



NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER 234

The Military Order of the World Wars

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Companions,
On April 18th our guest speaker was Mr. Gary Jackson, a Veterans Service Officer (VSO) for Collin County TX. He discussed with us VA

Benefits in general, the VA Benefits Claims process (he is an expert!), and the PACT Act with its associated claims process. In attendance at our invitation were several members of American Legion Hale-Combest Post 315 from Wylie, TX.. Big thanks to all that attended!

I want to personally thank LT. Jonathan Mitchell USN (ret) for the amazing work he has accomplished in continuing to develop the MOWW Region VIII website and in particular the patriotic Education / Youth leadership Conference component. His generosity of his time and commitment to excellence is greatly appreciated.

As I briefly mentioned at our April meeting, I have accepted the nomination for election as the next MOWW Region VIII Commander. The induction for this election will occur on May 8th at our Region VIII Spring Conference in Salado TX and my appointment will become effective 1 July 2023. In order to best serve the Region, I will need to step aside as your Chapter Commander. I will remain a member within the North Texas Chapter and look forward to supporting our Chapter's J/

ROTC coordination and Newsletter publication.

At the upcoming 16 May Chapter meeting, we will need to elect our Chapter's new leadership team. I am personally nominating our current Chapter Vice Commander, MG Gary Bunch USA (ret) to be your next North Texas Chapter Commander. I ask for your maximum participation at this meeting to support the election process and for each of you to strongly consider vying for an elected position and/or stepping up to be a program coordinator. We will be inducting/swearing in our new leadership at our June 20th Chapter meeting.

It appears that we are well on our way to achieving the goal of sending 30 students to the upcoming Youth Leadership Conferences. At \$300 a student, that is a \$9,000 commitment from our Chapter... and money well spent!. I ask that each member strongly consider sponsoring/funding a student. This will help give us a bit of a financial cushion as we move into our new operating year in July. I ask that you make your commitment known to our treasurer, Keith Barrett, ASAP and provide associated donation to him by the end of June.

Finally, I wish all of you peace and good health.

Very Respectfully,

Jacques Loraine, Commander
MOWW North Texas Chapter 234



Companion Birthdays

3 May — CDR Michael Malone USN (Ret)



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Vice Commander's Message



We are doing great work recruiting and nominating students for the Region VIII Youth Leadership Conferences for this summer. As of 29 April, we have nominated thirty-nine (39) students for YLCs this summer. We have committed to funding thirty. Bob Gehbauer told us that if we had more, the Seidel Air & Space Forces Association Chapter would be able to assist with funding some of our overage and we have asked the Dallas MOWW Chapter to assist as

well since their recruitment numbers are down.

We as a Chapter need to be fully engaged in soliciting funds to support the generous funds donation from NTX Wealth and from some of the NTX Chapter members. I know those members that attend the Chapter meetings at the Bavarian Grill are aware of this and those who are unable to attend the meetings can still be engaged in the work of the Chapter through their financial support. If you have a business that you support on a regular basis or are a member of another organization such as Lions' Club, Rotary, etc., tell them about our YLC and ask them to sponsor one, two or three students at \$300.00 per student. You'd be surprised how many businesses and organizations are well to help a worthy cause.

As I prepare to follow Jacques Loraine as the next Commander of our Chapter, if nominated and elected, I will be calling on some of you to assist me in the coming year by being on the staff. Quint Avenetti has been the Adjutant for three years and Keith Barrett has been the Treasurer for two years. I am a firm believer in infusing organizations with new leadership and ideas. Also, Keith has been asked to move up to a new position with Region VIII and Quint has logged five or six years as Adjutant when you take into consideration he was the Dallas Chapter Adjutant before transferring to the NTX Chapter.

Thank you for all you all do for the NTX Chapter and I look forward to a great YLC season.

