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IT'S BEEN AN HONOR TO SERVE

Dear Companions of the Military Order,

What an honor to serve as your CINC for the past year! This is an honor that few are given, but I believe that there are many just as qualified as I. The biggest thrill was visiting Companions across the nation and finding out just how many good Companions are out there, working hard, serving our nation. However, mine is not a "singles game," as they say in tennis. Instead, this is a "doubles team effort," with Diane helping all the way. Of course, I want to thank the Executive Committee (EXCOM), National Committee members, GSOs, region, department and chapter commanders, and Companions for being that team.

Wherever I go, the message I like to impress on anyone who will listen is threefold: Recruiting, CINC Solicitation, and MOWW National Convention attendance. I am happy to report that we achieved a 3.96% increase in new members (the S-G1 goal is 4.00%). Recruiting is the key to survival of the Order with new members who bring innovative ideas. Thankfully, the CINC Solicitation exceeded the goal and set a donation record for this year because the Companions of the Order are wonderfully generous. Many thanks for contributing funds to meet our responsibilities. The last CINC Special Interest Item is to have a robust MOWW Convention in Columbus, GA, with a great turnout of region, department and chapter commanders, and Companions, all attending and learning about the Order. I have a good feeling about that.

Last, I always try to tell a short story about GA John J. Pershing to Companions because he is our model and mentor when it comes to how we should perform our duties. You probably know he always saw himself as a teacher, from 17-years-old until the end, and so should we train and teach. "The general once assigned a young engineer to build a bridge across a river in the Philippines. The Lieutenant said it was impossible because the river was too high to get a rope across to the other side. Pershing said there is always a way, he tied a rope to his own saddle and swam his horse across the river. The Lieutenant never forget that lesson [of leadership by example]."

The Companions of MOWW have been giving back to our nation for almost 100 years. We have the responsibility to build a solid foundation for the future that will allow our Order to serve our nation for the next 100 years. There is always a way!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David B. Gibson".

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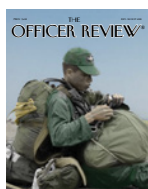
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A Soldier from the South Vietnamese Airborne Division checks his gear. Photo: <http://vnafmamn.com/Airborne/Airborne>



THE FORGOTTEN SOUTH VIETNAMESE AIRBORNE

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MOWW' 2018 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT



ARVN Airborne Soldiers

I arrived in Vietnam in July 1966, and for the next year I served as an adviser with the South Vietnamese Airborne Division. It was the last year we thought we were winning. It was the last year we could define what we thought winning would be. It was a year of optimism, of surging American troop strength that largely took over the war from the Vietnamese — and of wildly expanding American casualty lists.

By the end of 1967, there were 486,000 American troops in the battle. The number of Americans killed in action that year roughly doubled from 1966. Amid all of that, the sacrifice, valor and commitment of the South Vietnamese Army

largely disappeared from the American political and media consciousness.

The South Vietnamese Airborne Division, which I joined as an assistant battalion adviser, was an elite combat unit. By 1967 these paratroopers, with their camouflaged jump uniforms and distinctive red berets, had grown to 13,000 men, all volunteers. Those of us privileged to serve with them were awe-struck by their courage and tactical aggressiveness. The senior officers and noncommissioned officers were extremely competent and battle hardened; it's easy to forget that while the Americans were new to Vietnam, many of these men had been at war since 1951.

As advisers, we essentially acted as staff and liaison officers at the battalion and brigade levels. We had spent a year preparing in California, including 16-hour days of cultural and language immersion at the Defense Language Institute. I ended up with a sub-fluent command of spoken Vietnamese.

Counterinsurgency tactics and training in the World War II-era weapons systems that the Vietnamese still used took place at Fort Bragg, NC.

We played a wide range of roles: coordinating artillery and airstrikes, arranging helicopter lifts and medevac, and providing intelligence and logistical support. We didn't give orders, and we didn't need to. Our Vietnamese counterparts were men we admired, and they were glad to have us—and American firepower—with them. We ate their food. We spoke their language. We trusted the Vietnamese completely. I usually had a paratrooper as a bodyguard and as a radio operator.

Normally, a battalion-level advisory team like mine consisted of three men: an American Army captain, a first lieutenant and a senior noncommissioned officer. The sergeants were the core: While officers rotated in and out, many of the sergeants stayed with their assigned South Vietnamese units until the end of the war—or until they were killed or knocked out of the fight.

My introduction to Vietnam was a bloody experience. We deployed by American Navy assault boats and Army helicopters into the swampy river delta south of Saigon. This was combat without glory, fighting and drowning in the saltwater muck. There was none of the adventure that we felt in Ranger school. My captain, an incredibly professional and competent senior adviser, was killed. Back at base, I helped carry his body off the helicopter. It was only the beginning.



Special Forces: Vietnamese Airborne Division

Four months into my tour with the airborne we were involved in a giant, bloody battle supporting American Marine units north of Dong Ha, near the coast in the northern part of South Vietnam. Two of our battalions were inserted by helicopter into the Demilitarized Zone to check a significant force of North Vietnamese moving south. It turned into three days of intense and bloody combat. My senior adviser was killed. Our incredibly courageous noncommissioned officer, Master Sgt. Rudy Ortiz, was riddled from head to foot. He asked me to load his M-16 and put it on his chest so that he could “die fighting” with the rest of us (luckily, he survived).

We took hundreds of casualties and came very close to being overrun. But the South Vietnamese paratroopers fought tenaciously. At the critical moment, with supporting air and naval fire, we counterattacked. The executive officer of my Vietnamese battalion walked upright through heavy automatic weapon fire to my foxhole. “Lieutenant,” he told me, “it is time to die now.” It gives me chills to remember his words.

In combat, the South Vietnamese refused to leave their own dead or wounded troopers on the field or abandon a weapon. In another battle, one of my West Point classmates, Tommy Kerns, a huge Army football player, was badly wounded and stuck in a narrow trench as his airborne battalion tried to break contact with a large North Vietnamese force. The Vietnamese paratroopers with him, all much smaller than Tommy, couldn't haul him out of the trench. Rather than withdraw and leave him, they



held their ground and won a violent engagement over his giant, wounded body. He survived because of their courage.

The American advisers and most of the Airborne Division were stationed in and around Saigon. We loved the energy and fun of the city. We loved the culture and the language, and the Vietnamese. We were terribly proud of our status with the Red Berets. We were sure the entire world envied our assignment — we were working with the country's elite. With combat and airborne pay, we had what seemed like a ton of money. We lived in air-conditioned quarters. We were young and harebrained and aggressive. The American colonels and lieutenant colonels who ran the advisers were older, stable and battle-hardened men who had seen much worse combat in World War II and Korea as paratroopers.

"The battalions deployed to wherever they were needed. We could head anywhere in the country and find ourselves in the middle of a firefight."

Life as an adviser in the Vietnamese Airborne Division was unpredictable. The division's job was to serve as a strategic reserve, to be inserted into combat whenever commanders needed an edge. A Vietnamese airborne battalion or a full brigade would be alerted for emergency deployment in the middle of the night. We would cram into American and Vietnamese Air Force transport planes, which sat, engines roaring, in long lines at Ton Son Nhut Air Base, near Saigon. Live ammo would be issued. Sometimes parachutes were issued. A hurried battle plan.

And then — mayhem. The battalions deployed to wherever they were needed. We could head anywhere in the country and find ourselves in the middle of a firefight. Many of the American advisers and hundreds of the Vietnamese paratroopers I served with did not come back from these operations. I can see their young faces still: CPT Gary Brux; CPT Bill Deuel; LT Chuck Hemmingway; LTC Carl Arvin; my very young radio operator, PVT Michael Randall. All dead. Brave. Proud.

Vietnam wasn't my first combat tour. After graduating from West Point, I joined the 82nd Airborne Division in the Dominican Republic intervention in 1965. We had deployed to the island and quashed the Cuban-inspired Communist uprising, and then stayed as an Organization of American States peacekeeping force. We thought that was what combat meant, and when we returned to Fort Bragg, we were eager to get to Vietnam — several lieutenants from my infantry battalion jumped into a car and drove all the way to Army headquarters in Washington to volunteer for the battle. We thought we were going to miss the war.

Now we know the end of the story. Two million Vietnamese probably died. The United States lost 58,000 and 303,000 were wounded. America descended into a bitter and convulsive political civil war. We knew nothing of it then. I was so very proud to have been selected to serve with the Vietnamese airborne. My new and beautiful wife, whom I loved dearly, knew I had to go. My dad, an Army general, would honor me if I was killed.

