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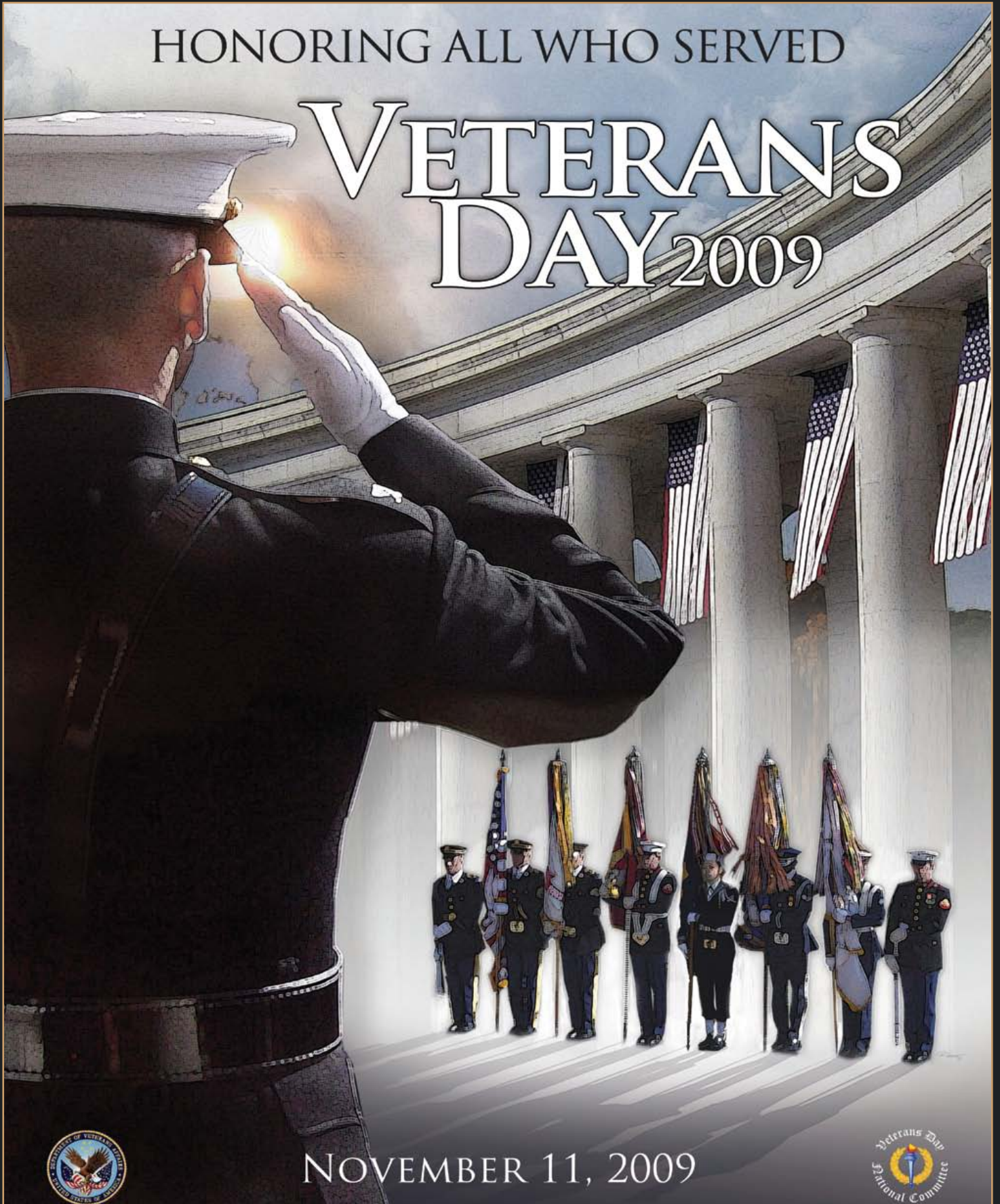
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HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

## VETERANS DAY 2009



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# Commander-in-Chief's Comments

November is a month rich in United States history, both at home and in the world arena.

When the calendar turns over after Halloween, our thoughts race toward Thanksgiving, arguably the most American of holidays after the Fourth of July. We view Thanksgiving as a commemoration of the 1621 feast celebrated by the Pilgrim colony in Massachusetts, which — like the predecessor settlements in Jamestown and St. Augustine — had suffered terrible hardships during its early days. In their first year, 46 of the 102 settlers who had arrived aboard the Mayflower died, and that first Thanksgiving celebrated the role of Providence in bringing the remainder safely through a second harvest season with enough provisions to ensure their survival through the winter.

Early attempts to create a national holiday tended toward a military connection: In 1777, the Continental Congress declared a national day of thanksgiving to celebrate the American victory at Saratoga. In 1789, Washington proclaimed November 26th as a national day of thanksgiving, recognizing the divine intervention that had enabled American success in the war for our independence. In his Thanksgiving message of 1863, Lincoln called for Americans to join on the last Thursday of November "to implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation."

Today, we celebrate Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday of November. It has become not only a day on which we acknowledge the blessings we have enjoyed during the year, but also the start of the Christmas shopping season, and a day in which football competes with eating as the unofficial national sport. But as "The Association for All Military Officers," we should remember other November dates that bear directly upon the development of American military history for our time.

At 11:00 a.m. on the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918, the guns fell silent in Europe. The "War to End All Wars" ended, and at 10:59, Canadian Private George Lawrence Price became the last man to die. Armistice Day, established to commemorate the end of the war, became Veterans Day in the United States, a day when all of America's veterans are honored.

As frequently happens, though, events do not always play out as expected. On November 7 (current calendar) of the previous year, the provisional government of Alexander Kerensky, established after the abdication of Russian Czar Nicholas II, was overthrown by a group of Bolsheviks, allowing the rise to power of a Soviet Union dominated by Vladimir Lenin and his supporters.

On November 24, 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, established after World War II to maintain peace in Europe, went into effect, and became quickly dedicated to protecting Western Europe from the Soviet Union. Few of us believed during the "Cold War" that followed that we would see a nonviolent end to the East-West rivalry that would dominate every aspect of international relations for most of our lives.

But at a press conference on November 9, 1989, it was announced that, effective immediately, border crossings between East and West were open, and citizens on either side of the border could cross freely to the other side. A day later, the Berlin Wall, which had stood since August 1961, fell.

This November, America is fighting two geographical wars and an ideological one against terrorism that threatens America, its citizens and its worldwide interests. I hope our Chapters are supporting Veterans Day commemorations recognizing those who have defended America's freedom. If yours has no formal program, put on your MOWW cap and support local community activities.

Remember the price of Freedom — and those who paid it!



COL PHILEMON ST. AMANT II

# Flags For All Veterans

By LTC Michael Jarvis,  
Green Mountain, Vermont, Chapter

In Barre, Vermont, population 16,000, the custom of decorating the individual graves of Veterans, dating back to 1895, fell by the wayside as the local Veterans organizations could no longer muster enough members to continue the tradition. In response, local Veteran, Doug Nadeau, created the Flags For Veterans Committee authorized by both the city and town of Barre to identify and mark the individual graves of local Veterans throughout seven cemeteries.

He asked for help from concerned citizens and MOWW members to assist him in this noble endeavor. In turn, the Green Mountain Chapter secured the enthusiastic support of JROTC cadets from Spaulding High School to place and retrieve the flags each year (pictured right).

The cadets, on the appointed day, mass in the cemetery and go in groups of two or more to each Veteran's grave and render honors after placing the flag in the standard (pictured below).

This solemn ritual serves to impress upon these young Americans the sacrifice made by these Veterans of America's conflicts from the Revolution to Iraqi Freedom.

Companions, LTC Michael Jarvis, Green Mountain Chapter Commander, and COL Errol Briggs, Treasurer, continue their leadership of the Flags For Veterans Committee. COL Briggs is the current chairman of the Committee and LTC Jarvis is responsible for one of the bigger cemeteries. Although the municipalities provide funds for the flags, the Committee organizes fundraisers to purchase the appropriate metal flag standards for every Veteran. During the past seven years, the Committee has purchased hundreds of standards representing all wars, to include replacing unserviceable standards as necessary.

With the help of JROTC cadets and other volunteers (pictured below right), flags are placed at the graves of 2,186 Veterans before Memorial Day and maintained until removal by Veterans Day. Vermont's winters are too harsh to keep the flags in place all year long.

Another mission of the Committee is to conduct research to identify and verify service records of these deceased Veterans

and to create a computer database to preserve the information for posterity.

LTC Jarvis also gathers the worn flags that have flown over the graves of Barre Veterans and creates popular mementos of these flags, folded properly and mounted in small wooden shadow boxes and handed out to supporting citizens.

Veterans who have gone to their eternal rest deserve this final recognition of their service. When completed each year, and our cemeteries are awash in the splendor of hundreds of American flags, it points out just how many of our fellow citizens did their duty to serve our Country in times of crisis so that those of us among the living and future generations can continue to enjoy the freedoms of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We urge our fellow Companions throughout the Country to assist their communities in establishing or maintaining the tradition of honoring the individual graves of Veterans with a well-made American flag placed in an appropriate standard.



# 65th Anniversary of the Landings at Anzio

By COL David Jolly, Jr.  
 Memphis, Tennessee, Chapter

On October 5-7 1995, the WWII survivors of one Company of Infantry from the 3rd Infantry Division held a reunion in Memphis, Tennessee.

One of the items exhibited at the "memorabilia" exhibit during their final dinner prior to departure for home was this poem (obviously composed by an English soldier) and it was hand-written on an original piece of "V" mail, (which is, in itself, a collectors item).

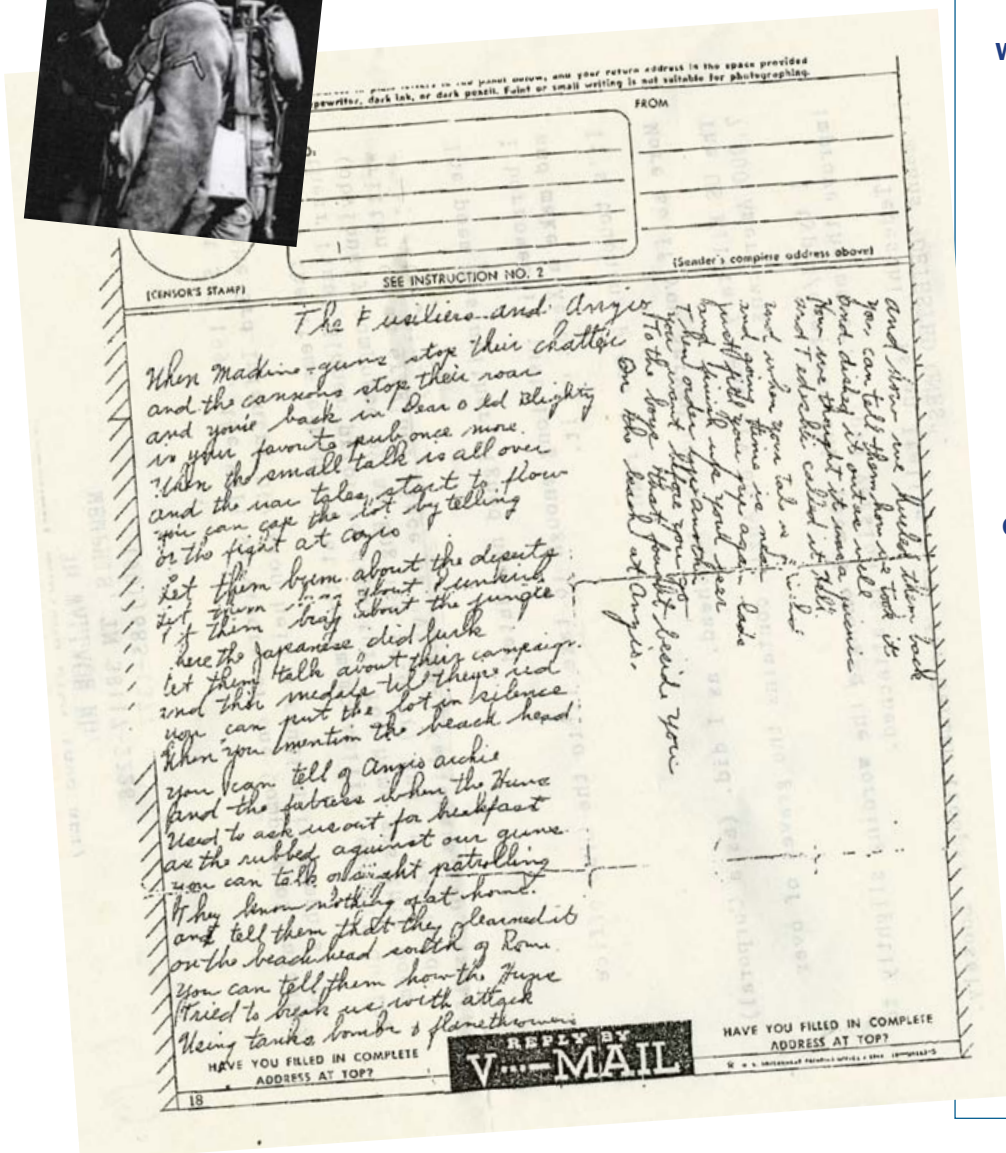
The poem was neither signed nor dated.

