

# AUSA North Texas - Audie Murphy Chapter



## NDBS January 2025



<p>January National Defense Briefing Series - Defender of Freedom Award to Joe DePinto - CEO of 7-Eleven</p> <p>On January 25, 2025, the National Defense Briefing series presented to 7-Eleven CEO Joe DePinto the annual Congressman Sam Johnson Defender of Freedom award.</p> <p>Joe's contribution to support the US military began with his acceptance to West Point and his military career in the Army.</p> <p>He is currently one of two Civilian Assistant to the Secretary of the Army (CASA) in our chapter's region.</p>	<p>January 18, 2025</p> <p>Chapter helps pick up 55,000 wreaths at the DFW National Cemetery.</p> <p>Annually, the chapter helps in the pickup of 55,000 wreaths at the National Cemetery in DFW. Chapter President Col Richard Kaniss is the logistic coordinator for the pickup.</p> <p>Along with over 250 JROTC cadets from Richardson ISD schools, 300 volunteers and 50 pickup truck volunteers, we sent the morning retrieving the wreaths and dumping them into 14 donated 40 ft dumpsters.</p>	<p>Ongoing support for Our Community Salutes DFW.</p> <p>The chapter continues with logistic support for the 2 April Our Community Salutes DFW events.</p> <p>The Dallas event will be held on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Parker University Gymnasium.</p> <p>The Ft Worth event is on 12 April at the new Medal of Honor Museum.</p> <p>Both events will have 300+ people in attendance and 65-80 new enlistees or Marine Corps Poolees in attendance.</p>