All this was over 50 years ago. The Vietnamese Airborne Division soldiers who survived the collapse of South Vietnam either escaped through Cambodia or went through a decade of brutal "re-education" camps. Most of them eventually made it to the United States. We have an association of the American advisers and our Vietnamese comrades, and there is a memorial to our efforts at Arlington National Cemetery. We gather there every year and remember how we fought together. We wear our red berets. We laugh at our old stories, but there is a deep sadness that we lost so many, and that it came to nothing.

People often ask me about the lessons of the war in Vietnam. Those of us who fought with the Vietnamese Airborne Division are not the ones to ask. All we remember and know is the enduring courage and determination of the Vietnamese Airborne privates pushing forward into battle. They have no monuments except in our memories. ★

VIETNAM '67

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SARATOGA—A TRANSCENDENT MOMENT

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A historical event of transcendent historical significance occurred 241 years ago on 17 October 1777. On that date, what history has come to know as the Battle of Saratoga came to an end with the surrender of British troops under the command of General John Burgoyne to American forces commanded by General Horatio Gates. This battle, around an obscure village in upper New York, had strategic consequences far out of proportion to the relatively small forces involved. It was pivotal to the outcome of the American Revolution and the subsequent history of the world ever since.

To understand the importance of this battle, it is necessary to review the strategic situation in the American colonies at the beginning of 1777. In 1776, despite the American Declaration of Independence, the British had a very good year. They had captured New York City, the largest and most prosperous city in the colonies. They drove Washington's Continental Army from the city and across the state of New Jersey into Pennsylvania. Washington had prevented a total disaster for the American cause by winning surprise victories against isolated detachments of the British Army at Trenton on 25 December 1776 and at Princeton on 3 January 1777. These victories forced the British to withdraw from southern and central New Jersey and gave the colonial forces the morale boost and physical respite they needed to remain in the fight.

Nevertheless, as 1777 began, the strategic initiative remained with the British. Where they would exercise that initiative in the coming spring and summer campaign season was a subject of heated debate among the British generals. General Howe, the overall British Army commander in the colonies, wanted to take advantage of the British naval superiority to transport the bulk of his army from New York by sea to the shores of northern Delaware Bay and attack the colonial capital of Philadelphia directly. General John Burgoyne, one of his subordinates, proposed a different plan. He authored a plan suggesting that the British advance south from Canada via Lake Champlain in northern New York State and move northward from New York City via the Hudson River to meet in Albany, a significant trading and transportation center approximately 200 miles north of New York City. This would effectively cut off New England from the rest of the colonies and allow each of the colonies to then be defeated in detail.



British Army
GENERAL JOHN "GENTLEMAN JOHNNIE" BURGOYNE
24 February 1722–4 August 1792 (aged 70)
Buried: Westminster Abbey, UK
Portrait by Sir Joshua Reynolds, c. 1766
Source: Frick Collection, New York City, NY, US

General Howe opposed this plan but General Burgoyne had political influence with the King and War Ministry in London. Consequently, his plan was approved. General Burgoyne was placed in command of the forces advancing from Canada and General Howe was ordered to assist him by sending forces north from New York under General Clinton. General Howe didn't agree with the plan and therefore allotted only a minimal number of



troops to General Clinton's force and took the rest by sea to attack Philadelphia. General Clinton, realizing he had insufficient forces to capture the Hudson Valley and advance to Albany, never made a serious effort to advance on Albany.

General Burgoyne, on the other hand, was committed to the plan. From the moment that he arrived in Canada on 6 May 1777, he vigorously pursued the plan. He gathered his forces and the supplies and boats he needed to transport them down the Richelieu River to Lake Champlain. However, things began to go awry almost from the moment he arrived. Some of the troops that he expected to command were siphoned off to a secondary British drive through the Mohawk Valley under General Barry St. Leger. In addition, the Governor-General of Canada, General Guy Carleton, did not provide him with all of the Canadian militia that Burgoyne had been promised. Thus, instead of the over 10,000 British, Canadian and Indian force, he had been expecting Burgoyne had slightly over 7,000 when he set out on 20 June 1777.

He advanced rapidly down Lake Champlain by boat and by 1 July 1777, he was outside the American stronghold at Fort Ticonderoga, New York. Here the colonials had a strong defensive position. Unfortunately, the Americans failed to adequately fortify Mount Independence, a bluff overlooking the fort on the opposite side of Lake Champlain. The British pushed aside the small American detachment there and then dragged artillery to the top of the bluff. This made the American position in the Fort untenable and they withdrew into the forest. The British tried to pursue but could not advance without hacking a road through the forest to bring forward their cannon and supplies. This

allowed the Americans to successfully withdraw southward. This slow advance through the woods depleted Burgoyne's supplies and exhausted his soldiers. It also disheartened his Indian allies who began to desert in large numbers. Burgoyne divided his force and sent a portion to pursue the American rear guard as it retreated into Vermont. The British engaged it in an inconclusive battle at Hubbardton, Vermont, which resulted in heavy casualties on both sides.



American Army
GENERAL HORATIO GATES
26 July 1727–10 April 1806 (aged 79)
Buried: Trinity Church, New York City, NY
Portrait by Gilbert Stuart, 1793,
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

Now, short of supplies, he dispatched a column of 1,000 men to Bennington, Vermont, to forage for supplies. They were met there by a force of 2,000 Massachusetts and New Hampshire militia who virtually annihilated the column, inflicting over 900 casualties on the British. This reduced the remaining British force to less than 5,000 men, 900 of whom were now garrisoning Fort Ticonderoga. This defeat also led to the desertion of more Indians and Canadian militia from his forces. Nonetheless, Burgoyne continued to drive his exhausted troops southward toward Albany where he hoped to join forces with Clinton who, unbeknownst to him, was not coming.

Burgoyne advanced southward with his dwindling army. The American forces under Generals Horatio Gates and Benedict Arnold continued to grow in strength and now numbered over 13,000 men. They engaged the British on 19 September 1777 at Freeman's Farm and fought the British to a standstill. When the battle ended, the British held the field but they were bloodied, battered and exhausted. After the battle, the American forces withdrew a short distance southward to a perfect defensive position on the Bemis Heights, just outside the small village of Saratoga, New York.

The British, realizing that their only hope of survival was to break through the American position and into the Hudson Valley beyond, attacked on 7 October 1777. The Americans inflicted a serious defeat on the British and over the next several days slipped troops around Burgoyne's position until he was effectively surrounded. After Burgoyne's defeat on the Bemis Heights, he recognized the hopelessness of any further attempts to advance so he began a northward retreat. He soon ran into the Massachusetts and New Hampshire militia, which were astride his only road northward. Realizing that he was now surrounded, short of food and supplies, and with his soldiers exhausted, he surrendered his entire force to General Gates on 17 October 1777.

When he surrendered to General Gates, General Burgoyne did more than just surrender his starving, exhausted army. He changed the course of the entire Revolutionary War. By surrendering, he demonstrated to the world that the Americans could defeat a major British Army in a campaign lasting almost four months. This convinced the French and other European Powers, such as the Netherlands and Spain, that perhaps with some assistance the Americans could actually win. They therefore made more aid available to the Americans in the form of loans and munitions.

In addition, over the next several months they declared war upon Great Britain. This converted a backwater insurrection in a remote colonial outpost into a world war. From that moment forward, the British could no longer concentrate all of their efforts on defeating the Americans. They now had to allocate military resources to protecting their other colonies in India and the West Indies from the French, the Dutch and the Spanish.

Over time, this diversion of resources made it impossible for the British to snuff out the rebellion. Eventually, when the French Fleet was able to beat off the British Fleet sent to rescue General Cornwallis in the Battle of the Virginia Capes in 1781, resulting in Cornwallis' surrender at Yorktown, the British had had enough. They then began negotiations which resulted in the end of the war by the Treaty of Paris in 1783.

Thus, this relatively small battle outside of an obscure village in northern New York had in impact far greater than the relatively small forces involved. It has been called the turning point of the Revolutionary War. That characterization, however, does not describe its full impact. It was a turning point of history in that its ultimate effect was the birth of the United States of America. ★



Surrender of General Burgoyne by John Trumbull. General Gates is in the center, with arms outstretched.