I borrowed it just long enough to take it to the Club office and make a copy of it.

It's a touching piece to read. More so if you served on the Beach Head, as I did (as a Corporal)

The US Military cemetery on Anzio contains the graves of over 7,000 Americans.

I typed this poem & changed the wording slightly to improve the meter. "Tedeschi" is an Italian word for German troops; loosely, it means "detested ones" and "Anzio Annie" was a huge krupp k5 rail artillery gun, it was also named the anzio express.



## *The Fusiliers and Anzio*

**When machine guns stop their chatter  
 And the cannons stop their roar  
 And you're aback in dear 'ol blighty  
 In your favorite pub once more;**

**When the small talk is all over  
 And the war tales start to flow  
 You can cap the lot by telling  
 Of the fight at Anzio**

**Let them bum about the deserts  
 Let them brag about Dunkirk  
 Let them tell about the jungles  
 Where the Japanese did lurk**

**Let them talk about their campaigns  
 And their medals till they're red  
 You can put the lot in silence  
 When you mention "The Beach Head"**

**You can tell of Anzio Annie  
 And the fortress when the Huns  
 Used to ask us out for breakfast  
 As they rubbed against our guns**

**You can talk of night patrolling  
 (they know nothing of at home)  
 And tell them that you learned it  
 on a beach head south of Rome**

**You can tell them how the Huns  
 Tried to break us with attacks  
 Of tanks, bombs and flame throwers  
 And how we hurled them back**

**You can tell them how we took it  
 And dished it out as well  
 How we thought it was a picnic  
 And "Tedeschi" called it hell**

**And when your tale is finished  
 And the going home time's near  
 Just fill your pipe again lads  
 And finish up your beer**

**And order up a final one  
 To toast before you go  
 The guys that fought beside you  
 on the beach at Anzio!**

# A Free Country

By CWO Theodore L. "Ted" Cogut  
Catalina Mountains, Arizona, Chapter



What with all his disappointments, you would think that my father would have been going around with his head hung low. But that never happened, and even now, these many years later, I think that was remarkable.

It started when he was only 10 years old. That was when Dad suddenly became the man of the family because his father, a wheelwright, was murdered. Grandfather had made wheels for the local aristocrat and had requested payment for them. But instead of paying Grandfather, the aristocrat ordered that he be murdered, which of course was a much easier way of dealing with a lowly craftsman in that place ruled by the Austrian Emperor Franz Joseph.

When Father was 17, Grandmother sent him to her brother's farm in Germany where he worked until, at the age of 20, he had saved enough for his steamship ticket to America. Two years after Henry Ford had introduced his Model T, Dad was helping him build them and was saving the money to help bring his family to America. He then received the terribly sad news that Grandmother was refused entry at Ellis Island and was returned to the Old Country because of poor eyesight. We believe she only needed glasses!

Working for Mr. Ford were the good times. Dad was there when Henry instituted the moving assembly line, a cost-cutting measure which enabled Henry to lower the price of his cars to the point where almost anyone

could afford one. And he was there when Henry doubled his employees' wages, a bold act that helped transform the economy of the nation.

Then, two years after Henry introduced his new car, the Model A, Dad was laid off along with countless others. The Great Depression was taking its toll. There would be no unemployment compensation and no pension even though Dad had worked for Henry for 20 years. That there was no pension was not due to any meanness on Henry's part. That was just the way things were and everyone, including Dad, understood that.

In conversations about the deplorable state of the economy which would continue for many years, until World War II brought employment back to a weary nation, Dad's voice always seemed to end with an upbeat tone, saying: "Still, we live in a free country." Even though it became abundantly clear to us that America and the uniform I wore while home on furlough were very close to his heart, it was obvious the words "free country" meant much more to him than we, his children, could ever understand.

This is being written in November, a month in which we recognize our Veterans and our blessings on two special holidays: Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day.

As we acknowledge our blessings, let us remember the sacrifices of our young service members who stand in harm's way in order that we may live in this free country.



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## Belated Recognition

By LCDR Dick Belmore  
North Texas Chapter

Col. Paul Yeager USAF (Ret), a member of MOWW North Texas Chapter, was extremely fortunate and proud to receive the belated meritorious Distinguish Flying Cross that he earned during WWII as a P-38 Lightning fighter pilot in the Army Air Corp. Paul served in the South Pacific as a member of the 9th Fighter Squadron of the 49th Fighter Group from March to November 1943. Paul bailed out of his bullet riddle aircraft over the New Guinea jungle. He had flown 50 missions during his service tour and with the help of his wife Connie and Congressional Representative Sam Johnson, a USAF pilot himself during the Vietnam War, Paul's lost paperwork was verified and the DFC finally was pinned on his jacket at his home in McKinney, Texas—66 years in route. Paul was also congratulated and recognized for his award by Commander John Lopez III (above, right) and the Chapter membership at their September 2009 meeting.



# General Douglas MacArthur The Consummate Patriot and CINC!

By Past CINC COL Jack B. Jones

Gen Hoyt S. Vandenberg, California, Chapter

Ask anyone over the age of thirty to name an accomplished General and the list will surely be headed by General of the Army (G/A) Douglas MacArthur. One of only five Generals to be awarded the rank of General of the Army, MacArthur showed his skill, intellect and courage in three major wars; WWI, WWII and Korea. He is the most highly decorated Officer the Army has produced earning The Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross (3), Distinguished Service Medal (5), Navy Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross, Silver Star (7), Bronze Star with V for Valor device, Air Medal, Purple Heart (2), innumerable foreign decorations and service ribbons and qualification badges too numerous to list.

General MacArthur relates that his first memories of life are of the bugle blowing at Ft. Selden, New Mexico where his father (LTG Arthur MacArthur, then Captain) was stationed during the Indian Wars. He graduated at the top of his class at West Point graduating in 1903 having demonstrated excellence in sports, e.g. football, military training and academics which garnered him the position of "First Captain of the Corps of Cadets."

His exploits at Vera Cruz in 1914 brought a recommendation for the Medal of Honor for Bravery which was denied at that time. In WWI, he was an Officer who led from the front and was decorated numerous times for heroic conduct in battle culminating in his being promoted to Brigadier General at age 38. His exploits and record of his service in WWII and Korea have been well-chronicled with all the victories, honors, and controversies documented in print and film. However, there are several events in which G/A MacArthur had involvement, which are lesser known but bear scrutiny in light of his history and service as well as his service with the Military Order of the World Wars.

In February 1917, with the United States less than two months from war with Germany, President Woodrow Wilson and Secretary of War, Newton D. Baker, were

discussing their choices for Commander of the American Army, who would be sent to France when and if war were declared. Their choice was easily made with Major General Fred Funston—the only viable candidate. General Funston had served in the Army during the Philippine Insurrection at the turn of the century and earned the Medal of Honor for heroic efforts in carrying out the attack on the enemy. In 1906, General Funston was stationed in San Francisco when the great earthquake occurred. His actions in charge of the military relief efforts and for those extended to save the city received national attention and acclaim. Later, he was commander of the 1916 punitive expedition into Mexico with MG John Pershing as one of his subordinate commanders. Funston returned home after the expedition to Mexico and on February 19, 1917 was in San Antonio, Texas, when he unexpectedly died of a massive heart attack.

The War Department was notified of the tragedy and a young Major serving the late shift at the War Department received the message. He was ordered to hand-carry the message to Secretary Baker and to President Wilson at the White House.

After receiving the news, Wilson asked somewhat rhetorically, "Who should replace Funston?" The Major replied that speaking for himself, he believed that it should be General Pershing.

When war was declared on Germany, President Wilson named Pershing as Commander of the American Expeditionary Force. The young Major who made the suggestion was then-Major Douglas MacArthur.

When General Douglas MacArthur was promoted to Chief of Staff of the Army in 1930, the military was in the testing of several new rifles to take the place of the 1903 Springfield rifle of WWI. The Army was looking for a semi-automatic weapon which would have a better cyclic rate of fire and meet the conditions of reliability required for use in a battlefield environment. Two primary candidates emerged in the form of a semi-automatic rifle invented by John Pedersen and the other, a gas-operated, semi-automatic rifle invented by John Garand. Both had its advocates and detractors.

After many modifications, tests and competitions, it appeared that the Pedersen rifle with a .276 caliber cartridge was about to be recommended for adoption, when "fate intervened" in the personage of Army Chief of Staff General Douglas MacArthur.

General MacArthur was uninterested in the new, .276-cal cartridge and he expressed his feelings in an early 1932 letter to the Adjutant General.

His letter read, in part, "...approval of the action recommended in this case would seem to definitely commit the American Army to Caliber .276.

*It is not considered that this is wise or desirable. We have already in our war accumulations, as well as our current affairs, committed ourselves to the larger Caliber .30.*

*To make this change will introduce an element of chaos,*



*confusion and uncertainty which, magnified under war conditions would more than counteract the beneficial effect of any semi-automatic rifle.”*

With the Nation in the midst of a depression and projected costs of production of new ammunition, while possessing millions of rounds of .30 caliber ammunition in store houses, MacArthur realized the plan was poorly formulated and too costly. As one would expect, a “suggestion” from the Chief of Staff of the Army had as much impact as a direct order and the development of the .276 caliber ammunition and rifle was dropped.

Garand went on to develop his rifle and the Army soon adopted the “M-1” rifle which some have declared to be the “best” combat rifle of WWII and which was credited as an essential arm for winning the war. Thanks to General MacArthur’s perspicacity and fortitude, the M-1 Garand was the final selection, utilizing the .30 caliber ammunition battle proven in WWI.

Many are unaware that General MacArthur was the third Commander-in-Chief (CINC) of the Military Order of the World Wars having been elected in 1926.

At the time of his election to CINC, he had been a “Life Member” since April, 1926 and accepted the post as a great honor. As with any challenge, the-Major General MacArthur met it head-on with precision and well-conceived plans and objectives. He believed that the “Superlative objective of the Order should be increased membership and proactive work in the preparedness field of National Defense, as well as improving the condition of the disabled of the World War.”