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18 April 2023 Chapter Meeting



MOWW North Texas Chapter Comapions and American Legion Hale-Combest Post 315 receiving Veteran benefits information from Gary K. Jackson, Collin County Veteran Service Officer. Following discussions, Gary was presented with MOWW Certificate of Appreciation by Chapter Commander CWO4 Jacques Loraine USA (ret).

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LT Jonathan Mitchell USN (ret) receiving the Military Order of the World Wars National Citation for exceptional service.

Presenting the Award is North Texas Chapter Vice Commander & Region VIII Patriotic Education Committee Chair, MG Gary Bunch USA (ret).

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Texas A&M University College Station Corps of Cadets ROTC Awards Ceremony



Big AGGIE thanks to Capt. Alan Backof for presenting ROTC awards to the deserving Cadets of Texas A&M University College Station, TX. The North Texas Chapter was able to provide six of the twelve awards to the University's Air Force and Army ROTC programs.

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Chaplain's Corner



We are blessed to have a nation of brave men and women who have sacrificed greatly for our country. Our great nation celebrates and commemorates their memory on Memorial Day in honor of their courage and service.

May these Memorial Day prayers encourage and strengthen those who have lost loved ones, inspire those serving in the military, and pay respect to those who given their all for our freedom. We remember the ultimate sacrifice today and honor the families with appreciation and thanks.

A Prayer for Memorial Day

Dear God, We thank you for the freedom you have given to us, and for the price that was paid by Christ so that we could live free. We remember today. The cost of it all. The great sacrifice for freedom.

We thank you for the brave men and women who have fought, and continue to fight, so courageously for our nation. We ask for your covering and blessing over them and their families. We pray that you would be gracious and encircle them with your peace. We pray for your great favor and goodness to be evident in their lives.

Please be with all those who wear the uniform, who serve our communities and nation every single day. We ask that you provide your protection, that you would be their guiding force who leads the way, and their rear guard who keeps them safe from behind. We ask that you would draw them to yourself amidst the dangers they face in a dark world, for you are the Truth, you are the Way, you are the Light. (by Debbie McDaniel)

A Prayer for Military Families Who Have Lost Loved Ones

O Lord, We weep with those who weep and mourn with those who mourn. Comfort these moms and dads, children and spouses as only You can. You have collected all their tears in a bottle. Help them feel Your strong presence, see Your tender hand all around them and hear Your voice directing them in these dark circumstances. Draw them daily to Your Word to process their pain and grieve with hope. Spur the body of Christ around them to be Your hands and feet and to meet their practical needs.

Thank you, Lord, that You are the defender of widows and father to the fatherless. Bind up their wounds and heal their broken hearts. You are good and You do good and we pray that even in their pain they will see Your goodness sustaining them through pain. Restore to them the joy of your salvation and sing over them a new song. Amen. (by Lisa Appelo)

For a Strong Nation

Thank you that in our nation today, we are free to worship. We are free to pray. We are free to read your Word. We are free to speak. We are free to share. For this, we are incredibly grateful. Yet, we understand how quickly these freedoms can be taken away. Give us an increased awareness of the spiritual battle we're in. Help us to stand strong in you and for your purposes.

Thank you that as believers, we can be assured, you will never leave us, and are with us always, in this life, and the next.

Thank you for your truth that says, who the Son sets free is free indeed! We know that in you alone, true freedom is found. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen. (by Debbie McDaniel)

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Historical US Military Events

May 2, 2011 - U.S. Special Operations Forces killed Osama bin Laden during a raid on his secret compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan.

May 5, 1865 - Decoration Day was first observed in the U.S., with the tradition of decorating soldiers' graves from the Civil War with flowers. The observance date was later moved to May 30th and included American graves from World War I and World War II, and became better known as Memorial Day.

May 7, 1945 - German General Alfred Jodl signed the unconditional surrender of all German fighting forces thus ending World War II in Europe.

May 8, 1942 - During World War II in the Pacific, the Battle of the Coral Sea began in which Japan would suffer its first defeat of the war.