A BOWL OF CHERRIES

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It was the final night of an amphibious landing and beach assault exercise on Florida's Gulf Coast. We were nearly at the end of the final phase of Ranger School that had begun nine weeks earlier, and I was exhausted and seasick.

US Army Ranger training was no walk in the park. In fact, by the final phase of the course, it was expected for half of the class to have dropped out. Our class of three hundred plus had been a large one. I felt lucky to be one of the remaining one hundred students in Ranger Class 2-73 (12 Sep–9 Nov 72).

The final phase of the course was conducted in and around Florida's Yellow River basin area on a remote section of Eglin Air Force Base. During various times of the year, the swamp was high. However, by late October to early November, the water was only waist deep and still relatively warm from the summer heat.

After days of patrolling in the swamp, we were supplied with rafts and paddles, and we headed to the Gulf of Mexico via the Yellow River. Arriving at the confluence of the river and the Gulf, we boarded a ship that carried us out to sea. This gave us time to rest on the deck and so it was a welcome ride. However, around dusk, it began raining.

In the darkness, the ship pitched and yawed as the sea became angry. The wind and rain increased its intensity, adding to the misery of seasickness. No one dared stand. Just when it couldn't get any worse, I heard someone yelling my name. To my great disappointment, I learned that I would plan the



Ranger Class 2-73 passes in view at its graduation ceremony on 9 Nov 72. 3rd Ranger Company (Harmony Church), Fort Benning, GA. This was a fine occasion considering the "bowl of cherries" day had occurred only a few days earlier.
Photo by Gail Wills

mission. There was no rest for the weary this night.

Feeling wretched, I made it from the deck to an open hatch that led down a narrow passageway into a larger room where the operation order was written. After I briefed the order, I returned to the rain and wind of the open deck. For the previous hour or so I had forgotten my misery. The motion sickness had all but disappeared with the concentration required to write a plan for the mission.

It was "0-dark-thirty." The rain and wind had eased when we climbed over the ship's side with our field packs, weapons and radio equipment. We used cargo netting to lower ourselves down the ship's side. The sea was rolling, and wave after wave slapped the hull. I could see white caps as the rafts rose and fell with each wave. Letting go of the net was tricky. The timing had to be just right to fall into the raft. Most of us waited for our raft to bump our legs or buttocks before letting go. Amazingly, no one drowned or was injured. The assault on the beach was scheduled for daybreak. Those first to load into a raft paddled around waiting on the other Rangers to load and join the growing raft flotilla. It was extremely dangerous to leave the ship in the darkness. It took an hour or better to load the Rangers and their equipment. Motion sickness set in again, but this time there was nothing to regurgitate. I gagged until my tongue and jaw were sore. Soaking wet and cold, my head hurting and my teeth clicking uncontrollably, hypothermia was taking its toll on my body.

In this miserable state, my mind took me to another place and I began to sing the lyrics of a once popular song, "Life is Just a Bowl of Cherries."

*Why are we here?
Where are we going?
It's time that we found out.
We're not here to stay;
we're on a short holiday.*

To this day I can't explain how I knew some of the words to that song, but in my condition, my subconscious mind kicked in and the words rolled off my aching tongue:

*Life is just a bowl of cherries.
Don't take it serious; it's too mysterious.
You work, you save, you worry so,
But you can't take your dough when you go, go, go.*

Suddenly I was in a better place. I was in a different state of mind.



The US Army Ranger School is an intense 61-day combat leadership course oriented toward small-unit tactics. It has been called the most physically and mentally demanding leadership school the Army has to offer and it is open to Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines in the US Armed Forces, as well as allied military students. Above: Swamp Phase of the US Army's Ranger School—river insertion via Combat Rubber Raiding Craft. US Army photo by SGT Austin Berner

At 0530, our rubber boats were in assault position and all Rangers were vigorously paddling to surf the waves onto the beach. Pathfinders had marked the landing sites and smoke pots shielded our approach. We scrambled to unload the gear as small arms fire erupted followed by machine gun bursts and hand grenade simulators.

The exercise was over in a matter of minutes. As the sun popped

over the horizon, the mission ended. I remember feeling relieved that I had survived that miserable night on the sea. The irony in it all was that none of us could have survived crossing a defended beach under fire. So, I sang these words:

*Life is just a bowl of, aw, nuts!
So live and laugh at it all! ★*



RANGER CREED

Recognizing that I volunteered as a Ranger, fully knowing the hazards of my chosen profession, I will always endeavor to uphold the prestige, honor, and high esprit de corps of the Rangers.

Acknowledging the fact that a Ranger is a more elite soldier who arrives at the cutting edge of battle by land, sea, or air, I accept the fact that as a Ranger my country expects me to move further, faster and fight harder than any other soldier.

Never shall I fail my comrades. I will always keep myself mentally alert, physically strong and morally straight and I will shoulder more than my share of the task whatever it may be, one-hundred-percent and then some.

Gallantly will I show the world that I am a specially selected and well-trained soldier. My courtesy to superior officers, neatness of dress and care of equipment shall set the example for others to follow.

Energetically will I meet the enemies of my country. I shall defeat them on the field of battle for I am better trained and will fight with all my might. Surrender is not a Ranger word. I will never leave a fallen comrade to fall into the hands of the enemy and under no circumstances will I ever embarrass my country.

Readily will I display the intestinal fortitude required to fight on to the Ranger objective and complete the mission though I be the lone survivor.

Rangers Lead The Way!!!

—Ranger Handbook SH 21-76



CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

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In keeping with the MOWW Constitution (Article VIII, Section 3) and MOWW Bylaws (Article IX, Section 3), the MOWW Constitution and Bylaws Committee presents three proposed amendments to these documents for consideration by all Companions of the Order. The Committee recommends their adoption and expressly presents them for consideration by, and the vote of, the Delegates to the MOWW Convention to be held in Columbus, GA, in August 2018.

1. Proposed Amendment #1. Improve MOWW, Inc., fiscal management by clarifying preexisting Constitutional language such that there will be only one Board of Trustees, i.e., the MOWW, Inc., Board of Trustees. Thus, adoption of this amendment will disband the Gist Blair Board of Trustees as the Gist Blair Fund is managed by the MOWW, Inc., Board of Trustees, and neither the MOWW Constitution nor the Bylaws established the Gist Blair Board of Trustees.

- a. Current language (MOWW Constitution, Article V, Section 2, Paragraph C): “The members of the Board of Trustees of the funds of the Order will be elected to three-year terms by the General Staff at the Post-Convention Meeting of the General Staff, with one member being nominated by the Commander-in-Chief and elected by the General Staff in each year. In addition, one of three members of the Board of Trustees will be nominated by the Commander-in-Chief and elected by the General Staff to be the Chair of the Board of Trustees for the following year.”
- b. Proposed language (MOWW Constitution, Article V, Section 2, Paragraph C):
“The Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW, Inc.) will have only one Board of Trustees comprised of three trustees nominated by the Commander-in-Chief (CINC) and confirmed to hold three-year terms by the General Staff at annual Convention. In addition, the CINC will nominate one of those three members as the Chair, MOWW,

Inc., Board of Trustees, and the General Staff in convention will confirm that CINC nomination annually. Trustee terms of office will overlap by one year to promote continuity of operations and financial stability. With one exception, no member of MOWW’s Executive Committee of the General Staff (EXCOM), i.e., MOWW, Inc., Board of Directors, may be a member of the MOWW, Inc., Board of Trustees, and vice versa. That sole exception is a trustee’s membership in the Council of Past Commanders-in-Chief (CPC), e.g., a Past CINC’s election as the Chair, CPC, will not preclude their membership on the MOWW, Inc., Board of Trustees.”

c. Rationale:

- 1) The MOWW Constitution, Article V, Section 1, Paragraph O, states the Order will have a MOWW Board of Trustees. Neither the MOWW Constitution nor the MOWW Bylaws mentions a Gist Blair Board of Trustees. Given the statutory existence of the MOWW, Inc., Board of Trustees, additional boards of trustees, e.g., the Gist Blair Board of Trustees, are neither authorized nor required—a conclusion with which the Chair, MOWW, Inc., Board of Trustees agrees.
- 2) While corporate directors and trustees both refer to individuals who have a corporate fiduciary duty to oversee the well-being of the corporate organization, this proposed amendment prevents inherent conflicts due to the differences in roles, responsibilities, authorities and liabilities of members of boards of directors vs. boards of trustees.



Thus, this amendment enhances separation of powers and reinforces accountability.