*Brigadier General Douglas MacArthur in 1918, photographed during World War I, when MacArthur was serving in France and first distinguished himself as a military leader. Credit: National Archives, National Personnel Records Center; Records of the Army Staff*

His plans were approved by the General Staff meeting, in convention in Baltimore, Maryland, with increasing membership becoming the cornerstone of the Order’s work that year. The Order even hired a public relations company to draft the plan and assist the implementation of same. The plan recommended that the National Bulletin be published monthly, that Hereditary memberships be authorized, and that a Sustaining Fund be established for furthering the objectives of the Order and the Increased Membership plan be forwarded to each Chapter for action. All of these recommendations from the MacArthur year (1926-1927) are still with us to this day.

Beyond those activities and biographic perspectives generally known about G/A Douglas MacArthur, there are those little known facts which

demonstrate the man’s greatness. In the book, “Ten Most Patriotic Speeches” General MacArthur is the only one to have two speeches included. In sampling opinion of over one hundred persons from all walks of life as to those who should be included in the book, General MacArthur was always mentioned along with Lincoln and Patrick Henry. The opinion was equally divided between his “Old Soldiers Never Die” speech to Congress on his return from Korea, and his “The Corps, and the Corps, and the Corps...” farewell speech he delivered at West Point. Therefore, both speeches were included. He truly was the consummate Soldier, Patriot, Companion and CINC!

*(The book, Ten Most Patriotic Speeches was authored by Past CINC COL Jack. B. Jones)*

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If you need one of the speakers to address your Region, State, Department, or Chapter meetings—or any other community or business event—please invite the speaker directly, using their contact information listed on the website.

# Resource: The American Veteran



“The American Veteran” is a monthly video magazine produced by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Each program reports stories of interest and value to the Veterans and their families and the American public. The American Veteran is carried on the Pentagon Channel at <http://www.pentagonchannel.mil/>. Segments may also be viewed directly from your computer and include titles such as “Prism Therapy helps Veterans regain sight” which was filmed at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center in Houston, and is about a new and unusual therapy which tricks the brain, so patients with an unusual vision condition, called hemispatial neglect, can learn to see

again. Another show follows one advocate in Pennsylvania as he helps Veterans learn about their benefits and navigate the VA system. To view listings or browse their web page visit <http://www.va.gov/opa/feature/amervet/>

## The P-38 Can Opener



*Submitted by COL Fremont Piercefield  
Chicago, Illinois, Chapter*

I read the enclosed article (see below) about the GI Can Opener fondly known as “the P-38” to literally millions of American service men beginning in 1942 until probably 2001. It brought back to me possibly 30 years of mostly pleasant memories that I may not have had the reason to recall.

After reflecting on what I had read, I felt that the article should be shared with your many readers who undoubtedly

will recall the many times the P-38 came into play in peace and war. Often times the P-38 was hung on a chain with the dog tags so as to be readily available at meal time. It took me a bit of rummaging in my memorabilia to find my surviving P-38. I was thankful to have been reminded.

*Pictured right, Maj. Thomas Dennehy, inventor of the P-38 can opener.*



### Small Wonder

Decade after decade, a Milwaukee-made can opener served generations of soldiers.

Even with billions of dollars spent annually on defense technology, the most iconic piece of military equipment might be a 1.2-cent can opener.

Beginning in World War II, the P-38 was standard issue in every box of rations. Veterans carried it to Korea, Vietnam and the Middle East, and with its elegant simplicity, indestructibility and versatility, it was treasured by soldiers.

“I opened a lot of culinary delights with my P-38,” says Fernando Rodriguez of Watertown, Wis., a Marine in Vietnam. But that’s not all. “It was a screwdriver, a bottle opener, and you could cut things with it. I carried it on my key chain for years. I still have it.”

In 1942, the U.S. Army Subsistence Research Laboratory in Chicago was presented with the challenge of creating an opener small enough to carry in the pocket. Moreover, it couldn’t break, rust, need sharpening or polishing. It took the lab 30 days to invent what was originally dubbed “Opener, Can, Hand, Folding.” U.S. Army Col. Renita Menyhart once called it “The Patron Saint of Army Inventions.”

The J.W. Speaker Corp. of Germantown, Wis., was one of the first companies to manufacture the P-38, and it produced millions. The company’s founder, J.W. Speaker, actually improved the design by adding tabs for the hinge, which held the blade securely open or closed as needed. J.W. passed away in 1960 and his son Jack Speaker took over.

“The first contract I bid on was a Department of Defense solicitation for 10 million P-38s, with a rider for 10 million more,” Jack Speaker says. “The bid was about \$12 per thousand.” He estimates that between 1960 and the late ’80s, his company made around 50 million P-38s.

Luther Hanson, curator at the U.S. Army Quartermaster Museum in Fort Lee, Va., estimates that “750 million P-38s were produced for WWII” and “at least a billion” from Vietnam to the present.

Beginning with the first Gulf War, the P-38 was phased out. Today, the Speaker Corp. manufactures electrical lighting components for vehicles, but still has about 100,000 P-38s in stock. Or you can buy one at most Army surplus stores for about 50 cents.

*This article, written by Dick Dickinson appeared in the March 2, 2009 edition of the Milwaukee Magazine*



## VA Warns Of Telephone Scam

The Veterans Administration (VA) is warning people not to give credit-card numbers over the phone to callers who claim to be updating VA prescription information.

Kevin Secor, a Veterans Service Organizations liaison to VA, recently sent an e-mail that outlined the scam. "I have received many reports that Veterans are being contacted by 'Patient Care Group,' representing that they are helping administer VA prescriptions and stating that the pharmacy billing procedures have changed, and they are therefore requesting Veteran credit-card numbers for prescription payments in advance of filling their prescriptions," Secor wrote.

"This is false. VA does not call Veterans asking to disclose personal financial information over the phone. VA has not changed its processes for dispensing prescription medicines," he wrote.

Anyone receiving a call from someone claiming to work for the Patient Care Group, who is seeking a credit card number, should simply hang up.

Veterans with questions about VA services should contact the nearest VA medical center or call toll-free (877) 222-8387.

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## Pentagon Will Push for a Tobacco-Free Military

Institute of Medicine (IOM) Report Confirms Tobacco Use Interferes with Military Readiness

A new report released by the prestigious Institute of Medicine (IOM) finds the Department of Defense spends more than \$1.6 billion each year on tobacco-related medical care, increased hospitalizations and lost days of work. Last year, the Department of Veterans Affairs spent more than \$5 billion to treat chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), an often fatal respiratory disease linked closely to smoking.

USA Today reports that Pentagon health experts have taken notice and are urging Defense Secretary Robert Gates to "to ban the use of tobacco by troops and end its sale on military property." The American Lung Association applauds the Pentagon for responding positively to these important recommendations to protect the health of those in uniform.

The IOM report also found that tobacco use interferes with military readiness. In the short term, smokers are more susceptible to colds and other respiratory infections, which can weaken a soldier's physical fitness and stamina. Of even greater concern in the long term, nearly half of all smokers will die as the result of their addiction. The IOM found that one in three service members use tobacco, which is substantially higher than the general adult population where one in five smokes.

To its great credit, in the last century the military led the way in many difficult issues such as racial integration, equal opportunity, gender equality, drug abuse, physical fitness, suicide prevention, among many others. The time has come for the military to tackle, once and for all, the terrible scourge of tobacco use among its young population, who are becoming addicted to this deadly substance for the first time while serving our country.

The Lung Association urges Pentagon officials to act quickly to implement measures that will herald in a new era of healthier, tobacco-free soldiers. By requiring new Officers and enlisted personnel to not use tobacco combined with implementing and enforcing smokefree policies on all military installations, countless lives will be saved. The Lung Association also strongly supports the report's recommendation to end the sale of tobacco products at base exchanges and commissaries.

For more information visit the American Lung Association at [www.lungusa.org](http://www.lungusa.org)

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## Warrior's Walk



They call it Warriors Walk, a ten-bed unit where a dedicated team of doctors and nurses to care for terminally ill Veterans during the last days of their journey. The new hospice care facility is opening at the William Jennings Bryan Dorn VA Medical Center in Columbia, South Carolina. Warriors Walk will be dedicated to assisting Veterans during the final months of their life, with a talented medical staff specially trained in end of life issues. The focus is on relieving pain, managing symptoms, and offering emotional and spiritual support to comfort terminally ill Veterans. In addition to the nursing staff, Warriors Walk includes support areas where families and friends of the Veterans can come and visit and spend time with their loved ones. They are encouraged to bring memorabilia and mementos to personalize the Veterans' space and make them feel at home. In addition to VA staff, Warriors Walk is supported by many special volunteers who give their time and energy to support the terminally ill.

For the grand opening, the Daughters of the American Revolution stitched blankets for every room to make it more like home for the Veterans. The VA always strives to give the best care and support to our Veterans' that is possible. This is the last care they will receive and Warriors Walk staff is working hard to ensure it is of the highest quality and comfort.

# VA Committee Releases Report on Research Related to Gulf War Veterans' Health



The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has received a copy of the latest report on the health of Gulf War Veterans from the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses (GWVI). The RAC was created to advise and provide recommendations to VA concerning proposed research studies, plans, and strategies on health issues related to Gulf War service.

The report identified potential causes for—and asserted that research supports the existence of—a multisymptom condition resulting from service in the 1990-1991 Gulf War, which the committee identified as “Gulf War Illness.”

In November 2008, VA requested that the National Academy of Sciences, Institute of Medicine (IOM) explain discrepancies between findings contained in nine Congressionally mandated IOM committee reports on Gulf War health issues completed since 1998, and the October 2008 report released by the RACGWVI. As a result of these discussions with IOM, an invitation was issued and members of the RAC presented their key findings and the background for those findings on April 14, 2009, as part of the next IOM Gulf War literature review. The IOM committee's formal report is due February 2010.

VA has long recognized conditions of, granted benefits to, and provided health care for Gulf War Veterans suffering from a broad range of symptoms, even though these conditions have not been scientifically recognized as a specific disease, injury, or illness. These conditions include chronic fatigue, persistent rashes, hair loss, headaches, muscle pain, joint pain, neurological symptoms, neuropsychological symptoms (such as memory loss), respiratory system symptoms, sleep disturbances, gastrointestinal symptoms, cardiovascular symptoms, abnormal weight loss, and menstrual disorders.

“I appreciate the committee’s work on this report, and I am eager to see the results of further independent study into their findings,” former Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. James B. Peake said at the time of the reports release. “Of course, VA will continue to provide the care and benefits our Gulf War Veterans have earned through their service, as we have for more than a decade.”

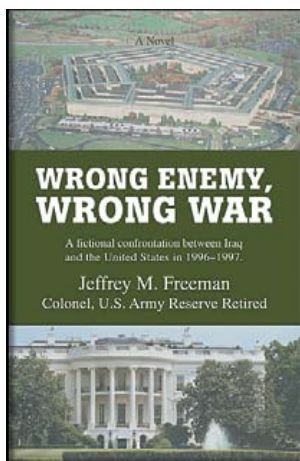
The full report can be accessed at : [www.1.va.gov/rac-gwvi/docs/GWlandHealthofGWVeterans\\_RAC-GWVIReport\\_2008.pdf](http://www.1.va.gov/rac-gwvi/docs/GWlandHealthofGWVeterans_RAC-GWVIReport_2008.pdf)

If you are a Veteran who served on active military duty in Southwest Asia during the Gulf War from 1990 to the present, including Operation Iraqi Freedom, you are eligible for a Gulf War Registry Examination. Military duty covered includes service in one of the following areas: Iraq, The Neutral Zone (between Iraq and Saudi Arabia), Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, The United Arab Emirates, Oman, Gulf of Oman, Gulf of Aden, Waters of the Persian Gulf, Arabian Sea and Red Sea.