May 13, 1846 - At the request of President James K. Polk, Congress declared war on Mexico. The war resulted in the annexation of New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, California, Utah and Colorado.

May 14, 1942 - Act of Congress allowed women to enlist for noncombat duties in the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps (WAAC), the Women Appointed for Voluntary Emergency Service (WAVES), Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS), and Semper Paratus Always Ready Service (SPARS), the Women's Reserve of the Marine Corp.

Monday May 30, 2022 — Memorial Day Observed

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Memorial Day - Monday 29 May 2023

Memorial Day on May 29th conjures images of hamburgers, hot dogs, swimming pools, and summertime for many Americans. But the last Monday in May serves, most importantly, as a time to honor those who died while fighting in the U.S. Armed Forces. It's a holiday steeped in somber American history and tradition. The day actually began as "Decoration Day," following the Civil War, when mourners placed flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers. Yes, Memorial Day has also come to signify the "unofficial" start of summer, but let's remember the heroes who made it all possible.

size as those that attend today's observance — about 5,000 people. Small American flags were placed on each grave — a tradition still followed at many national cemeteries today. In recent years, the custom has grown in many families to decorate the graves of all departed loved ones.

By 1890, each Northern state had made Decoration Day an official holiday. But this was not the case in the South, where states continued to honor their dead on separate days until after the First World War.



The History of Memorial Day: The Civil War ended in the spring of 1865 when Robert E. Lee surrendered the last major Confederate army to Ulysses S. Grant at the Appomattox Court House on April 9. Over 620,000 soldiers died in

the four-year conflict. General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic (an organization of Union veterans) would eventually select May 30, 1868, as a day to pay tribute to the fallen:

"The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land..."

General Logan apparently chose May 30 because flowers would be in bloom all over the country. By the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held on May 30 throughout the nation. States passed proclamations, and the Army and Navy adopted rules for proper observance at their facilities.

The crowd attending the first Memorial Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery was approximately the same

The May 30 date held for decades. But, in 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees. The change took place in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.

How to Observe Memorial Day:

1. **Pay your respects** - Lay flowers on the grave of a family member or friend who died while serving. If you don't personally know any fallen soldiers, visit a local cemetery anyway. After all, they made the ultimate sacrifice for you.
2. **Participate in the National Moment of Remembrance** - By doing so, you'll be joining millions of Americans in national unity to honor Memorial Day for what it truly is — a day to remember those who laid down their lives in service of their country and its citizens.
3. **Fly the flag** - If you have an American flag at home, be sure to fly it at half-mast until noon, then raise it to full mast for the rest of the day. The practice of lowering and then raising the flag has been observed for over 100 years to symbolize America's persistence in the face of loss.

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Upcoming Events



June 11, 2023

Southern Border Perspective: Policy, Law Enforcement, Military

The border between the United States and Mexico has been a flash point for years and is a particular issue for border states like Texas where the impacts of the immigrant flow are obvious. This program will feature speakers who have been intimately involved with the situation on the border, from legislation and policy, law enforcement and military perspectives. While this issue is politically charged, we'll try to have a non-political, non-partisan discussion, exploring facts and solutions rather than assessing blame. The discussion will be moderated by Congressman Self.

Congressman Keith Self

TX 3rd District

Congressman Self is a West Point graduate and a 25-year veteran of the US Army. He served for 11 years as the Collin County judge and last year was elected as the US Congress as representative from the Texas 3rd Congressional District. He serves on the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Veterans Affairs.



Sheriff Jim Skinner

Collin County Sheriff

Sheriff Jim Skinner has served one of Texas's fastest growing counties since 2017 and is nationally recognized for his leadership in a number important law enforcement areas, including combatting human and drug trafficking and child exploitation. His career in law enforcement has spanned 32 years and he served for eight years in the US Air Force



Brigadier General Matt Barker

Commander, Joint Task Force Lone Star

General Barker is the Commander of Joint Task Force Lone Star, activated in 2021 by Governor Abbott to assist the Texas Department of Public Safety in their mission to provide security along the Texas-Mexico border. He previously served as the Chief of Staff, Texas Air National Guard and in his 31-year career has served in the United States and Europe in a variety of command staff positions.