- 3) In having one MOWW, Inc., Board of Trustees, the Order conforms with standard corporate business structures and practices. The Chair, MOWW, Inc., Board of Trustees, indicates the trustees will exercise transparency by providing the proposed Finance Committee (née the Financial Working Group – FWG) with statements and transparency to accounts via cyberspace, during Quarterly Financial Review forums, and by other means and forums as required (see Proposed Amendment #2). Appropriate and timely trustee reports and actions will support enhanced financial management of MOWW, Inc. This process has begun in that the MOWW Trustees moved the Gist Blair Fund from being a stand-alone account to now residing with other investment accounts belonging to MOWW, Inc.

2. B. Proposed Amendment #2. Improve MOWW, Inc., fiscal management by adding language that establishes the Finance Committee, formerly the Financial Working Group (FWG), as a standing committee and disestablishes the current Budget Committee.

- a. Current language. MOWW Bylaws, Article VII, Section 1.B. says, “Except for the Executive Committee of the General Staff (EXCOM), the following committees shall serve as Standing Committees of the General Staff and of the National Convention.” Paragraph 1.B. of the same authorizes a Budget Committee as a standing committee.
- b. Proposed language:
Change the MOWW Bylaws, Article VII, Section 1, to delete the “Budget Committee” and add the “Finance Committee.”
- c. Rationale:
 - 1) The Budget Committee is comprised of

the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief (SVCINC) as the chair, and the four VCINCs as members. Its activities have been historically limited to reviewing the draft budget prepared by the national headquarters staff in coordination with the Treasurer General, typically at convention, i.e., mere days before the Business Session. Then, later as members of the EXCOM, i.e., MOWW, Inc.’s Board of Directors, the SVCINC and VCINCs approve the budget they proposed. This construct has not served the Order well in that it did not include all MOWW fiscal entities involved. Moreover, to the extent that it involved any other fiscal entities, such involvement was stove-piped, and a mix of formal and informal means, which affected transparency. This limited information-sharing precluded vertical and horizontal integration.

- 2) Consequently, in October 2014, the Chief of Staff and the Treasurer General began remedying this situation by establishing the Financial Working Group (FWG), which had the Chief and the Treasurer as Co-Chairs, and the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief (SVCINC) as a FWG member. The Executive Committee of the General Staff EXCOM established the FWG in October 2014. Shortly after its establishment, the Chairman, MOWW, Inc., Board of Trustees, and the Assistant Treasurer General were added as members to further integrate end-to-end corporate financial processes

and activities, i.e., from financial investment to budget execution. This adjustment, which also enhances continuity, was likewise approved by the MOWW, Inc., Board of Directors (EXCOM). Due to the geographically distributed nature of FWG members, meetings are held throughout the year via emails and teleconferences.



Quarterly meetings feature the review of defined financial exhibits.

- 3) The FWG has performed well even as the Budget Committee continued in its traditional manner. Since 2014, the FWG improved the Perpetual & Memorial (P&M) Dividend Process, and the IRS filing (IRS Fm 990-N ePostcard) and TG Certification (MOWW Fm 9) processes. It also defined the Planning, Programming, Budgeting & Execution (PPBE) Process and enhanced the MOWW, Inc., chart of accounts (COA), the latter serving as the foundation for a financial record keeping system, audits, etc. It also clarified the fiscal management roles and responsibilities of MOWW, Inc., and enhanced collaboration and corporate financial reporting.
- 4) This amendment also complements Proposed Amendment #1 above since it enables the VCINCs to continue their involvement in the annual budget process as members of the EXCOM, i.e., MOWW, Inc., Board of Directors, which approves MOWW, Inc., budgets.

3. Proposed Amendment #3. MOWW, Inc., disbands the Financial Development Committee as the Order has neither appointed any Companions to serve as committee members (no Companions have volunteered) nor has the committee raised any money for the Order since the committee's establishment in 2011.

- a. Current language. MOWW Bylaws, Article VII, Section 1. "Except for the Executive Committee of the General Staff (EXCOM), the following committees shall serve as Standing Committees of the General Staff and of the National Convention." Paragraph 1. G. of the same authorizes the Financial Development Committee as a standing committee.
- b. Proposed language: Change the MOWW Bylaws, Article VII, Section 1, to delete the "Financial Development Committee."

c. Rationale: Since being established in 2011, the committee has not recruited any Companions to serve on the Financial Development Committee and it has raised no money for the Order, and the prospect of those things happening is nil.

- 1) In addition, of the ten or more charitable foundations the Chair and Vice Chair have contacted, none of them were willing to donate to MOWW an IRC 501(c)(19) entity, despite being provided with a copy of the IRS tax-exempt determination letter.
- 2) In addition, none of the foundations contacted were interested in supporting the patriotic efforts of the MOWW. Instead, they preferred to focus their donations on IRC 501(c)(3) entities engaged in "STEM" (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) programs.
- 3) The Chair also tried to register MOWW in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) but discovered that such participation is limited to IRC 501(l)(3) organizations. ★



2018-2019 NATIONAL OFFICER CANDIDATES

PCINC LTC RUTH L. HAMILTON, USA (RET)
CHAIR, MOWW NOMINATING COMMITTEE



VOLUNTEER AS A CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL OFFICE

The 2018 MOWW Convention will be held in August 2018 in Columbus, GA. Every Companion can fulfill the promise of MOWW's motto, “It is nobler to serve than to be served,” by running for an elected leadership role or by volunteering for an appointed position. Become a candidate for national elected or appointed office!

Please email the following Companions with your candidacy preference.

Remember: you need a nominating official!

• **Chair, Nominating Committee**

PCINC LTC Ruth L. Hamilton, USA (Ret)
ruth12345@aol.com

• **Vice Chair, Nominating Committee**

IPCINC COL Clay C. Le Grande, Jr, USA (Ret)
c.legrande@cox.net

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTED OFFICE (To Date)

• **COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:**

- o LTC John H. Hollywood, USA (Ret)

• **SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:**

- o LTC Charles S. Chamberlin, USA (Ret)

• **VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: (4):**

Note: the MOWW Constitution [Article V, Section 2, Paragraph A.2]], states, “Four each, with no two of whom coming from any one region.”

- o BGen Frederick R. Lopez, USMC (Ret)
 - Region XIV
- o CDR Robert G. Hartman III, USN (Ret)
 - Region IV
- o Maj Robert J. Williams, USAF (Ret)
 - Region VIII
- o CPT Paula R. Mitchell, Ed.D., USAR (Ret)
 - Region XIII

• **TREASURER GENERAL:**

- o LTC George A. Walker, USA (Ret)

• **JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL:**

- o COL John A. Moriarty, JAG, USA (Ret)

• **SURGEON GENERAL:**

- o CPT (Dr) Robert E. Mallin, USA (Fmr)

• **CHAPLAIN GENERAL:**

- o LTC Cheryl D. Brady, USA (Ret)

• **HISTORIAN GENERAL:**

- o LTC Arthur B. Fowler, USA (Ret)

• **GENERAL STAFF OFFICERS—ELECTED (AT-LARGE, 5):**

- o COL Erwin Burtnick, USA (Ret)
- o CDR George T. Parsons, USN (Ret)
- o LTC William E. Rapp, USA (Ret)
- o LTC Don B. Munson, USA (Ret)
- o LTC King Moss II, USA (Ret)

See you at the 2018 National MOWW Convention in Columbus, Georgia—
The Peach State!