**The following Web link can provide Veterans with a great deal of information on registries and many related topics: [www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures](http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures).**

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## Wrong Enemy, Wrong War

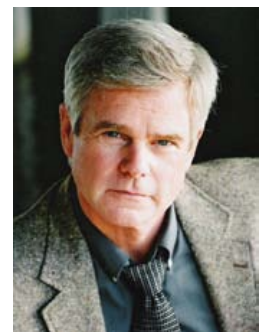


*Wrong Enemy, Wrong War* is set against a fictional conflict with Iraq in 1996-97, but with real life potential consequences. *Wrong Enemy, Wrong War* is a sequel to *Duty and Character*, a military-political suspense story.

Author, actor, Army Reservist (Retired), and native Vermonter, Jeffrey M. Freeman is also a Companion of the Order who served in the Army and Army Reserve for thirty-three years, rising from draftee to Colonel. He spent about a third of his military career in Washington, DC, including the last two years when he was recalled to active duty to assist in the writing of The Joint Staff history of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

Jeff is a five-time awards recipient from Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge for essays on the American way of life. His article, Perseverance Pays Off, was published in Dr. Robert Schuller’s Possibilities magazine.

COL Freeman’s work for the Joint Staff on the official history of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM heavily influenced this novel. To see a synopsis of this book, or to read a sample from this or COL Freeman’s other publications, please visit his web site [www.jeffreyfreeman.com](http://www.jeffreyfreeman.com) He normally resides in the Tampa Bay area of Florida.



# Dallas, Texas, Chapter's Veterans Day Parade

By 1st LT Wes Gross  
Dallas, Texas, Chapter

As we have done for many years, the Dallas Chapter again held our Massing of the Colors in conjunction with the Dallas Veterans Day Parade on 11/11/08 at 11:00 a.m.

One hundred American Flags and fifty State flags were presented to the reviewing stand before Dallas City Hall and were then carried in the parade by JROTC cadets from the Dallas Independent School Districts (ISD) schools.

Massing of the Colors is under the direction of Chapter Companions LTC Paul Pfrommer and 1st LT Wes Gross.



## CINC Travel Schedule, 2009–2010

The 2009–2010 travel itinerary (as of October 2009) for CINC COL Philemon St. Amant II is listed right.



CINC COL St. Amant will be driving almost everywhere, therefore, he has included the driving time to each event listed in his schedule, and the return home to Baton Rouge (which can be modified, should something else arise) as a separate item.

If you wish to invite the CINC to any of your MOWW or community functions, please send your invitation by e-mail to:  
CINC COL Philemon St. Amant II at [pastamant@aol.com](mailto:pastamant@aol.com)

For information regarding invitations to the CINC, see Chapter XVII (17), *MOWW Handbook*.



Date	Location	Event
October 21	New Orleans, La.	Chapter Meeting
October 27-31	Tucson, Ariz.	Chapter Meeting
November 1-5	Huntsville, Ala.	Huntsville, Ala. YLC
November 6	Return Home	
November 8-11	Travel to Arlington, Va.	Vetrans Day Activities
November 12-13	Personal Visit, No Car	
November 14-16	Return Home	
November 18-19	Sun City Center, Fla.	Travel & Dining Out
November 20-21	Return Home	
December 9-12	Fort Meade, Md.	Chapter Meeting
December 13-16	Return Home	
January 20-23	Dallas, Tex.	EXCOM Meeting
January 24	Return Home	
March 26-27	New Orleans	Region VII Meeting
March 28	Return Home	
April 27-May 2	Virginia Beach, Va.	Region IV Meeting
May 3-6	Tallahassee, Fla.	Tallahassee, Fla. YLC
May 7-8	Return Home	
May 12-15	Jacksonville, Fla.	Region VI Conference
May 16-17	Return Home	
May 27	Jackson, Miss.	Chapter Meeting
May 28	Return Home	
June 16-23	Tacoma, Wash.	Pacific NW YLC
June 23-27	Return Home	
July 19-22	Melbourne, Fla.	Melbourne, Fla YLC
July 23-25	Return Home	
August 1-8	El Paso, Tex.	National Convention

# An Affiliation — The Order and the National Society of Pershing Rifles: How to Make it Work

By LTC Carlton Witte, Wilmington, Delaware, Chapter and  
P/R MG Tom Carlsen, Pershing Rifles National Commander

*“Be it resolved, that the Military Order of World Wars and the National Society of Pershing Rifles pledge to support this resolution in order to promote and expand participation and involvement in mutually beneficial programs throughout the Nation for a better America.”*



In 2006, The Military Order of World Wars and the National Society of Pershing Rifles (P/R) established a formal affiliation. When considering the affiliation, Past CINC COL Bert Rice pointed out that “a formal affiliation would provide a unique opportunity to bridge generations while continuing to perform separate common goals and objectives of each organization.” This vision was, and continues to be, shared and embraced by many Companions and every CINC since the affiliation was formalized. Leadership of both organizations agree that benefits of the affiliation include: opportunities for P/R participation in MOWW-sponsored activities, MOWW Companions can be an excellent resource to P/R members by assisting with establishing and growth of companies, joint public service projects, and mentoring. Most Pershing Rifles are Senior ROTC cadets and, thus, could assist in liaison between MOWW Chapters and ROTC cadre.

Of course, the opportunity for taking advantage of the affiliation is greatest for MOWW Chapters that are in close proximity to a Pershing Rifles Company. To find out whether there is an active Pershing Rifle Company located at a nearby college or university, contact the Senior ROTC cadre and ask if there is an active Pershing Rifles Company affiliated with their university. If there is, a cadre member serves as the P/R faculty advisor. This advisor can be an excellent resource for helping to link up Chapter representatives with the P/R Company Commander and staff. Another excellent resource for locating P/R companies is the Pershing Rifle National Headquarters (contact information located lower right, page 16 ).

The Pershing Rifles web site provides links to the Commander’s e-mail and to each of the Staff Officers. Also, if you click on the “Roster” link in the menu on the left side of the P/R web site screen, you will see a listing of Regiments. Click through these to locate active Pershing Rifles Companies and their university affiliation. You can also find a direct link to the Pershing Rifle web site at the MOWW web site (at [www.militaryorder.net](http://www.militaryorder.net)) under “Special Interest Items.”

The P/R Commander and co-author of this article, P/R MG Tom Carlsen has reiterated his resolve to carry on the goals of his predecessors to foster support to the JROTC and welcomes any opportunity to join forces with the MOWW in this common goal. Sponsoring, organizing, and executing JROTC drill team competitions and other leadership development activities are but a few examples of how Pershing Riflemen can help support JROTC programs.



*Past CINC COL Bert Rice with Syracuse University Pershing Rifle Color Guard at the General Pershing Memorial Service, Arlington National Cemetery*

Many Pershing Riflemen will receive commissions and are, therefore, an excellent resource for MOWW membership. Past National Commander P/R LTG Chris Scheuermann is spearheading an initiative to develop a database of Pershing Rifle alumni. Chris will be joined in the initiative by Past Pershing Rifle National Commander and MOWW Companion, 2LT David Poe, upon his return from duty in the Middle East. Both expressed hope that the database will help to improve communications with P/R alumni and foster opportunities for joint initiatives. David and Chris, who were instrumental in helping to forge the MOWW and P/R affiliation in 2006, feel that P/R alumni could be a fine resource for assisting MOWW in achieving the Order’s initiatives.

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***One way of helping to insure the success of the affiliation is by including in chapter annual goals the invitation to involve these fine young men and women in MOWW activities.***

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At the 2009 MOWW National Convention in Baltimore, P/R BG Rebecca Scholand expressed interest in the opportunity for Pershing Riflemen to assist Chapters conducting Youth Leadership Conferences. "P/R's would make a fine resource for assisting at YLC programs," said Rebecca. "For example, they could help with administration, perform color guard duties, put on drill exhibitions, and even assist with leadership training." At the ROTC Seminar, Rebecca expressed pride and appreciation for the affiliation with the MOWW and looked forward with anticipation and hope for a long relationship that would help both organizations better realize their goals.

Similar sentiments were expressed by the National Commander of the National Society of Scabbard & Blade, David P. Kearns, an ROTC cadet at the University of South Florida. A formal affiliation was approved at the 2009 National Convention between the MOWW and Scabbard & Blade, making it the second MOWW affiliation with an undergraduate military fraternity. Also in attendance at the Convention was the National Executive Director of the National Society of Scabbard & Blade, Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Douglas Dollar. General Dollar was sworn in as a Perpetual Member of the MOWW at the Convention. Many of the suggestions provided in this article also apply to fostering a successful relationship with the Scabbard & Blade. General Dollar and Commander Kearns will soon provide specific information to assist Chapters in making contact with Scabbard & Blade companies.

If you have questions and/or suggestions feel free to contact General Dollar by e-mail at: [ddollar@ScabbardAndBlade.org](mailto:ddollar@ScabbardAndBlade.org). Please visit the Scabbard & Blade web site at [www.scabbardandblade.org](http://www.scabbardandblade.org) to view the Mission Statement, Purpose, Ideals and Programs.

The Pershing Rifles national command and staff are resolute in fostering the common goals shared by the MOWW and the Pershing Rifles and are hopeful that the future will bring many new and memorable initiatives. Due to the frequent turnover of leadership in both organizations, it is imperative that proactive coordination and advanced planning be continuously maintained to assure that established relationships and initiatives do not falter and that opportunities are not lost. One way of helping to insure the success of the affiliation is by including in chapter annual goals the invitation to involve these fine young men and women in MOWW activities.

Florida Sate will host the next Pershing Rifle Convention in Tallahassee, Florida, on March 17-20, 2010. VCINC Col Fred Graves will attend and welcomes other Companions to join with him and the Pershing Rifles in what will assuredly be a memorable event.



*Companions VCINC COL Fred Graves and CPT Joe Taylor, (U of KY P/R) with P/R alumnus Bob Sierra (center) P/R 2008 National Convention.*



*CINC COL Phil St. Amant II with Chief of Staff P/R BG Rebecca Sholand at the 2009 MOWW National Convention in Baltimore.*



*University of Delaware Pershing Riflemen pose with French Military Academy Cadets at the MOWW General Pershing Memorial Service*

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[www.PershingRiflesSociety.org](http://www.PershingRiflesSociety.org).

## "A Soldier's Soldier is Honored"

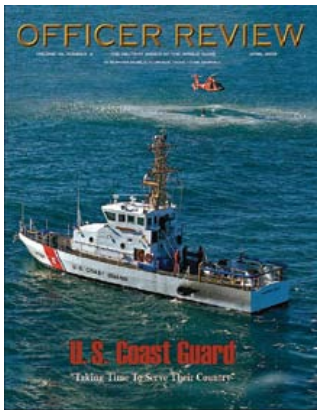


Submitted by COL Algin J. Hughes  
Colorado Springs, Colorado, Chapter

Lieutenant General Carlos M. Talbott, Chief of Staff of The Military Order of World Wars, installing General of The Army Omar Bradley as the Ninth National Honorary Commander in Chief of The Order. (For a complete list, visit MOWW's web site.)

This presentation took place at a MOWW meeting at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas on November 17, 1979. One hundred seventy MOWW members were in attendance. LTG Talbott is immediately behind G/A Bradley, placing Honorary CINC's medal and neck ribbon on General Bradley.

