



President's Message

by Michael A. Shedd

Friends and members of the East Fort Worth Business Association,

We find ourselves rolling quickly towards summer and the warm weather already appears to be upon us. I keep preparing for those May storms, and watching the radar but they always seem to miss me. With any luck, summer will pass through without draining your bank accounts with A/C repairs or high electric bills.

If you were unable to attend our meeting last month you missed an opportunity to say goodbye to Fred Slabach the President of Texas Wesleyan University. As you know President Slabach has been a friend of the East Fort Worth Business Association for many years, has been a featured guest speaker at our annual banquet, and he will be missed. We wish him well as he travels to Ole Miss.



For most of you, the elections have come and gone. It might not have turned out the way you hoped, or maybe it did, or perhaps you didn't even bother to follow them. These elections seem to come out of nowhere and it's almost as if someone is always campaigning for something. However you feel about the elections, some of you still have a decision to make. The runoff election for District 11 of the

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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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Fort Worth City council is coming up in June.

As you may recall the **Political Action Committee of the East Fort Worth Business Association** recommended Rick Herring to serve in that position as the candidate most prepared to immediately step in and make an impact. Former candidate Tara Maldonado-Wilson endorsed Rick as he prepares for the runoff. (Her press release is on the PAC page.) Regardless of who pulls out the victory, we wish them wisdom.

Many of you may already know about and have been involved with the Eastside Transportation Plan. The City of Fort Worth has been conducting community outreach meetings and other

forms of public engagement to hear input from you about your expectations. The East Side Transportation Plan is not limited to just the East Lancaster Corridor it goes well beyond that and stretches all the way up to Trinity Boulevard and all the way over to Arlington. Some of the East Fort Worth Business Association board members and other community members have been involved with the stakeholders committee.

We remain optimistic that this project will be moving forward in the coming years. This is a long-term plan and it won't happen soon but 2027 is right around the corner when it comes to development projects.

Apart from the Eastside Transportation Plan, we've also been discussing plans for the Handley area. Paul Kerpoie has been steering those discussions, meeting with City staff and our local council members on that project. We hope to have some more information to share with our members later this summer.

As we prepare you for our June meeting, we have Chris Cassidy coming in from the National Medal of Honor Museum. Chris Cassidy is a retired astronaut and retired Navy SEAL who was supposed to be with us in February when we got iced out. We've

been looking forward to this meeting and I hope you join us.

As a reminder, we won't have a meeting in July, but your board will be meeting to start the final planning for our annual banquet, schedule other speakers and discuss our future slate of officers. If you're interested in serving on the board, please speak with Bill Schwennsen or another board member. We have several people rolling off, and we could use the input.

In August, we have Public Improvement District Number 20 joining us for their annual meeting. At that meeting you'll get an opportunity to meet the new PID director Katie Walz and hear from our Security Director Scott Westmoreland. We might have an opportunity to bring another speaker into that meeting but we're hoping that the Public Improvement District is interesting enough to bring out our members. As the East Side Transportation Plan moves forward and property values go up, the PID will be vital for ensuring the vision comes together.

I hope your summer plans aren't taking you out of town for the month of June when we get together.

This time of year everything seems to get more and more hectic as the kids get out of school and are clamoring to be entertained. If you need a break, join us on June 1st. I hope to see you there.





**NATIONAL
MEDAL of HONOR
MUSEUM FOUNDATION**

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. ☆

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Thursday, JUNE 1

**@ Meadowbrook-Poly United
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**3900 Meadowbrook Drive
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

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— On ZOOM —

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

Link to join the webinar:

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PAC Report

The local elections held on May 6, 2023 saw five of the six candidates endorsed by your EFWBA-PAC win their races. Those endorsed winners are: Mattie Parker, Fort Worth Mayor; Gyna Bivens, Fort Worth City Council District 5; Chris Nettles, Fort Worth City Council District 8; Tobi Jackson, Fort Worth ISD Board of Trustees Place 2; and Quinton Phillips, Fort Worth ISD Board of Trustees Place 3. There will be a runoff for the Fort Worth City Council District 11 seat between the EFWBA-PAC endorsed candidate Rick Herring and Jeannette Martinez. That runoff election will be held on Saturday, June 10, with the early voting period running from Tuesday, May 30 — Tuesday, June 6.

The EFWBA-PAC congratulates the winning candidates, and we look forward to working with them during their new terms for the betterment of all of East Fort Worth. We encourage all who are eligible to vote in the District 11 runoff election on June 10 to do so...

Local elections can be won and lost on a handful of votes, so your participation can make a difference for you, for East Fort Worth, and for our city! GO VOTE!

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