*The Commander-in-Chief
of the
Military Order of the Worlds Wars
cordially invites you
to attend the 2018 MOWW Convention*

*Keynote Address
2018 MOWW Distinguished Service Award Recipient
GEN Barry R. McCaffrey, USA (Ret)*

Monday, 6 August 2018 (Golf Tourney)

*Convention follows
Tuesday, 7 August 2018 through
Sunday, 12 August 2018*

*Historic Marriot Hotel
800 Front Avenue, Columbus, GA 31901
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REGISTRANTS

ATTENDEE RANK: _____ SERVICE: _____ FULL NAME: _____
 Chapter Name _____ Region _____
 Home Address _____
 Phone _____ Email _____ Companion: Yes / No
 All Current Office(s) Held: _____
 ★ Need ADA-Compliant Room: YES / NO ★ Dietary Requirements: _____
 ATTENDEE RANK: _____ SERVICE: _____ FULL NAME: _____
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 All Current Office(s) Held: _____
 ★ Need ADA-Compliant Room: YES / NO ★ Dietary Requirements: _____

MEALS

COMPANION REGISTRATION: After 1 Jul: \$270/person # _____ x \$270 = \$ _____
 ★ COMPANIONS: PRICE INCLUDES ALL CONVENTION EVENTS AND MEALS. TOURS EXTRA
 a. CINC Welcome Buffet (INCLUDED), 9 Aug. Menu options: Buffet
 b. MOWW Awards Luncheon (INCLUDED), 10 Aug.
 • Entrée Options: Sliced Beef Brisket (B); Georgian Chicken (C), Salmon w/Lemon Dill Sauce (F)
 • Entrée-Code-Amount (e.g., B-1, C-1, F-1): _____
 c. CINC Banquet (INCLUDED), 11 Aug.
 • Entrée Options: Grilled Steak Medallions (B); Chicken Victoria (C); Chef's Seasonal Vegetables (V)
 • Entrée Code-Amount (e.g., B-1, C-1, V-1): _____
 NON-COMPANION À LA CARTE MEAL PRICES (ONLY):
 ★ NON-COMPANIONS: PRICE ONLY INCLUDES À LA CARTE MEALS. OTHER CONVENTION EVENTS NOT INCLUDED. TOURS EXTRA
 a. CINC Welcome Buffet (9 Aug) à la carte price # _____ x \$40 = \$ _____
 b. Awards Luncheon (10 Aug) à la carte price. # _____ x \$40 = \$ _____
 • Entrée Options: Sliced Beef Brisket (B); Georgian Chicken, (C); Salmon w/Lemon Dill Sauce (F)
 • Entrée Code-Amount (e.g., B-1; C-1; F-1): _____
 c. CINC Banquet (11 Aug). Non-Companion à la carte price. # _____ x \$55 = \$ _____
 • Entrée Options: Grilled Steak Medallions (B); Chicken Victoria (C); Chef's Seasonal Vegetables (V)
 • Entrée Code-Amount (e.g., B-1, C-1, V-1): _____
 TOTAL = \$ _____

TOURS

Tour 1: MOWW Golf Tourney | Green Island Country Club (6 Aug) # _____ x \$55 = \$ _____
 Tour 2: Nat'l Infantry Museum & Nat'l Civil War Naval Museum (8 Aug) # _____ x \$40 = \$ _____
 Tour 3: Warm Springs & FDR Little White House Site (9 Aug) # _____ x \$60 = \$ _____
 Tour 4: Springer Opera House | lunch included (11 Aug) # _____ x \$40 = \$ _____
 TOTAL = \$ _____

NOTES: Book your Columbus Historic Marriott Hotel room now (\$131.44/day (includes breakfast/tax /fees). Call hotel directly at 706-324-1800 and use Group Code "MOWW" for the discount (good 6-15 Aug). Make registration checks payable to: "MOWW NC 18" (personal checks only).

Mail check & registration form to: CPT Leo J. Goodsell (6443 Cricket Lane; Columbus, GA 31909). Phone: 706-580-6938.





2018 MOWW CONVENTION AGENDA

MONDAY, 6 AUGUST 2018 MOWW GOLF TOURNEY				
TIME	EVENT	SET-UP	ROOM	ATTENDEES
0715-1700	TOUR 1: 2018 MOWW GOLF TOURNEY	GREEN ISLAND COUNTRY CLUB		ALL CONFEREES
TUESDAY, 7 AUGUST 2018 PRE-CONVENTION EXCOM / BOARD OF TRUSTEES				
TIME	EVENT	SET-UP	ROOM	ATTENDEES
0700-0945	PRE-CONVENTION EXCOM	(BOX SQUARE, 16)	EMPIRE MILLS, MH	EXCOM MBRS
1030-1130	MOWW BOARD OF TRUSTEES	(BOX SQUARE, 16)	EMPIRE MILLS, MH	TRUSTEES
	LUNCH AS DESIRED			
1300-1445	COUNCIL OF AREA COMMANDERS (CAC)	(BOX SQUARE, 16)	EMPIRE MILLS, MH	CAC MBRS
1500-1645	PATRIOTIC EDUCATION, INC. (PEI)	(BOX SQUARE, 16)	EMPIRE MILLS, MH	PEI MBRS
1900-2030	EXCOM COCKTAILS (HOST: POPE, MCGLAMRY, KILPATRICK, MORRISON & NORWOOD LAW OFC)			EXCOM & SPOUSE/PARTNER
WEDNESDAY, 8 AUGUST 2018 "ALL HANDS TOUR" / CANDIDATES MEETING				
TIME	EVENT	SET-UP	ROOM	ATTENDEES
0845-1430	TOUR 2: NAT'L INFANTRY MUSEUM & NAT'L CIVIL WAR NAVAL MUSEUM ("ALL HANDS TOUR")			ALL CONFEREES
1530-1630	HANN-BUSWELL MEMORIAL CHAPTER MEETING	(CLASSROOM, 50)	EMPIRE MILLS RM, MH	H-B CHAP MBRS
1645-1715	NATIONAL OFFICER CANDIDATE MEETING	(CLASSROOM, 50)	EMPIRE MILLS RM, MH	NAT CANDIDATES

HISTORIC MARRIOTT HOTEL = MH 2018 MOWW CONVENTION TRADE CENTER = TC				
THURSDAY, 9 AUGUST 2018 WORKSHOPS / CINC WELCOME BUFFET				
TIME	EVENT	SET-UP	ROOM	ATTENDEES
0845-1400	TOUR 3: WARM SPRINGS, FDR LITTLE WHITE HOUSE SITE & WARM SPRINGS WINERY			SPOUSES/GUESTS
0800-0810	CINC INTRODUCTION (AV - ALL WORKSHOPS)	(BANQUET, 200)	SYCAMORE A/C, TC	ALL CONFEREES
0810-0925	RECRUITING, RETENTION & INVOLVEMENT	(BANQUET, 200)	SYCAMORE A/C, TC	ALL CONFEREES
0935-1025	CHAPTER LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT	(BANQUET, 200)	SYCAMORE A/C, TC	ALL CONFEREES
1035-1110	LECTURE: IRS FILING & TG CERTIFICATION	(BANQUET, 200)	SYCAMORE A/C, TC	ALL CONFEREES
1120-1200	MOWW WEBSITE	(BANQUET, 200)	SYCAMORE A/C, TC	ALL CONFEREES
1200-1315	LUNCH AS DESIRED			
1316-1400	RECOGNITION OF COMPANIONS	(BANQUET, 200)	SYCAMORE A/C, TC	ALL CONFEREES
1410-1455	BEST PRACTICES: OUTREACH PROGRAMS	(BANQUET, 200)	SYCAMORE A/C, TC	ALL CONFEREES
1505-1520	Q&A, WORKSHOP EVALS, CINC WRAP-UP	(BANQUET, 200)	SYCAMORE A/C, TC	ALL CONFEREES
1530-1630	COMMANDERS DEVELOP CAP & RECRUIT PLAN	(BANQUET, 200)	SYCAMORE A/C, TC	ALL CONFEREES
1800-2100	CINC WELCOME BUFFET (AV)	(BANQUET, 200)	THE FOUNDRY, TC	ALL CONFEREES
FRIDAY, 10 AUGUST 2018 NATIONAL ELECTIONS / COMMANDERS' CALL / COMMITTEE CHAIRS' CALL				
TIME	EVENT	SET-UP	ROOM	ATTENDEES
0700-0830	COUNCIL OF PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF	(BOX SQUARE, 20)	EMPIRE MILLS, MH	CPC MBRS
0845-0915	NATIONAL CANDIDATE PRESENTATIONS (AV)	(CLASSROOM, 150)	SYCAMORE A/C, TC	ALL CONFEREES
0915-1015	NATIONAL DELEGATE VOTING (AV)	(CLASSROOM, 150)	SYCAMORE A/C, TC	NOM CMTE DEL
1100-1230	MOWW AWARDS LUNCHEON (AV)	(BANQUET, 150)	THE FOUNDRY, TC	ALL CONFEREES
1300-1400	COMMANDERS' CALL (AV)	(CLASSROOM, 150)	SYCAMORE A/C, TC	CMDRS, EXCOM
1415-1515	COMMITTEE CHAIRS' CALL (AV)	(CLASSROOM, 150)	SYCAMORE A/C, TC	CMTES, EXCOM
1530-1620	NON-DENOMINATIONAL WORSHIP SVC (AV)	(CLASSROOM, 150)	SYCAMORE A/C, TC	ALL CONFEREES
	DINNER AS DESIRED			
1800-2100	HANN-BUSWELL MEM CHAPTER DINNER (AV)	(BANQUET, 60)	EMPIRE MILLS, MH	MBRS/GUESTS
SATURDAY, 11 AUGUST 2018 MEMORIAL SERVICE / CONVENTION SESSIONS / CINC BANQUET				
TIME	EVENT	SET-UP	ROOM	ATTENDEES
0930-1400	TOUR 4: SPRINGER OPERA HOUSE			SPOUSES/GUESTS
0800-0845	MOWW MEMORIAL SERVICE	(CLASSROOM, 175)	SYCAMORE A/C, TC	ALL CONFEREES
0900-1100	MOWW CONVENTION BUS SESSION (AV)	(CLASSROOM, 175)	SYCAMORE A/C, TC	ALL CONFEREES
	LUNCH AS DESIRED			
1315-1515	MOWW CONVENTION GEN STAFF (AV)	CLASSROOM, 175)	SYCAMORE A/C, TC	ALL CONFEREES
1800-1850	CINC RECEIVING LINE & RECEPTION	(RECEPTION, 200)	FOUNDRY HALL, TC	ALL CONFEREES
1900-2100	CINC BANQUET (AV)	(BANQUET, 200)	THE FOUNDRY, TC	ALL CONFEREES