## Officer Review Publishing Themes



The question has come up about the cut-off date to submit material to be published in *Officer Review* magazine. The rule is simple:

It is 45 days before the first day of the month of publication (i.e. For December issue, cut-off is October 15th; or for May issue cut-off would be March 15th). Exceptions are made

for critical late events and for anything the CINC may want to submit that is important to the Order.

As a rule I follow this path for each issue:

- January/February is all Vietnam issue
- March is all YLC issue (pictured above)
- April is open
- May is mostly Memorial Day
- June is mostly Flag month
- July/August is open with MOWW's DSA Recipient on the cover
- September is all Convention issue
- October is open
- November is mostly Veterans Day
- December is open

Companions are encouraged to submit stories to *Officer Review* magazine and share their experiences with other Companions of the Order.

## Why MOWW?

By RADM William H. Megonell  
VADM George C. Dyer, Annapolis, Chapter

For many years, I have been a life member of the Retired Officers Association, the American Legion, the National Association for Uniformed Services, and the Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service. Each of these organizations, while espousing patriotism, is devoted to the protection and promotion of the health and welfare of active and retired service personnel and their dependents and survivors.

In 1994, I joined the Military Order of the World Wars—mainly to please my friend the late Elmer M. Jackson, Jr.—even though I knew almost nothing about the organization. Because I had served in the U.S. Army for three years during World War II (as an enlisted man) and subsequently served for 22 years as a Commissioned Officer in the Public Health Service, I felt comfortable in joining the Order—but later had a nagging doubt: Why am I paying dues to yet another organization to look out for my rights and privileges as a uniformed-service retiree, when four other such groups already are meeting that objective?

My search for an answer began—and ended—with the Preamble of the Order, which we faithfully re-read at every meeting. In a nutshell, the uniqueness of the Military Order of the World Wars is that it seeks no benefits for itself or its members. No “gimmies.” No begging. No demands. Instead, the Order promotes the welfare of our Nation as a whole, by fostering a program of love of country, patriotic education, national security, and good citizenship.

*This article is an excerpt from the Chapter's Newsletter*

# Supreme Court To Decide If Mojave Veterans WW I Memorial Should Be Unveiled or Removed

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On October 7, 2009, during the first week of its new session, the nine justices on the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments which will decide the future of the Mojave Desert World War I Memorial. At stake: Is the government violating the Constitution and favoring one religion over another by allowing a simple cross in Federal park land?

During questioning, Justice Antonin Scalia called “outrageous” the argument that the cross only honored Christian Veterans: “I don’t agree...that any time the government allows a religious symbol to be erected, it has to allow all religious symbols to be erected at the same place.”

Following oral arguments in the U.S. Supreme Court on the Mojave Desert War Memorial (*Salazar v. Buono*), Kelly Shackelford, Chief Counsel of Liberty Legal Institute, which represents more than four million Veterans in the case, released the following statement:

“This memorial was put up 75 years ago by World War I Veterans to honor those who had given their lives for their country. Right now, this memorial is covered in a plywood box. That is a disgrace. Our Veterans deserve better. We hope and believe today is the beginning of the end of these attacks on our Veterans memorials.”

Additionally, Liberty Legal Institute launched a public campaign to save the memorial shortly before Memorial Day:

Don’t Tear Me Down (<http://www.donttearmedown.com>), which has reached one million views on YouTube, and over 80,000 signatures on a petition of support to be distributed to the Veterans groups. The “Don’t Tear Me Down” campaign has received support from a number of individuals currently serving in Iraq and high interest from Frank Buckles, the last remaining World War I Veteran who fought for the U.S.

“Our Nation is only as secure as we remember those who have given their lives for the freedom that we now have,” said Kelly Shackelford, chief counsel of Liberty Legal Institute and attorney for the Veterans groups. “The issue of saving this Veterans memorial is something nearly every American will be interested in.”

The seven-foot-tall memorial, consisting of two metal pipes welded in the shape of a cross (above right),

was erected in 1934 by World War I Veterans to honor all fallen soldiers and stands in the midst of the 1.6 million-acre Mojave National Preserve. While the memorial



once stood on unprotected land, it has since been annexed as part of the Mojave National Preserve.

The legal case arose when a former National Park Service (NPS) employee living in Oregon joined with the ACLU and sued for the memorial’s removal. The district court declared the memorial unconstitutional in 2002 and enforced an injunction requiring its removal in 2005. The memorial has been covered, first with a tarp, and currently with a plywood box (pictured above left), awaiting a Supreme Court ruling.

The case is part of a larger trend of assaults on war memorials with religious imagery and all displays with religious symbolism on public property.



## A CALL FOR ARTICLES

# Vietnam



What MOWW needs from you is your Vietnam stories. Vignettes, short stories or in-depth accounts of your Vietnam experiences are needed, photos with explanation help! Send your story by e-mail to MOWW National Headquarters to [officerreview@gmail.com](mailto:officerreview@gmail.com)

We need your funny, serious or every day stories as a leader, follower, or just one of the group. Please limit your story to no more than 1,000 words, if possible. Your fellow Companions need to hear from you!

We need to receive your information no later than **November 9th** for the January 2010 issue!

The MOWW magazine is very important to all Companions. As your editor my goal is to keep your magazine interesting and personal.

# Iranian Nuclear Update

By Past CINC LTG Robert L. Wetzel  
Columbus, Georgia, Chapter

In the *Officer Review* of June 2006, I wrote an article describing the situation as of that time concerning the move toward a nuclear armed Iran. It is now three years later and Iran continues to defy the rest of the world and move ever closer to having nuclear armed missiles in its inventory. In reviewing my earlier article, below is a list of some figures I mentioned at the time, along with some new figures and new information.

## NUCLEAR MATERIAL DEVELOPMENT

In June 2006, I mentioned that Iran had been working on their nuclear program for more than 20 years and might have about 30 underground hardened caves, capable of withstanding missile strikes. At the time in 2006 Iran admitted that they had some 1,000 centrifuges enriching nuclear grade material, all with the “fittings, pipes, chillers, power converters” which could produce 15 to 20 nuclear



bombs a year. The caves still exist and are in production; however, the number of centrifuges has grown to over 7,300 according to the Iranians themselves. Their goal is still for 50,000 centrifuges to be employed in their hardened underground caves enriching uranium. The accompanied map depicts some of the nuclear related facilities.

## DELIVERY SYSTEMS

The Iranians continue to test their short range, medium range and long range missile systems as we see in the press and on television. But what is new and not mentioned very much is that they now have the upgraded Soviet SS-6 Missile which is nuclear capable. The upgrade was performed by North Korea and sold to Iran. This missile system can reach not only Israel, but it also can reach Europe. Testing of missiles, to include intercontinental missiles continues in Iran. These missiles pose a danger to Europe and the Eastern coast of the United States.

## MISSILE DEFENSE

The Iranians know that the US and Israel have the means to throw missile and bombs at their nuclear and air defense systems. So they have acquired the latest version of the Russian surface to air missile (SAM) system to be prepared for a strike by Israel or the US.

## SANCTIONS

Talk of sanctions by the UN continues to this day. The Iranians continue to defy the IAEA Inspectors and refuse to allow enhanced verifiable nuclear program inspections. The Iranians continue to lie about their nuclear program as being for peaceful uses. The opportunity to impose tough sanctions on Iran will not be supported by the Russian, who have a \$1 B arms deal with Iran. Nor will the Chinese go along with tough sanctions, since they have a \$100 billion oil deal with Iran.

## NEGOTIATIONS

Negotiations with Iran have been tried in the past and continue to be tried. This time the United States has agreed to join Britain, Russia, France and Germany in the negotiations. They have not been successful in the past and there is little hope they will be successful in the future. Iran continues to defy the free world and lie about their nuclear intentions. You simply cannot negotiate with terrorists. They will hand you your lunch.

## EMBARGO (QUARANTINE)

I continue to urge an embargo (quarantine) on Iran and not let anything go in and out of the country. The people are already in the streets protesting and this will stir them up even more than the August election. With covert support by the US and announced support of the Iranian people by the United States (which was not given during the Iranian election), the people will take the opportunity to throw out the Mullahs and take back their country. The time has never been riper than now. An embargo (quarantine) will impact the oil markets, but what is more important- a nuclear armed Iran or a short spike in the price of oil?

## MILITARY ACTION

Failing to achieve a successful uprising of the Iranian people, the United States in consort with Israel should henceforth take appropriate military action to take out the Iranian nuclear facilities. The Israelis are losing patience, and you would too if your very existence was at stake. Time is running out. Some reports say that Iran will have a nuclear weapon in months, not years. Since 1979 Iran has been supplying weapons, money



and training to terrorist's world wide. We simply cannot let the Iranians have a nuclear capability and let nuclear material and weapons get in the hands of worldwide terrorists. President Ahmadinejad recently vowed publicly never to halt the fuel production and said that Iran would never give up its fundamental rights. Iran will continue to defy you and lie to you and before you know what has happened, a nuclear armed Iran will be the result. I sincerely hope that the United States has the guts to start acting like the most powerful country in the world and get off the dime and take action now.

I say: Make It Happen Now!

**Inset left: Shocking video footage of an Iranian woman, named Neda, dying on the pavement in Tehran after allegedly being shot by riot police sniper fire. The video has been distributed world-wide and was shot by an Iranian refugee using a cell phone. Since the government has shut down all communications, the Iranian people have been using cell phones to let the world see their plight.**



# Attention Registered Scouter Companions



By Companion Mr. James Baird  
Chair, MOWW Boy/Girl Scouts Committee  
General J. P. Pendleton, California, Chapter

Fellow Companions: If you are a registered Scouter actively working with Scouting Units at any level, this information is for you.

The BSA Community Service Award (Square Knot) can be awarded to active Scouters who are also members of certain organizations. There are currently twelve (12) such organizations recognized by the Boy Scouts of America. Your MOWW National Scouting Committee is actively working to have the MOWW added to that list. In order to proceed with this effort, we need to know how many Companions in the Order are presently Registered Scouters.

If you are a Registered Scouter actively participating at any level, please let us know who you are, where you are located, and how you are active in Scouting, i.e., Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Varsity Coach, Venture Crew Advisor, Chartered Organization Representative, Unit/District/Council Committee member or Chair, Merit Badge Counselor, OA Chapter Advisor, etc.

Also, as a Companion of the Order are you the Chapter/Department/Region Scouting Liaison? If so, please provide the name of your Chapter, your Department and/or your Region. Would you also provide the approximate number of MOWW Eagle Scout Certificates that your Chapter, Department or Region presented last fiscal year of 2008-2009, and what you expect to present this fiscal year of 2009-2010. Also if you present any other special recognitions, please indicate what award or awards, and where you present this award/awards.

Please send the above information to our BSA Scouting Committee members:

1. Mr. Jim Baird: thejamescoca@yahoo.com
2. LTC William Sellen: ltczellen@gtcom.net
3. Maj Robert Williams: rbrtwill1@verizon.net
4. LTC Oren Peters: opeters@cox.net
5. Capt John Hayes: mjmhayes@msn.com

For the Good of the Order.

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## Publicity Now!



By Companion Mrs. Beverly Vowinkel  
Chair, MOWW Information, Publicity, and Magazine Committee  
San Diego, California, Chapter

When anyone asks me “Why publicity, why now?” I suggest they maintain a monthly folder of publicity items and photos. Date the photos and media items as they happen. This simple task makes documenting your chapter activities (and submission for the publicity award) so much easier. Remember that publicity ideas, samples and scoring rubrics are all on the National MOWW web site in the *MOWW Handbook* section under appendix G. We will be making a few minor revisions so be sure to check it for updates

when you are actually ready to put together your scrapbook and/or newsletter entries. I encourage every chapter to send entries to both “Newsletters” and “Publicity” Awards. They should be sent to MOWW Headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia in June 2010. You will be glad you did, and so will your chapter. Every entry is acknowledged for their efforts in categories based on the size of the unit. Please honor your chapter by sharing your publicity efforts with the rest of us.....