Date: Sunday, June 11, 2023 | Check in starting at 4:30 p.m. The program starts promptly at 5:00 p.m. **Location:** Heritage Ranch Golf & Country Club | 465 Scenic Ranch Circle McKinney, TX 75069. **Dress:** Business Casual. **Ticket Price:** General Ticket - \$45 | Table of 8 - \$360 | Student Ticket - \$35. \$10 cash discount at the door for cadets in uniform. Dinner and cash bar. Dinner entrée selection on registration.

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The show takes the audience on a musical trip with a heavy accent on patriotism. Songs from “Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy” to “Born to be Wild” are performed. That patriotic favorite, Barry Sadler’s “Ballad of the Green Berets,” is one of the featured songs.

“We’re a tap-dancing and singing duo,” Beckmann said in a telephone interview from the “Letters from Home” tour bus. “We sing songs and crack jokes and get people involved and get them to love their country and love their life.”

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Chapter Meeting Location Map



Bavarian Grill location address is :

3425 Premier Drive, Plano TX 75023

Meeting Agenda—16 May 2023

- ◆ Call to Order
- ◆ Invocation
- ◆ Pledge of Allegiance
- ◆ Reading of Preamble
- ◆ Financial Review
- ◆ Program Review
- ◆ Nomination for election of Chapter Officers
- ◆ Retirement of Colors and Adjournment

Chapter Meeting



BAVARIAN GRILL

- Tuesday, 15 Nov 2022—1130-1300
- Tuesday, 17 January 2023—1130-1300
- Tuesday, 21 February 2023—1130-1300
- Tuesday, 18 April 2023—1130-1300
- Tuesday, 16 May 2023—1130-1300
- Tuesday, 20 June 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

- 1. Full Name (First, Middle, Last, Suffix):
2. Mailing Address (street, apartment, etc.):
3. Mailing Address (city, state, ZIP Code):
4. Home Phone:
5. Cell Phone:
6. Email Address:
7. Birthdate (Day, Month, Year):
8. Spouse's/Partner's Full Name / "Go By" Name:
9. Applicant's Service Branch (circle):
10. Applicant's Veteran Status (circle/fill in):
11. Applicant's Dates of Service (MM/YY)
12. Hereditary Membership Linkage (if applicable):
13. How did you hear of MOWW:
14. Membership Categories:
- Veteran Perpetual @ 1 x \$350.00
- Veteran Perpetual @ 4 x \$87.50 qtrly
- Veteran Perpetual (1st year commission/warrant) @ 1 x \$200.00
- Vet Perpetual (1st year commission/warrant) @ 4 x \$50.00 qtrly
- Hereditary Perpetual (age 21+) @ 1 x \$350.00
- Hereditary Perpetual (age 21+) @ 4 x \$87.50 qtrly
- Hereditary Perpetual (age 18-20) @ 1 x \$200.00
- Hereditary Perpetual (age 18-20) @ 4 x \$50.00 qtrly
- Veteran Regular @ \$40.00/year (one-time payment)
- Hereditary Regular @ \$40.00/year (one-time payment)
- Memorial Perpetual (Veteran & Hereditary) @ 1 x \$200.00

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15. Requested MOWW Chapter of Affiliation:
16. Applicant's Signature: Date:

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

- 1. Credit Card Type:
2. Cardholder Name (as shown on the credit card):
3. Card number: ; Expiration Date (MM/YY):
Card Verification Number (on back of card): ; Cardholder ZIP Code (from credit card billing address):
4. 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.
5. Cardholder's (Customer's) Signature: Date:

C. RECRUITER-SPONSOR'S INFORMATION

- 1. Recruiter-Sponsor's Full Name, Rank, Service: Chapter:
2. Recruiter-Sponsor's Signature: Date:

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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