SUNDAY, 12 AUGUST 2018 POST-CONVENTION EXCOM				
TIME	EVENT	SET-UP	ROOM	ATTENDEES
0800-1300	POST-CONVENTION EXCOM	(BOX SQUARE, 16)	EMPIRE MILLS, MH	EXCOM MBRS
0800-0950	EXCOM SPOUSE/PARTNER "MEET 'N' GREET"	(BOX SQUARE, 16)	PEMBERTON, MH	SPOUSE/PARTNER



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Tour 1 – 2018 MOWW Golf Tourney (Mon, 6 Aug, leaves hotel at 0845). Near Columbus, Green Island Country Club offers terrific views and challenging play for golfers at every skill level. Well-groomed fairways and greens keep Green Island Country Club difficult yet friendly, and the staff can offer tips and tricks for playing your best round.

Cost/person \$55.00



Tour 2 – National Infantry Museum & the National Civil War Naval Museum (Wed, 8 Aug, leaves hotel at 0900). The Infantry Museum chronicles the history of the US Army infantryman from the Revolution to Afghanistan via interactive multimedia exhibits, etc. The Civil War Naval Museum is a 40,000-square-foot facility featuring two original Civil War military naval vessels, uniforms, equipment and weapons used by the US Navy and the CS Navy forces.

Cost/person \$40.00 (includes lunch)



Tour 3 – Warm Springs & FDR Little White House Site (Thu, 9 Aug, leaves hotel 0845). Roosevelt's Little White House. Roosevelt's Little White House is one of Georgia's most popular historic sites, drawing more than 100,000 visitors each year. It has been preserved and is as it was the day Roosevelt died. Tour also includes a visit to the Warm Springs Winery.

Cost/person \$60.00 (includes lunch)



Tour 4 – Springer Opera House (Sat, 11 Aug, leaves hotel 1400). The Springer The Opera House is the State Theatre of Georgia and a Southern cultural institution. From the gas lit street to the splendid Edwardian Grand Lobby, one can imagine 19th century merchants, tradesmen, farmers, and arts patrons streaming into the theatre to glimpse Edwin Booth or Lillie Langtry.

Cost/person \$40.00 (includes lunch)



SEMPER PARATUS

LTC DENNIS V. CHRISTO, USA (RET)
REGION I COMMANDER

MEMBERS OF THE US COAST GUARD ACADEMY, CLASS OF 2018, WERE PRESENTED WITH MOWW AWARDS DURING THE INDIVIDUAL PROFICIENCY AWARDS CEREMONY, 22 MAY 2018.



Captain Charles Avery Satterlee Memorial Award to 1/C Abigail Mann

(L-R): Worcester Chapter, MA, Commander, LTC David Anderson, USA (Ret); award recipient, 1/C Erin Reynolds; and, Region I Commander, LTC Dennis V. Christo, USA (Ret).

Erin received the CAPT Charles Avery Satterlee Memorial Award, First given in 1985, it is awarded to the cadet who excels in compassion and rhetoric. Named in memory of the late CAPT Charles Avery Satterlee, USCG, who was then captain of the Coast Guard Cutter Tampa during World War I and which was lost with all hands.



Military Order of World Wars Pistol Marksmanship Award to 1/C Brandon Ledford

(L-R): Region I Commander, LTC Dennis V. Christo, USA (Ret); Captain Charles Avery Satterlee Memorial Award recipient 1/C Erin Reynolds; Military Order of World Wars Pistol Marksmanship Award recipient, 1/C Brandon Ledford; and, Commander, Department of Connecticut (Region I), CWO Francois W. Pelletier, USA (Ret). ★

CHAPTER JROTC INITIATIVE SUCCEEDS

LTC PATRICK C. STOLTZE, USA (RET)
COMMANDER, COL BILLIE L. STEPHENS – APACHE TRAIL CHAPTER, AZ

At the February 2018 staff meeting, chapter Treasurer LTC David L. Lynch II, USA (Ret), suggested that it was time once again to get out and see all the JROTC programs within our chapter's footprint. The entire staff agreed wholeheartedly. So, David and myself divided up the schools between the east portion of our Area of Responsibility (AOR) and the west, and then we visited all 23 Army, Air Force, Navy and USMC JROTC programs between mid-February and the end of March of this year.

While at their respective sites, we delivered all the end-of-year JROTC Awards of Merit to each program, reducing program mailing costs and coordination challenges. While face-to-face with the Senior Instructors, we highlighted opportunities available to their cadets that are in addition to the traditional end-of-year award. We highlighted participation in the Officer Career Day event (Nov), attending our Massing of the Colors (Dec), competing in the Most Outstanding JROTC Award Competition (Mar), and sending deserving cadets to the Youth Leadership Conference (Jun).

It became quite evident to each of these Senior Instructors that the Military Order of the World Wars offers so much more for the JROTC cadets than any other patriotic organization. Lastly, we encouraged these fine officers to consider becoming MOWW Companions.



(L-R): Companion LTC David Lynch, USA (Ret), visiting Gilbert High School Senior Instructor, Lt Col Robert Heim, USAF (Ret), in Gilbert, AZ.



Chapter Commander LTC Pat Stolz meeting with the Instructors at Vista Grande High School's USMC JROTC program.

(L-R): GySgt Jesus Flores, USMC (Ret), LTC Pat Stolz, USA (Ret), and Maj Brian Lawson, USMC (Ret),

Because of visiting these JROTC programs within our chapter AOR, we have experienced a surge in instructor and cadet involvement in the core programs we sponsor. For example, the number of JROTC programs participating in our Most Outstanding JROTC Cadet Competition rose from two in 2017 to five in 2018. A result: we just presented a Bronze Patrick Henry Award to an outstanding JROTC cadet at Higley High School (Gilbert, AZ) on 24 April.

In addition, the number of programs participating in our state's five-day Arizona Youth Leadership Conference jumped from seven for each of the past two years to eleven this year! As good, we have increased from 24 delegates to 32 this year. After a similar surge in our fundraising efforts, we will be able to sponsor 28 delegates of the 32 applications we received—a double bonus!

In summary, we owe these successes to Companion LTC Lynch, whose idea is paying off. Our dialogue with fellow Companions and our Companion involvement have increased. Our engagement with those JROTC units our chapter serves has likewise increased. These are good things. In fact, JROTC instructor and cadet participation has exceeded our expectations, so much so that the number of JROTC programs that requested we visit them next year to talk to the cadets has doubled! ★



E PLURIBUS UNUM AND THE “SPEED OF HEAT”

BRIG GEN ARTHUR B. MORRILL III, USAF (RET)
CHIEF OF STAFF, MOWW

Companionship, i.e., fellowship among Companions, is the glue that binds MOWW's members into a united, inclusive, motivated, responsive and effective force for good.

Companionship comes from sharing common values, goals and objectives, and convening to fulfill the promise of the Preamble, so that together we achieve the goals and desired outcomes of MOWW's Strategic Plan.

We are made stronger when we convene, when we enjoy each other's fellowship and when together we do the good work of the Order and uplift others. While we often work with valued partners, there are times when it is important for Companions to convene as a unique body, e.g., chapter meetings, to reinforce our personal commitment and dedication to our Order, and to attend to the internal business of our Order. Attending the annual MOWW Convention is also one of those times.