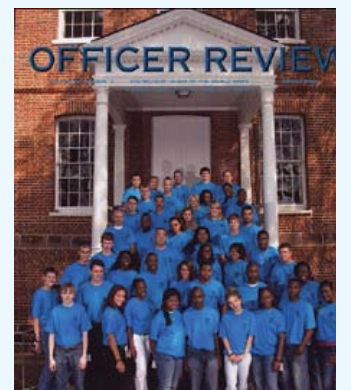
## YLC Directors—We Need Your Help!

Have you sent MOWW National Headquarters an article (200 to 400 words, 600 max) and pictures about your Multi- or Single-Day Youth Leadership Conference (YLC)?

Mailed photos, or hi-res jpgs by email, are the best. *Officer Review* magazine needs both, so we can tell everyone about the great work you are doing for the Order with the youth of America in the March 2010 issue of *Officer Review* magazine.

Please submit your article by e-mail to [officerreview@gmail.com](mailto:officerreview@gmail.com) or mail your article (on CD or disc only) with photos, to: MOWW Headquarters, 435 North Lee Street, Alexandria, VA. 22314.

Your submittal should arrive at MOWW Headquarters not later than January 2, 2010!



## Membership— “We Grow Or We Go”

By VCINC CAPT Russell Vowinkel  
San Diego, California, Chapter

Did you ever notice how clever phrases stick with you? They are designed memory devices and invariably quite effective. The military is renown for inventing pithy acronyms for its members.

It may sound simplistic but I suggest our respected Order is compelled to focus on the title of this piece. Let me explain. We have spoken at length about membership. Our National membership committee has done an impressive job of outlining the problem and offering numerous strategies for overcoming the losses that seem to occur with alarming regularity. Recruiting tips are available on every street corner. Recent CINCs have stressed the importance of this issue and recommended goals, objectives and tactics to address their growing concern. Have we plugged the leak in the dam?

The membership message has not reached the grass roots of our Order. We have some Companions who have stretched deep down and demonstrated commendable

results in recruiting. But the gains seem to be Regional, instead of National. We need to examine that issue. We know Military Officers are not concentrated in specific locales. I recommend Chapter Commanders identify their top recruiters and supply them with unlimited support and recognition. Recruiting teams deserve a thoughtful look in my opinion. Moral support from an enthusiastic Companion may be one of the missing ingredients. Regional recruiting teams might be a partial answer.

We have reached amazing heights in our Youth Leadership Programs (YLCs). Having a prospective member visit a YLC in progress has merit, a place where they can witness the quality of our work. I strongly suggest we showcase the skills represented in our chapters. Bringing eligible guests to a Massing of the Colors or to an MOWW-sponsored event can be too easily overlooked.

We have to go back to basics in recruiting—beginning with a strong leadership focus. We have to look at our assets. We should display our talents. We should hold chapter membership workshops. Staff meetings should have brainstorming sessions devoted to developing ideas to reduce losses from Non-Payment of Dues (NPDs) and recruit new members. We should share the seriousness of the problem with everyone. *We grow or we go.* And that would be tragedy.

## Publicity— Camera and a Caption

By LTC Harry R. Lascola  
Sun City Center, Florida, Chapter

Perhaps this story will help generate our chapters' interests in getting MOWW in their newspapers, especially the weeklies in their areas.

Since 9/11, Iraq and Afghanistan, the American citizens have continued to display a commendable group appreciation for the military, especially Veterans of all ages. Our Veterans have responded. Old uniforms have come out of the closets, been dusted off and perhaps slightly altered, and worn at appropriate times. Most importantly, our Veterans are proud to be once again in uniform. These Veterans are not only proud to wear their uniforms but are equally eager to be photographed.

A former corporal (pictured right) attended the Sun City Center Veterans Day Ceremony in an original issued uniform. After talking with him I asked if he would consent to my taking his picture and using it in the *Officer Review* (OR) magazine plus one of our local weekly newspapers. He replied that was fine. When he stated his name, “Zane Gray”, I was nonplussed.

My brother read every Zane Gray Western novel that the author had written. I had read about ten of his novels. But I knew that the author has been deceased for many years. Gray, noting my perplexity, stated that

he was named after his famous uncle, Zane Gray.

One of our local weeklies has printed the photo with an accompanying caption. Our chapter gets local recognition for the photo and the photo/caption complies with several aspects of our Preamble, especially, “To cherish the memories and associations for the World Wars waged for humanity”.

Obtaining publicity and exposure through photo/captions takes a bit of initiative. But, the easiest way to obtain newspaper publicity is to carry a camera and look for inviting patriotic photos that readers will find interesting and the newspapers will print. At the same time, the newspaper may promote your chapter and MOWW. Captions should be short and include: name(s), occasion/event, where and what. Do not try to make the caption more than three or four column lines. Promotion of MOWW or your chapter should be subtle otherwise the newspaper will reject it as a free advertisement. Do not include where and when you meet; however, you should include, when appropriate, “For more information call \_\_\_ (name) at \_\_\_\_ (phone number)”. Include your phone number in your letter. Do not date your letter.

Also, most of the time a good newspaper item is worthy of being sent to the “OR” magazine.



## Recruiting— MOWW Needs to "Go for the Gold"

*By CDR John A. Baumgarten,  
Commander, Region IV  
Richmond, Virginia, Chapter*

Two years ago, MOWW CINC, Col. Jim Elmer, with the assistance of General Staff Officer (GSO) LTC Guthrie Ashton, established a \$10,000 Membership Fund at MOWW Headquarters, to provide \$20 in "matching" funds to any chapter contributing \$20 toward a MOWW membership grant for a newly-commissioned Officer or Warrant Officer from a service academy, ROTC or Officer Candidate School commissioning program.

In 2008, the Department of Virginia and the Richmond Chapter established "Membership Funds" in their operating budgets, to finance the award of 24 MOWW membership grants to newly-commissioned Officers. The Richmond Chapter continued this practice in 2009 by funding four MOWW memberships grants to newly-commissioned Army Officers at the University of Richmond.

As Commander of Region IV, I recently asked all my constituent chapters to institute "MOWW Gold" programs. With few exceptions, I believe most MOWW chapters

have one or more college or university ROTC programs in their geographic area, and some are located near service academies or Armed Forces Officer Candidate Schools operated at the Federal or State level.

By establishing an "MOWW Gold" program at every MOWW chapter, we can make great progress in inducting younger Officers into the Order. To facilitate this process, it is imperative that participating chapters establish advance liaison with the Commandant, Commanding Officer or Officer-in Charge of the Officer-accession program(s), and obtain required MOWW application information for each commissionee, several weeks prior to presentation of a MOWW membership grant. Advance submission of completed, paid applications to Ken Staples at MOWW Headquarters is also recommended, to ensure the chapter has a MOWW lapel pin and membership card on hand when the membership grant is presented. As an added benefit, the recruiting chapter should also give a one-year membership grant of the chapter dues to each commissionee.

The recommended venue for such presentations is the target unit's commissioning ceremony or reception. To make a really professional showing, the Richmond Chapter developed a MOWW "Membership Certificate" and



“Welcome Letter” (see samples, pictured right) which is given to each Ensign, Second Lieutenant or Warrant Officer, in a horizontal MOWW presentation folder. Any MOWW chapter desiring a copy of these documents may contact me at iabaumgarten@prodiqy.net

If your chapter does not have the resources to fund membership grants for every graduate of your local Officer-accession program, presentation of membership grants can be limited to the “outstanding senior,” “honor graduate,” or a “top” percentage of the graduating class. However, I am sure there are many Companions in your chapter who will gladly donate \$20 or more, to provide matching funds to bring a “gold-bar” Officer into the Order - all you have to do is establish a “Membership Fund” and ask for contributions.

If this program is adopted by all MOWW chapters, the fund established by Col. Elmer will quickly be exhausted. Therefore, I recommend the incumbent MOWW CINC formally establish the “MOWW Gold” program as a National initiative, and set aside a portion of the annual “CINC’s Solicitation,” to replenish the “Membership Fund” to permit the program to continue in perpetuity.

The long-term success of the “MOWW Gold” program will depend on retention of the new recruits—a difficult, but not impossible task. To facilitate retention, recruiting chapters need to ensure these new Companions are on distribution for the chapter bulletin and are contacted by telephone, e-mail or letter several times during their year of membership. In the case of locally-resident Officers, be sure to invite them to a chapter meeting at your earliest opportunity and get them involved. We can retain these new recruits—we just have to work hard to succeed.

I encourage all MOWW chapters to set up a “MOWW Gold” program now to be ready to present MOWW membership grants to Officers who will be commissioned in 2010. It just takes a little advance planning and effort to do your part to help grow our membership.

*Pictured left, Then- Chapter Commander of the General Hoyt S. Vandenburg, California, Chapter, Companion Mrs. Joy Jones, who congratulates new ly commissioned Officers upon being inducted into the Order under the MOWW Membership grant program; above right, an example of an MOWW Complimentary Membership Certificate as distributed by the MOWW Richmond Chapter; bottom right, the Welcome Letter from CDR Baumgarten sent to newly commissioned Officers.*

## Richmond Chapter Military Order of the World Wars



### 2Lt Ima Newmember

On the occasion of your commissioning as an Officer in the Armed Forces of the United States of America, the Military Order of the World Wars hereby presents you a one-year complimentary membership

*John A. Baumgarten*

Richmond, Virginia  
August 2009

John A. Baumgarten, CDR, USN (Ret)  
Commander, Richmond Chapter



Richmond Chapter  
The Military Order of the World Wars  
11512 Old Carrollton Court  
Richmond, Virginia 23236-2440

I take great pleasure in presenting you a one-year complimentary membership and lapel pin of the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) and welcoming you as a member of its Richmond Chapter. You have joined a distinguished group of active, retired and former uniformed services officers and spouses, who are dedicated to service to our Nation and the Central Virginia community.

The Military Order of the World Wars is a national service organization with the main purposes of stimulating and inculcating love and respect for our Flag, patriotic education of America's youth, promoting and enhancing our national security and establishing and preserving memorials to those who have dedicated their lives in service to our Nation.

As a member of our Richmond Chapter, you will receive periodic editions of our Chapter bulletin, *The Capital City Gazette*, and are welcome to participate in all chapter meetings, department, region and national events, and our various service-oriented endeavors. In addition, you will also receive the MOWW national magazine, *Officer Review*.

I congratulate you enjoining the Military Order of the World Wars. I look forward to seeing you at a future chapter meeting. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact LTC Joe Tarantino, Membership Chairman at 804-276-XXXX.

Sincerely,  
*John A. Baumgarten*

John A. Baumgarten  
CDR, USN (Ret)  
Richmond Chapter Commander

***"It is More Noble to Serve Than to Be Served"***

# Leave the Medal of Honor Alone!

On Sept. 17, 2009, the President presented the Medal of Honor to the parents of Army Staff Sgt. Jared C. Monti for “conspicuous gallantry.” Sgt. Monti, 30, was serving with the 10th Mountain Division when he was killed in a battle at Gowardesh, Afghanistan.

This will be the sixth occasion since Sept. 11, 2001, that the Nation’s highest award has been presented. Some believe the number is too low. In the National Defense Authorization Act for 2010, the Department of Defense came under fire for setting decoration standards too high. Still, regardless of political pressure and changing definitions in popular media, the Department has held fast to its own definition of the word “hero,” which has stood the test of time.

