



President's Message

by Michael A. Shedd

Friends and Members,

If you were able to join us for our January meeting you know that we had a full house for Mayor Mattie Parker. As I recall someone counted about 70 people in the room for her guest appearance. In fact, we had so many people show up we ran out of food! Nonetheless, that little hiccup didn't stop us from putting together an informative session for our members and guests.

If you missed it, the mayor was gracious with her time and stuck around to answer questions even though she had to dart away to catch a flight to a conference. We want to thank the Mayor and Beth Ellis for juggling her schedule for us, and we look forward to having her back again next year to continue our annual tradition of hosting the Mayor to start the year. The meeting video has been published to the EFWBA youtube page: <https://www.youtube.com/@eastfortworthbusinessassoc9210>

In other news, during the second week of January several community organizations and local leaders of Fort Worth got together to discuss a series of collaborative initiatives that are focused on East Fort Worth. You'll hear more about this in the coming months but rest assured, these organizations aren't going away. Our plan is to join forces to ensure that your local city council members don't lose focus of the east side of Fort

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Christopher Cassidy

The National Medal of Honor
Museum Foundation CEO

Christopher J. Cassidy was born in Salem, Massachusetts, but grew up in York, Maine. A graduate of York High School, Chris completed Naval Academy Prep School in Newport, Rhode Island in 1989 and received a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1993. He later received a Master of Science in Ocean Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and has Honorary PhD's from Husson University and the University of Maine at Augusta.

Captain Cassidy is a retired U.S. Navy SEAL. During his service, he was awarded the Bronze Star with combat 'V' and received a second Bronze Star for combat leadership service in Afghanistan. In 2004, the platoon he commanded was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for a nine-day operation at the Zharwar Kili Cave on the Afghanistan/Pakistan border.

Cassidy was selected as an astronaut in 2004. He is a veteran of three space flights and ten space walks. Chris has flown to the International Space Station (ISS) aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavor and the Russian Soyuz spacecraft. He has accumulated 377 days in space to include his most recent six-month spaceflight in 2020.

In 2015, he became NASA's 14th Chief Astronaut and served in this capacity for two years.

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D8 Chris Nettles, D5 Mayor Pro-Tem Gyna Bivens, Mayor Mattie Parker, EFWBA President Mike Shedd, D4 Alan Blaylock.

In 2021, The National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation selected Chris Cassidy to be President and CEO, where he now leads the project to build the iconic Museum, Leadership Institute, and Monument.

His team is on a mission to inspire America, promoting the belief everyone is born with the potential to be extraordinary.

The National Medal of Honor Museum is a museum that honors United States Armed Forces Medal of Honor recipients, founded and funded by the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation. The museum is scheduled to open in 2024 in Arlington, Texas.

The National Medal of Honor Museum in Arlington, Texas will serve as the premier national institution dedicated to the stories, impact, and legacy of the service members who went



on to become Medal of Honor recipients. Located in the heart of the Entertainment District in Arlington, Texas, the Museum will benefit from unrivaled national exposure, joining our local and supporting partners in celebration of those who serve our country above and beyond the call of duty.

With this project, Americans will gather to learn and pay

tribute to our country's bravest heroes in a state-of-the-art facility. Through recipient stories of courage and valor, the Museum will inspire current and future generations to discover and develop the shared values inherent in every Medal of Honor recipient: courage & sacrifice, commitment & integrity, citizenship & patriotism. ☆



<https://mohmuseum.org>

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Worth. We want to send the message far and wide, that when you leave downtown and drive towards Arlington, there is a whole world of opportunities to explore along the way.

As many of you know, we formed a Political Action Committee in the middle of last year. Bill Schwensen volunteered to lead the charge as our first president of that organization and is currently working to create the bylaws. Bill is open to input from members of our organization and the community. If you are interested in joining the steering committee for that organization, please speak to Bill or a member of your board of directors.

I hope to see you all in February. Please RSVP when the invite hits your mailbox. By hitting the RSVP button, you allow us to order the proper number of meals, and help us to ensure we are meeting the needs of our members and guest.

Thursday, Feb. 2

@ **Meadowbrook-Poly United
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Fellowship Hall**

3900 Meadowbrook Dr. • Fort Worth 76103
*Building on North side of church, closest to Meadowbrook
Overflow Parking on West side of street*

Doors Open 11:30

Lunch 11:45 – 1:00 pm

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Lunch Meals

\$15⁰⁰ Members • \$20⁰⁰ Non-Members

or email RSVP@efwba.org

— On ZOOM —

We've created a recurring Zoom for the EFWBA 2022 meetings.

Link to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87252883314?pwd=cjVsQnJwNzJTS3Fta0N5VlZlZjQ1hWdz09>

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