On 13 June 1782, Congress asked Charles Thomson to develop a design for America's Great Seal. Thompson was an Irish-born patriot and a leader in Philadelphia during the American Revolution. He was also the Secretary of the Continental Congress. In executing this great task, Thompson explained that in his design, the motto *E pluribus unum* alluded to the union between the states and federal government, i.e., “From Many, One.”

It is no different for our Order. When we stand for the Preamble and state, “...we unite to form The Military Order of the World Wars,” we are saying “From Many, One,” i.e., we are committing to being a contributing member of an inclusive and united Order that is dedicated to serving others.

Uniting to form “One” is best seen in our project teams, committee activities, chapter meetings, region conferences and MOWW

Conventions. Apart from visiting guests and honorees, these are forums reserved for Companions where they may convene to address the internal business of our Order, inform each other about topics of interest and enjoy each other's company.

To the extent that we Companions do not routinely participate in these forums, that these convenings are infrequent or do not occur at all, or that we do not internally “recruit” the broadest spectrum of Companions to regularly attend these vital forums, we are not best promoting the good of our Order, Companion fulfillment or the “One” that we must be.

In June 2018, we concluded Operating Year 2017. Under CINC Col Gibson, we accomplished much. Line chapters promoted camaraderie among Companions while serving their communities. The Order's staff elements also promoted camaraderie and made progress in Strategic Goal-based program management. In addition, a core of generous Companions achieved a record CINC Solicitation result. Still, as happens every year, much work remains: to expeditiously resolve issues; to quickly benefit from lessons learned; to rigorously emulate successful chapters, and; to assist chapters in returning to a stable footing more quickly.

We are now in Operating Year 2018 (1 July 2018–30 June 2019). Happily, we are more relevant to, and needed by, our nation than we have ever been. The good news is we have our Strategic Plan, Chapter Action Plans, individual and organizational role models, and lessons learned to guide us. These are powerful force-multipliers and using them with

an obvious sense of urgency (i.e., the “speed of heat”) will help us accomplish anything we desire to ensure we remain in the important leadership role of being a continually-growing force for good.

Tallyho! ★



BE STILL MY BEATING HEART...SORT OF

CPT (DR) ROBERT E. MALLIN, USA (FMR)
SURGEON GENERAL, MOWW

One of the most common and scary heart conditions is atrial fibrillation (A-Fib). A-Fib is when your heart hits high gear and can race up to 200 or more beats a minute. It sounds and feels bad—like the proverbial jack hammer in your chest. You may feel a skipped beat, mild fluttering like butterflies, a flip-flopping sensation and/or a shortness of breath. Untreated and frequent episodes can be fatal.

Just think: in an average life you need 2.5 billion heart beats—and we seldom know about it. During A-Fib, the two upper heart chambers beat out of sync with the two lower chambers. Essentially, it is an electrical conduction problem. In most cases, people have episodes that come and go. However, there are those who suffer from chronic A-Fib. While the condition isn't life-threatening, it is serious and can require emergency medical treatment. A-Fib can also lead to other heart and health complications.

The older a person is, the greater the likelihood they will develop A-Fib. People with heart disease, or who have had heart surgery or heart attacks, are also more likely to develop it. High blood pressure (especially later in life), sleep apnea and an over- or under-active Thyroid can be risk factors. A family history of A-Fib or other heart diseases are risk factors too.

Alcohol consumption may also be a risk factor. For some men, five or more drinks in two hours can bring on the condition. For women, four drinks may do it. Consider having only 1 or 2 drinks a day, if even that, or just quit—and quit tobacco too. Important preventable causes include dehydration, fatigue,

emotional state, hormonal imbalances and obesity. Stress can also contribute. Occasionally, activity can trigger A-Fib.

Treatments can include medications that change the electrical system of the heart or surgery. Treatment choices for A-Fib depend on its duration, severity, frequency and underlying causes. Treatment goals are to keep blood clots from forming and to reset and control the heart's rhythm. The strategy depends on other heart problems and whether or not medications only will work. More intense options include surgery and catheters.

Blood thinners are routinely used to prevent clots that can shoot to head (stroke) or to the lungs (emboli). You may have to wear a heart monitor if the symptoms are infrequent or sporadic. An EKG, a stress test (this is often “chemical” instead of “physical” these days) are usually part of the work up. Surgical treatments include a Pacemaker-to regulate heart rhythm or an internal defibrillator (such as former Vice President Dick Chaney has) to stop bad heart rhythms and restart the heart rhythm properly.

Lifestyle changes are better choices—if they work. Treating high blood pressure, eating heart-healthy foods, e.g., whole grains, fresh fruits and vegetables, and fish can prove helpful. Lowering salt intake will lower blood pressure. Proper exercise and increased physical activity approved by your medical provider can also help. The bottom

line: always seek professional medical advice!

Be well. ★



A LEGACY OF FAITHFULNESS

LTC CHERYL D. BRADY, USA (RET)
CHAPLAIN GENERAL, MOWW

The gracious hand of God was on the Order before it was conceived and brought forth. What God has begun, He will sustain until His purpose is fulfilled. Every purpose of God stems from an eternal vision. His vision for America is still unfolding. He has not lost sight of it under the cloud of darkness hanging over her.

MOWW has steadfastly looked into the future for almost one hundred years. Its longevity attests to the greater vision God had for building it into a world-class Veterans Service Organization. It was by divine design that God chose General Pershing as His vessel through whom He would birth an organization to carry out His agenda.

God is strategic in everything He does. His is the greatest military mind. He sees the entire battlefield through His omniscience and omnipresence. God saw the need for an organization such as ours to educate and train our nation's youth in the ways of patriotism and leadership for times such as this.

Attitude determines altitude. This relationship is applicable in our spiritual and our natural lives. If our attitude is predicated on our vision of the future, and the belief in the riches of God's goodness through people, then we cannot help but to realize progress in achieving our goals. Our love for God, for country, for our Order and for

each other should be our greatest motivations for fulfilling our five Strategic Goals.

We should never withhold good when it is in the power of our hand to promote good. By each of us doing every good thing we can for the cause of what is good for our Order overall, together we will leave a legacy of faithfulness.

Unless the Lord builds the house, they who labor on that house will labor in vain. Unless the Lord guards the city, the watchmen who stay awake do so in vain. Our faithfulness in the smallest of tasks and roles—either sought or assigned—provide witness that God is building the good house of our Order through us.

Our faithfulness in serving as watchmen in our communities and using our influence to inspire and promote change for the good testifies that God is guarding the city. God has not left things up to us what He alone can do. He does, though, give every Companion an opportunity to build on the legacy of faithfulness by their individual effort.

What do you see when you look at the future of the Order? Your time of service and God's timing are always in synch. Rest assured, what God has begun, He will complete it for His glory, ours and our nation's good. ★



MG Critz Chapter, OK

GPH to LTC Chapman

BY VCINC LTC CHARLES S. CHAMBERLIN, USA (RET)

MOWW VCINC LTC Charles S. Chamberlin, USA (Ret), presented the prestigious MOWW Gold Patrick Henry to the late LTC John Wayne Chapman II, USA (Ret). The award was presented to him at the chapter's April meeting.

(L-R): VCINC LTC Charles S. Chamberlin, USA (Ret); Region VIII Commander, Maj Robert J. Williams, USAF (Ret); Gold Patrick Henry recipient, the late LTC John Wayne Chapman II, USA (Ret), and Mrs. Wayne Chapman.



Puget Sound Chapter, WA

Local Teens Recognized for Patriotic Service

BY CINC COL DAVID B. GIBSON, USAF (RET)

Nine students from area communities were recognized by the Puget Sound Chapter for their excellent public service. Each young person received the Bronze Patrick Henry Award for outstanding citizenship and a MOWW Certificate

From Top Left: Maggie Mitchell (Washington HS), Jaden Bymers (Mt Tahoma HS), Ja'Ron Eubanks (Spanaway Lake HS), CJ Peterson (Curtis HS), Tristan Brouwer (Spanaway Lake HS), James Christie (North Kitsap HS), Laana Stafford (Lakes HS) and Tia Lewis (Stadium HS).