More than a dozen groups at present—disregarding the decoration’s stated rules, regulations and protocols—are lobbying the Department to upgrade other decorations that soldiers have received in action to the Medal of Honor. They argue that there aren’t enough living recipients. The “low numbers” led Representative Duncan Hunter (Calif.) to insert a conference report in the authorization act “to review the current trends in awarding the Medal of Honor to identify whether there is an inadvertent subjective bias amongst commanders that has contributed to the low numbers of awards of the Medal of Honor.” It directs Secretary of Defense Robert Gates to report back to the House and Senate Armed Services Committees next March.

The standards for this Nation’s highest award are intended to be strict. In 1916, a committee under the leadership of a medal recipient, Gen. Nelson Miles, reviewed each case to that date, set up investigative standards and rules and strengthened the requirements. The “Purge of 1917” stripped away 911 Medals of Honor from those not deemed worthy of having received them, including 864 awarded during the Civil War to the soldiers of the 27th Maine, who received the medal simply for re-enlisting. Some medals taken away were later returned under political pressure.

Sadly, the Medal of Honor is the least understood U.S. military decoration. While it is presented ceremoniously by the President of the United States in the name of Congress, the candidates are chosen exclusively by the Department of Defense. Most people now calling for the medal to be pinned on soldiers can’t tell you the names of any of the 96 recipients now living or the actions that led to their awards. These remarkable stories remain largely unknown among Americans, and are not recorded in school or college history

textbooks.

The Department of Defense is historically stingy with this award for justifiable reasons. The Medal of Honor is a combat decoration and is not only about the present or the past; it is also about the future and how succeeding generations will look back upon the individuals on whom it was bestowed and the reasons why.

The United States is not alone in keeping the integrity of its highest combat decoration intact. More than 50,000 British troops have served on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan and 360 have been killed in combat. The Secretary of State for Defence in the United Kingdom has awarded only two of that

nation’s highest decoration, the Victoria Cross, for actions under fire. The United States has fielded three times as many troops and awarded three times the number of our highest decoration.

Most Medals of Honor have been posthumously awarded, and the citations justifying its presentation are Homeric stories of bravery that can be read centuries from now by students of our Nation’s past and, for the most part, will stand unrivaled beside the stories of great warriors and citizen-soldiers throughout history. The uniformed men and women of the U.S. Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines and Navy will tell you the Medal of Honor is a warrior’s award and that it is their decoration to present only to those whom they see as fit to wear it. Politicians, civilian pundits and outside organizations—regardless of how well-meaning—should have

little say or influence in who receives it.

The Medal of Honor isn’t about quotas based on statistics, nor does the alleged lack of presentations today speak badly of the modern soldier’s valiant service on the battlefield. Medals such as the Bronze Star, Silver Star and Distinguished Service Cross are prestigious decorations of valor, not to be taken lightly or dismissed.

But the strict rules and standards set for the Medal of Honor are in place to keep it credible. It is wrong to attempt to pressure the Department of Defense to lower its standards of individual courage, human nobility and self-sacrifice performed on a battlefield to appease outside pressure. The Department has never fallen short of the mark and should be left to make the call on who receives the Medal of Honor so we, as Americans, can rest assured there is still one corner in this Nation where we may hear the word “hero” spoken and take notice.

*Ed Hooper is an author and journalist from Knoxville, Tenn., recognized for his reporting of military affairs and for his educational programs on the Medal of Honor. This column, for the History News Service, was distributed for publication.*



*General Nelson Miles’ portrait at the U.S. Army Center of Military History*

## Shoulder Replacement

By Col Jerry Wheaton

Past Surgeon General

LTG John M. Wright, California, Chapter

You have trouble sleeping on your side and the pain in your shoulder keeps you from reaching the back of your head with your hand or raising your arm above shoulder level. You've put up with this for years, but the arthritic degeneration is getting steadily worse. Is there anything that can be done besides pain pills?

Yes! Your shoulder can be replaced today just as well as your knee or hip. A successful outcome, however, depends largely on your personal motivation to follow through with the necessary physical therapy.

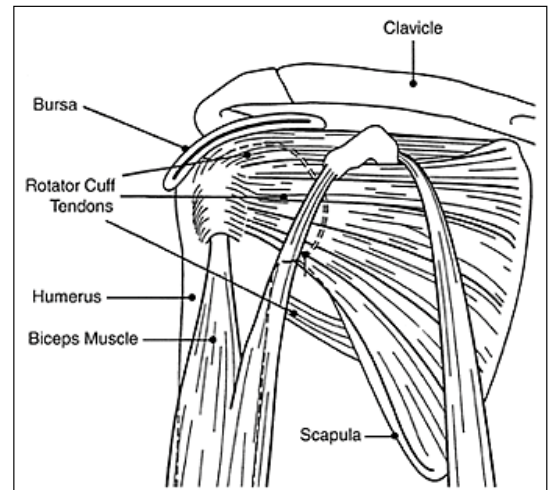
Researchers reviewed the medical records of 50,000 men and women who had undergone shoulder, hip, or knee replacement called arthroplasty. Shoulder replacement patients had fewer complications and shorter hospital stays than hip or knee replacement patients.

There are many causes of shoulder damage, including injury, immune-type disease such as rheumatoid arthritis and we suspect, genetic predisposition.

The shoulder is made up of the upper arm bone (humerus) that has a ball and socket joint at the shoulder with the ball on the upper end of the humerus, the socket in the scapula and an intricate lacing of muscle and tendons called the rotator cuff that allow the arm to be turned and raised. In shoulder replacement the joint is opened, muscles and tendons of the rotator cuff are moved to allow removal of the ball head of the humerus then replacement with a metal ball on a spike driven into the upper end of the bone and a plastic cup fastened into the scapula. If the rotator cuff has been damaged, the device can be reversed and the ball placed in the scapular socket while a cup on a spike is driven into the upper end of the humerus. This allows the arm to be raised by the deltoid muscle and produces a good result. General anesthesia is usually used but a regional nerve block is effective and shortens postoperative recovery. The procedure takes from one-to three-hours and requires a stay of from 2-to 3-hospital days.

Many patients can move their arm right away and feed themselves. Some can even write the next day. However, rehabilitation begins with finger, wrist, and elbow movements. For the first 3 months, physical therapy sessions are twice a week and then the "rehab" exercises can be continued at home with improvement in the range of motion continuing for up to two years.

Pain relief is achieved in 99% postoperatively and is permanent.



## A Tribute to General Pershing

ABOUT PAGES 30 AND 31, AND THE BACK COVER



On a recent weekend adventure to West Virginia, MOWW's intrepid Chief-of-Staff along with his lovely bride and young daughter dropped by the Bright Morning Inn (pictured right), in Davis, West Virginia for a delicious breakfast.

Nestled in the Canaan Valley, the Inn was built in 1896 as a boardinghouse for lumberjacks. Today, the Inn is centrally located to skiing, hiking, golf, swimming and hunting. The Inn is furnished with country antiques, colorful rugs and hand-crafted quilts.

Susan Moore, the innkeeper, creates a very special environment that is welcoming, engaging and helpful. Susan is very easy to talk to and is the source of great information about Davis and the surrounding area.

Decorating the walls are sheet music which Ms. Moore had acquired a box or two of, and framed some of the more interesting ones. Among these was spotted the song, "Just Like Washington Crossed The Delaware, General Pershing Will Cross The Rhine". After hearing about MOWW, Ms. Moore graciously handed our Chief-of-Staff the sheet music—frame and all, for the walls of MOWW Headquarters. The last three pages of this magazine reproduce the wonderful song for those who would like to try their hand at singing along with those that sang before.

If you are going to West Virginia, consider the Bright Morning Inn, in Davis. You will enjoy it as much as the Bultmans did. Visit [www.brightmorninginn.com](http://www.brightmorninginn.com) for more information.



# Membership Update

## NEW MEMBERS

### CHAPTER

Atlanta GA  
 Baton Rouge LA  
 Central Arkansas  
 Central Arkansas  
 Chicago IL  
 Chicago IL  
 Dallas TX  
 Fort Knox KY  
 Gen J. P. Holland CA  
 Gen J. P. Holland CA  
 Greater Boston MA  
 Hill Country TX  
 LTG Emmett Walker MS  
 Memphis TN  
 San Antonio TX  
 San Antonio TX  
 San Fernando Valley CA  
 Santa Cruz Valley AZ  
 Santa Cruz Valley AZ  
 Savannah GA  
 Tallahassee FL  
 Virginia Beach VA

### RANK/NAME/(SERVICE)

1LT Albert W. Austin (A)  
 Carolyn J. McGarry (E)  
 2LT Brandon Schaller (A)  
 Maj Tim Jones (AF)  
 LTC Frank J. Bartusek Jr (A)  
 CWO4 Casimir C. Mroz (MC)  
 2LT Kermit Gable (A)  
 LTC Richard L. Hughes (A)  
 Beth Ann LaScola (H) \*  
 Lori J. Lascola (H) \*  
 COL John A. Moore (A)  
 CAPT Deborah Dombeck (CG)  
 LCDR Michael W. Krock (N)  
 CWO4 Frank E. Janes (CG) \*  
 Jimmie Lee H. Davis- Kindla (E)  
 LTC Paul Loveless (A)  
 Harry B. Dickinson (H) \*  
 Charles E. Squire II (E)  
 Cedric E. Squire (E)  
 Joseph L. Markwalter (H) \*  
 MAJ Theodore R. Lane (A)  
 Brenda A. Midgette (H) \*

### SPONSOR

Jones, H. CAPT  
 McGarry, S. LTC  
 Elmer, J. Col  
 Elmer, J. Col  
 Peck, M. COL  
 Peck, M. COL  
 Hazlett, H. LTC  
 Smrt, C. COL  
 Lascola, H. LTC  
 Lascola, H. LTC  
 Clevenger, R. CDR  
 Matthews, H. Col  
 McIntosh, J.  
 McGrath, B. COL  
 Weller, M. MAJ  
 Weller, M. MAJ  
 Darley, F. COL  
 Coleman, D.  
 Coleman, D.  
 Everett, A.  
 Craig, C. MAJ  
 Rawls, R. CDR

*New Members—Sept. 1, 2009 through Sept. 30, 2009*

*\*Denotes Perpetual Member*



The U.S. Army Band, "Pershing's Own," at General Pershing's grave, Arlington National Cemetery, during the annual MOWW-sponsored memorial service on Veterans Day, honoring General of the Armies John J. "Black Jack" Pershing.

The MOWW memorial service will be held again this Veterans Day on November 11, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. in Section 34, Arlington National Cemetery. It is open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend.

