chapter and Order as we provide the absolute best service and experience possible for every Companion, veterans, our communities, and region.

Our Mission Statement

To be the Chapter and Order, companions and veterans are satisfied being a part of an exceptional experience through every stage of our fellowship and community engagement. To continually improve our North Texas Chapter and Order through growth, teamwork, and shared vision for the good of the Chapter and Order. To create a professional and positive chapter community environment, where companionship and excellence is recognized and rewarded with successful, chapter growth. Inspiring our chapter to give 100% daily to living, achieving, and believing in the Military Officers of the World Wars, ethos:



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The Military Order of the World Wars

The Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) is the premier Veterans Service Organization (VSO) whose motto is, "It is nobler to serve than to be served." MOWW was founded at the suggestion of General of the Armies John J. "Blackjack" Pershing 1919 to promote good citizenship, patriotic education, and military and public service. The purpose of our Order is found in the 9 tenets described in our Preamble.

MOWW chapters provide opportunities to support veterans of all ranks and service, youth patriotic education, college ROTC and high school JROTC, Scouting, monuments and memorials, law and order, national and homeland security programs, and inculcate and stimulate love of our country and flag.

If you qualify, we want you serving alongside us. Eligibility is open to active duty, retired and former commissioned or warrant officers of the uniformed services of the United States: U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S.



Marine Corps, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Air Force, and U.S. Space Force. It also includes the United States Public Health Service (USPHS), and the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Family members who are directly related to eligible officers within two degrees of consanguinity (i.e., spouse, son/stepson, daughter/step-

daughter, grandson and/or granddaughter) are also eligible as Hereditary Members.

The motto of MOWW is "It is Nobler to Serve than be Served." This sums up the commitment of MOWW to our Veterans, families, youth, and our country. If you want to continue to serve our nation in a meaningful and impactful way, consider joining our Order.

If you have any questions about MOWW, or want to join us, please go to our Website Homepage Address at www.northtexasmoww.org.

Our Preamble

To cherish the memories and associations of the World Wars waged for humanity; To inculcate and stimulate love of our country and flag; To promote and further patriotic education in our nation; Ever to maintain law and order, and to defend the honor, integrity, and supremacy of our national government and the Constitution of the United States; To foster fraternal relations among all branches of the armed forces; To promote the cultivation of military, naval, and air science and the adoption of a consistent and suitable policy of national security for the United States of America; To acquire and preserve records of individual services; To encourage and assist in the holding of commemorations and the establishment of memorials of the World Wars; and To transmit all these ideals to posterity; under God and for our country, we unite to establish The Military Order of the World Wars.... HERE, HERE!

Humor in Uniform



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MOWW® | Membership Application

MAIL COMPLETED FORM & PAYMENT TO:

HQ MOWW/DA (Membership)
435 North Lee St.; Alexandria, VA 22314-2301

HQ MOWW USE ONLY:

* Member Number: _____

* Date Received by HQ: _____; Date HQ Processed: _____

A. APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

- Full Name (First, Middle, Last, Suffix): _____
- Mailing Address (street, apartment, etc.): _____
- Mailing Address (city, state, ZIP Code): _____
- Home Phone: (_____) _____
- Cell Phone: (_____) _____
- Email Address: _____
- Birthdate (Day, Month, Year): _____
- Spouse's/Partner's Full Name / "Go By" Name: _____
- Applicant's Service Branch (circle):

USA	USMC	USN	USAF	USCG	USPHS	NOAA
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- Applicant's Veteran Status (circle/fill in):

ACTIVE DUTY	RESERVE	NATIONAL GUARD/	RETIRED	FORMER
		STATE		
- Applicant's Dates of Service (MM/YY)
From: _____ To: _____; Highest Federal Rank Held: _____
MM / YR MM / YR
- Hereditary Membership Linkage (if applicable): _____
- How did you hear of MOWW:
Referral (rank, name): _____;
Facebook: _____; MOWW website: _____; Chapter Website: _____;
Other (e.g., event): _____
- Membership Categories: | * NOTE: Applicant pays chapter dues (if any) directly to their chapter treasurer

<input type="checkbox"/> Veteran Perpetual @ 1 x \$350.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Hereditary Perpetual (age 18-20) @ 1 x \$200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Veteran Perpetual @ 4 x \$87.50 qtrly	<input type="checkbox"/> Hereditary Perpetual (age 18-20) @ 4 x \$50.00 qtrly
<input type="checkbox"/> Veteran Perpetual (1 st year commission/warrant) @ 1 x \$200.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Veteran Regular @ \$40.00/year (one-time payment)
<input type="checkbox"/> Vet Perpetual (1 st year commission/warrant) @ 4 x \$50.00 qtrly	<input type="checkbox"/> Hereditary Regular @ \$40.00/year (one-time payment)
<input type="checkbox"/> Hereditary Perpetual (age 21+) @ 1 x \$350.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Perpetual (Veteran & Hereditary) @ 1 x \$200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Hereditary Perpetual (age 21+) @ 4 x \$87.50 qtrly	

North Texas Chapter (234)

- Requested MOWW Chapter of Affiliation: _____
- Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

B. APPLICANT'S CREDIT CARD INFORMATION (Optional initial payment method; applicant may also pay by check)

- Credit Card Type: MasterCard VISA Discover American Express
- Cardholder Name (as shown on the credit card): _____
- Card number: _____; Expiration Date (MM/YY): _____
Card Verification Number (on back of card): _____; Cardholder ZIP Code (from credit card billing address): _____
- I, _____, authorize The Military Order of the World Wars to charge my credit card above for the agreed upon purchases. I understand that my credit card information will **NOT** be saved.
PRINT FULL NAME AS SHOWN ON THE CREDIT CARD
- Cardholder's (Customer's) Signature: _____ Date: _____
(MUST BE AN ORIGINAL SIGNATURE (NOT REPRODUCED))

C. RECRUITER-SPONSOR'S INFORMATION

- Recruiter-Sponsor's Full Name, Rank, Service: _____ Chapter: _____
- Recruiter-Sponsor's Signature: _____ Date: _____
(SEE SPONSOR ONLY: MUST BE AN ORIGINAL SIGNATURE (NOT REPRODUCED))

CHAPTERS MUST MAIL FULLY-COMPLETED INITIAL APPLICATIONS WITH CHECK PAYMENT/CREDIT CARD INFORMATION TO: HQ MOWW/DA (MEMBERSHIP); 435 NORTH LEE STREET; ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314-2301. SUBSEQUENT DUES PAYMENTS MAY BE MADE ONLINE AT: www.moww.org

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