Region II: IL, IN, IA, KY, MI, MN, ND, OH, SD, WI

Region II Conference Highlight

BY COL DAVID B. GIBSON, USAF (RET)

In March, CINC Col David B. Gibson, USAF (Ret), and SVINC LTC John H. Hollywood, USA (Ret), joined region, department and chapter commanders in Louisville, KY, for the MOWW Region II Conference. SVINC LTC Hollywood presented a well-deserved Gold Patrick Henry plaque for extraordinary patriotic achievement to LTC Lawrence Herzog, USA (Ret). The presentation served as a meaningful and memorable highlight of the conference.

(L-R): LTC Lawrence Herzog, USA (Ret), received the MOWW Gold Patrick Henry, presented to him by SVINC LTC John H. Hollywood, USA (Ret).



Sun City Center Chapter, FL



Former SEAL presents National PTSD Program in Joint Program

BY MAJ JAMES HANEY USMC (RET)

On 7 March 2018, the Sun City Center Chapters of MOWW and MOAA, and the Military Family Support Trust conducted a joint meeting to hear retired Navy Seal CAPT Tom Chaby discuss the Warrior 2 Warrior (W2W) Special Operations suicide prevention & treatment program. During the meeting opening, Ms Elaine Davis from the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay presented MOWW's Sun City Center Chapter with \$7,000 for student registrations to the Tallahassee Youth Leadership Conference.

Photo left, (L-R): MOWW Sun City Center Chapter Commander Maj Jim Haney, USMC (Ret), MOAA Chapter Commander LTC Benny Blackshire, USA (Ret), Warrior 2 Warrior representative and meeting speaker, Navy Seal CAPT Tom Chaby; Military Family Support Trust President, Mrs Nancy Alguire and retired RM Brig Colin Howgill.

Photo right, (L-R): Ms Elaine Davis from the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay and Maj Jim Haney, USMC (Ret).

Fort Knox Chapter, KY

Homeland Security Program

BY BG CHARLES D. ESTES, USAR (RET)

The theme for the February program was Homeland Security. Mr. John Holiday, Executive Director of the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security, provided a rundown of the significant responsibilities of the office. Director Holiday has an extensive military background in intelligence and security operations and continues to serve in the Kentucky National Guard. He reports directly to the governor and interfaces with the US Department of Homeland Security.



His office coordinates with local, state and federal agencies to detect, deter, mitigate, and respond to any terrorist attack, including nuclear, biological, chemical, electromagnetic pulse, agro-, eco-, or cyber-terrorism or any other incidents that affect the security of Kentucky. He confirmed that cyber-security is the most difficult to control due to the continuous changes in technology. His efforts include coordinating these issues with first responders over the entire Commonwealth. The primary problem that he is working to resolve is that there is not full interoperability for exchange of information across the Commonwealth. In addition to procuring compatible equipment, his office conducts training programs for First Responders. The briefing was both interesting and very informative.

(L-R): John "Doc" Holiday, Executive Director, Kentucky Office of Homeland Security, was presented a MOWW Certificate of Appreciation for his Informative and candid briefing on the functions of his office and its integration with the National Office of Homeland Security. The MOWW Certificate of Appreciation was presented to him by BG Charles D. Estes, USA (Ret), who serves as both the Fort Knox Chapter Commander and Region II Commander.



Dallas Chapter, TX

First Annual MOWW Patriot's Golf Tournament a Great Success

BY LTC JAMES B. BLUNK, JR., USA (RET)

The first annual MOWW Patriot's Golf Tournament was a resounding success. The generosity of the golfers was magnificent, as they pitched in to aid in our fundraising efforts by purchasing "mulligans" and "single putt" options. The Chapter raised more than \$25,000. These funds will send at least 80 students to attend our 2018 Youth Leadership Conferences at Universities in Texas and Oklahoma this summer. Proceeds from the tournament will also help to fund our Homeless Veterans program. Everyone involved in this effort is to be congratulated, and finally, a round of applause to all those who participated in the 18-hole tournament.





Clearwater Chapter, FL



Clearwater Chapter Recognizes Eight Eagle Scouts

BY LTC DAVID MASON, USA (RET)

On 26 April, the Clearwater chapter presented MOWW Certificates of Recognition to eight Eagle Scouts at the same time, on the same day, and at two separate locations. LTC Steve Hodges (Chapter Commander) presented four certificates to newly appointed Eagle Scouts in Troop 301, St Petersburg, FL, while LTC Dave Mason presented four certificates to four new Eagle Scouts in Troop 321, Largo, FL.

Photo left, (L-R) Dawson Fillingim, Jacob Turner, LTC Steve Hodges, Zachary Tetreault and Nicholas Esposito

Photo right, (L-R): Mile Blount, Ethan Craft, Ryan Green, Tucker Toenjes and LTC Dave Mason, USA (Ret).



Columbus Chapter, GA

National Infantry Museum's Cadets-to-Vets Program

BY LTC ROGER J. BARROS, USA (RET)

Chapter Commander COL John M. House, USA (Ret), and several other Companions assisted in the National Infantry Museum's Cadets-to-Vets Program on 6 November 2017. The successful event was held at this nationally acclaimed museum in Columbus, GA. Over 600 JROTC Cadets interacted with MOWW Companions and other veterans to educate the cadets on the newly-installed Global War on Terrorism monument as well as numerous other artifacts on display at the NIM. The Columbus Chapter's active engagement with the local 2,000-member cadet contingent is largely due to the chapter's JROTC/SROTC Coordinator, 1LT Donald W. Dakin, USA (Ret), who was instrumental in spearheading this particular event.



VA Addresses Mental Health. Make the Connection!



At VA, one of our primary missions is to educate veterans about the benefits they have earned, including support for the variety of health challenges and conditions they may face as they transition out of the service and move through life. Many challenges are known and some can cause a great deal of distress such as being diagnosed with a mental health condition like PTSD or depression.

Stereotypes and popular misconceptions have informed our reality for far too long. In many cases, this reality has served as a substantial and seemingly insurmountable barrier to treatment and a better quality of life. These misconceptions can prevent veterans from seeking help and living their lives to their full potential.

We must eradicate these outdated narratives surrounding mental health and chip away at the “stigma” in order to make mental health care more approachable and accessible for veterans. Education and outreach play a major role. One of this year’s activities during Mental Health Month took advantage of the new theme Mental Health Means a Stronger You, by holding a YouTube Live event panel to discuss what mental health can, should and does mean to our nation’s veterans.

I’ve dealt with mental health issues in my personal life and knew how important a discussion like this would be. I was joined on the panel by two sharp individuals, Marine Corps veteran Moses Maddox and VA’s Director of Innovation and Collaboration for the Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, Dr. Wendy Tenhula.

Maddox discussed his transition from the military and how he went to extremes to re-experience the adrenaline rush of deployment. He offered insights on why it’s important to reach out for support.

“I am a big proponent of positive mental health,” Maddox explained. “Taking it seriously, that it’s not a ‘crazy sentence,’ saying that if you need help or if you’re feeling down, that’s not a sign of weakness, that’s a sign of strength. And it’s really, really important to talk about it.”

During the event, Tenhula discussed the resources available to veterans as well as how to start having

the conversation about mental health. See the video on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/zTr4spnYZgo>

Forever GI Bill - Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act



The Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act, also known as the “Forever GI Bill,” was signed into law on 17 August 2017. The Forever GI Bill will bring significant changes to veterans’ education benefits over the next few years, beginning in August 2018. Most changes will enhance or expand education benefits for veterans, servicemembers, families and survivors. Here’s a list of those changes and when they go into effect: <https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/docs/factsheets/ForeverGIBillFactSheet.pdf>

#VeteranOfTheDay: MOWW Companion and Marine Corps Veteran Frank H. McFadden



MOWW Companion Maj “Mac” McFadden, USMC (Ret), is a member of the Roanoke Chapter, VA. He was recently nominated to be one of VA’s “Veteran of the Day” appearing on the website 27 December 2017: <https://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/43898/marine-corps-veteran-frank-herman-mcfadden/>

Nominating a Companion to be a Veteran of the Day is a great way to celebrate their distinguished career and one small way to further MOWW’s Strategic Goal 3: Raise MOWW’s local and national visibility.

VA Assisted Living and Home Health Services



VA offers many assisted living and home health services for eligible veterans, including 132 Community Living Centers that provide short- and long-stay services. Home and community-based services are also available. VA’s caregiver education and training programs help make sure all veterans receive quality care by providing in-home and community-based care, respite care and family support services. Resources are available, see https://www.va.gov/GERIATRICS/Guide/LongTermCare/Locate_Services.asp ★





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