## DECEASED MEMBERS CHAPTER

Anchorage AK  
 Baton Rouge-Gen Middleton LA  
 Baton Rouge-Gen Middleton LA  
 Bethesda MD  
 Catalina Mountains AZ  
 Central FL  
 Central FL  
 Central FL  
 Central FL  
 Col Woods-Oklahoma City OK  
 Columbus GA  
 Dallas TX  
 El Paso TX  
 El Paso TX  
 Fort Hood TX  
 G/A Omar N Bradley CA  
 Hann-Buswell Memorial  
 Hann-Buswell Memorial  
 Harvey Latham OR  
 Harvey Latham OR  
 Hill Country TX  
 Joseph H Pendleton CA  
 LTG John M Wright Jr CA  
 LTG John M Wright Jr CA  
 MG Franklin E Miles NM  
 Milwaukee WI  
 Portland OR  
 Puget Sound WA  
 Puget Sound WA  
 Puget Sound WA  
 San Antonio TX  
 San Antonio TX  
 San Antonio TX  
 San Diego CA  
 San Francisco Bay Area CA  
 Topeka KS  
 VADM Dyer-Annapolis MD  
 Virginia Beach VA

## RANK/NAME/(SERVICE)

Maj Stephen Ondeck (AF) \*  
 COL Martin O. Gernand (A) \*  
 LCDR William H. Davis (N)  
 LTC Albert W. Thompson (A) \*  
 Lt Col Joe E Gonzales (AF) \*  
 Lt Col George E. Tuttle (AF) \*  
 MAJ Albert V. Greene (A) \*  
 MAJ Russell L. Poling Jr (A) \*  
 CW4 Berlin F. Wells (AF) \*  
 MG Jode R. Wilson (A) \*  
 COL Robert L. Rollier (A)  
 RADM O. A. Lively (CG) \*  
 COL A. J. Stuart (A) \*  
 COL William H. Waugh (A) \*  
 LTC Champe Fitzhugh Jr (A)  
 CDR E. A. Ryavec (N) \*  
 Maj Stephen Ondeck (AF) \*  
 COL William H. Waugh (A) \*  
 Maj Stephen Ondeck (AF) \*  
 Maj Stephen Ondeck (AF) \*  
 Col Jay D. Rutledge Jr (AF) \*  
 Maj Russell E. Whipple (MC) \*  
 Maj Stephen Ondeck (AF) \*  
 LTC Pauline V. Sutton (A)  
 Col Hugh R. Lehman (AF)  
 CW3 Donald M. Stein (A) \*  
 Maj Stephen Ondeck (AF) \*  
 Maj Stephen Ondeck (AF) \*  
 CDR Walter C. Sands (N) \*  
 1Lt Howard R. Pyfer (MC) \*  
 COL Thomas G Morehead (A) \*  
 Col Wilbur C. Strand (AF)  
 Col Richard E. Williams (AF) \*  
 COL A. L. Covey (A) \*  
 Lt Col Frank J. Bricarello (AF) \*  
 Col Jack W. Rardin (AF) \*  
 Col John G. Miller (MC) \*  
 Col Robert F. Steidtmann (MC) \*



## 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.*

## Names and Faces



**GEN WESTMORELAND, S. CAROLINA, CHAPTER**  
Chapter Cdr **Col Bob Miller** and Companion **Capt Chuck Gilmer** present an MOWW flag set to Secret Service **Special Agent David Cockred** in appreciation for a very informative talk about the duties of the Secret Service and procedures to protect US currency from counterfeiting.



**REGION XIV (CA, NV, HI)**  
Region XIV Cdr, **COL Fred Darley** (left), with **Mr. Earle MacVeigh** and Companion **Mr. Tom E. Hanson**, Cdr of the Department of Central California.



**AUGUSTA, GEORGIA, CHAPTER**  
**LTC Charles Schuman** (left) receives the Chapter's MOWW Merit Award for Outstanding Service from Chapter Cdr **Chaplain (MAJ) Charles R. Beasley**.



**REGION III (DE, NJ, NY, PA)**  
**LTC Michael Wilgen** (far right), Region III Commander, served as the Installation Official for **COL Robert Reese** (second from left) as Chapter Commander and **LTC Samuel Wilson** (left) as Vice Commander for the program year beginning September 2009. During the Region Conference, then-CINC **LTG Robert "Sam" Wetzell** (center), and his wife and MOWW Companion **Eileen** were also in attendance.



**ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, CHAPTER**  
Chapter Companion and part-time Florida resident **COL Clifford Taylor** represented MOWW at the Auburndale Senior High School's Annual Awards Banquet, in Auburndale, Florida. Pictured left is **COL Taylor** congratulating **Cadet Noel Tirado** upon his receiving an MOWW Bronze Patrick Henry Patriotic Award. Pictured right, **Cadet David Fenn** receives an MOWW JROTC Award of Merit from **COL Taylor**.



**SUN CITY CENTER, FLORIDA, CHAPTER**  
The induction of new Companion **LT Michael Deeb**: from left, Sponsor **COL Roy Conklin**, **LT Deeb**, Inducting Officer **LTC Harry Lascola**, and Chapter Cdr **LTC Gordon Bassett**.

## Names and Faces



### EL PASO, TEXAS, CHAPTER

Chapter Companions **COL Tom Manning** and **MAJ JoAnne Barton** celebrate with El Paso Police Department Chief **Gregory Alan** at the Police Memorial Ceremony.



### REGIONIV (DC, MD, VA)

2009-2010 REGION IV Officers, from left: Treasurer: **LTC Joe Tarantino**; Senior Vice CDR: **CPT Greg Keyko**; Adjutant: **CDR John Baumgarten**; Junior Vice CDR: **LTC Guthrie Ashton**, and CDR (not pictured): **COL Arthur Nattans**.



### GEN HOYT S. VANDENBERG, CALIFORNIA, CHAPTER

Companions, Past-CINC **COL Jack Jones** (left), and **CDR William Houston**, prepare to address the crowd at the San Luis Obispo Cemetery event on Memorial Day supported by the Vandenberg Chapter.



### GLADYS POTTER HIGH SCHOOL, BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

During the school's 2009 Military ball, The Mighty Cowboy Battalion recognized **Cadet 1LT Felix Cardenas** with an MOWW JROTC Certificate, presented to him by **Mrs. Elvira Gonzalez**.



### REGION XI (KS, MO, NB, ND, SD)

Region XI Officers are as follows: **MAJ Ronald Jones** (left)– Region XI Commander, **LTC Stanley Sutton** (not pictured) – Region XI GSO; **CAPT Dorsey Moore** (pictured center)– Missouri State Commander; **MAJ Mark Borserine** (pictured right) who will also serve as interim ADJ/TREAS. Also appointed were **MG Ron Williamson** – South Dakota State Commander and **LTC Carl Edgerly** – North Dakota State Commander (both are not pictured).



### FORT WORTH, TEXAS, CHAPTER

In November 2008 the Chapter sponsored its 24th annual "Massing of the Colors" ceremony. The event was held in conjunction with Veteran's Day. More than 25 patriotic, military and Veteran's organizations participated in the ceremony, along with representatives from the Longhorn Council of the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts Circle T Council.

Theme suggested by Kate Elinore and Sam Williams

# Just Like Washington Crossed The Delaware

## General Pershing Will Cross The Rhine

Words by  
HOWARD JOHNSON

Music by  
GEORGE W. MEYER

Tempo di marcia

The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand features a rhythmic melody with eighth and sixteenth notes, while the left hand provides a steady accompaniment with quarter notes. Dynamics include *f* and *ff*.

*Till Ready*

Look-ing back-ward through the a-ges, We can read on  
There up-on the roll of hon-or, Ev-'ry one the

The first vocal line begins with a rest, followed by the lyrics. The piano accompaniment continues with a rhythmic pattern. Dynamics include *p*.

his-try's pag-es, Deeds that fa-mous men have done, We are told of great com-mand-ers  
soul of hon-or, We find he-roses of the past, Like the ones who've gone be-fore them

The second vocal line continues the melody. The piano accompaniment features a mix of chords and moving lines. Dynamics include *f*.

Wel-ling-ton and Al-ex-an-ders, And the bat-tles they have won. Take our own great  
To our na-tive land that bore them, They were faith-ful to the last. As they fought for

The third vocal line continues the melody. The piano accompaniment features a mix of chords and moving lines. Dynamics include *f*.

Rev-o-lu-tion That be-gan our ev-o-lu-tion, Wash-ing-ton then won his fame, To-  
In-de-pen-dence, You and I and our des-cen-dants Must pre-serve Dem-oc-ra-cy, In

The fourth vocal line concludes the melody. The piano accompaniment features a mix of chords and moving lines. Dynamics include *f*.

This composition may also  
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Machine or Player Piano  
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day a-cross the sea, They're mak-ing his-to-ry, The Yankee spir-it still re-mains the same.  
 God a-bove we'll trust, Our sword shall nev-er rust, We'll tell the world it simply has to be.

CHORUS

Just like Wash-ing-ton — crossed the Del-a-ware, — So will Per-shing cross the Rhine, — As they

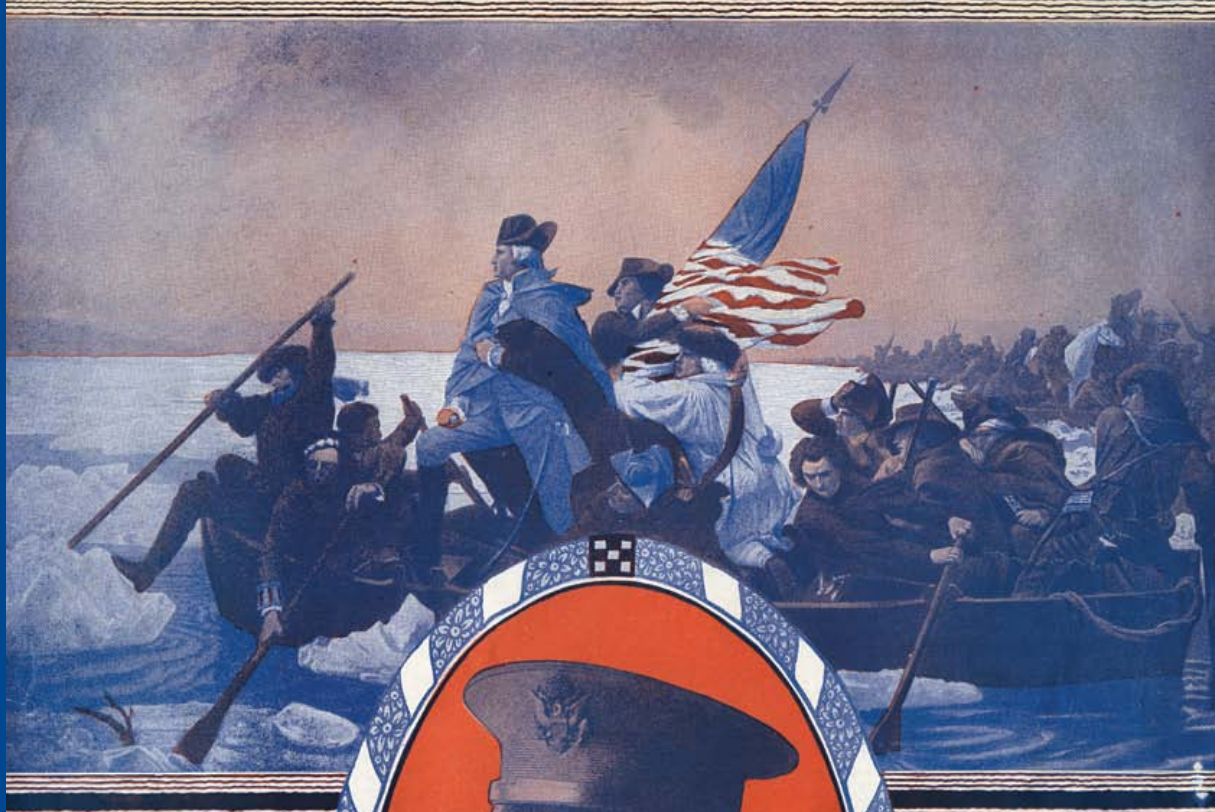
fol-lowed af-ter George, At dear old Val-ley Forge, Our boys will break that line. — It's for

your land and my land And the sake of Auld Lang Syne, — Just like Wash-ing-ton —

— crossed the Del-a-ware, — Gen-ral Per-shing will cross the Rhine. — Just like Rhine. —



# JUST LIKE WASHINGTON CROSSED THE DELAWARE, GENERAL PERSHING WILL CROSS THE RHINE



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