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A full-length portrait of Colonel David B. Gibson, a retired US Air Force officer. He is standing between an American flag on the left and a gold-colored military guidon on the right. He is wearing a dark blue military dress uniform with a white shirt, a black bow tie, and a rainbow-colored sash. He has several medals and ribbons pinned to his left chest and a large gold medal on the sash. He is smiling slightly at the camera.

87<sup>TH</sup> Commander-in-Chief  
COLONEL DAVID B. GIBSON  
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# STRENGTHEN MOWW BY RECRUITING & PARTICIPATING

Dear Fellow Companions and Families,

It was a memorable MOWW Convention in Billings, MT. Thanks go to a dedicated GEN Meade Chapter and a HQ MOWW staff team effort that treated conferees to western culture, a surprise General Pershing reenactor (David W. Shuey), a Crow Indian honor guard, a productive Business Session and General Staff meeting, and a new workshop format that benefited all attending. Equally great was the collegiality, productivity and camaraderie that was clearly evident.

Our #1 objective is recruiting. We must find new and younger members. We must provide all Companions an opportunity to participate in chapter and national activities—including Perpetual Members who ceased participating and Regular Members who annually renew their memberships.

As discussed during convention, “membership” implies a static list of people while “recruiting” is an active verb of affiliation, i.e., being a “companion” to others. Recruiting is an all-hands activity that every commander must enthusiastically embrace. The chapter recruiting committee is the tool to help involve everyone in a commander-led, chapter-team recruiting effort. Set goals. Make it fun. Make it competitive. Make it happen.

Participation is the key element in all successful chapters. If you are in a rut with the same, few people doing all the work, I suggest you reengage veteran Companions and ask them to take on a job, even small ones, to get them participating again. Call them up, meet with them, and invigorate the base. Involve new Companions too. New member engagement is critical to retention and participation. Find out what their interests and skill sets are, and inspire and motivate them to routinely participate. Regardless your position or role in the Order, lead by example and inspire the same in others.

Another topic was region conferences. First, I, the SVCINC or a VCINC will attend all region conferences. Second, while each region is unique, all region commanders were asked to have fall and spring conferences—in person or by teleconference. The fall session is critical to benefiting from the MOWW Convention and to carry its enthusiasm forward. The spring conference is needed to gauge progress in meeting Strategic Goals and to hold elections. Both are indispensable education and training opportunities. Let's work together to make this year the best—for every Companion, and for the good of the Order.

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

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*The Order elected Col David B. Gibson, USAF (Ret), as the Military Order's 87th Commander-in-Chief (CINC)*





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

SVCINC Col Gibson is a Distinguished Graduate of Air Force ROTC (University of Pittsburgh). He earned his wings and trained in the F-100 Super Saber flying close air support and interdiction in the Vietnam War in 1970. He flew the F-111 "Aardvark" stateside and in the United Kingdom. He later had a Navy exchange tour flying the A-6 Intruder aboard the USS Ranger. He served as NATO Operations Officer directing Operation DENY FLIGHT (Bosnia). He was a Group Commander for the Corps-level Air Force unit providing Air Liaison Officer support to the US Army at Ft. Lewis and Ft. Hood. He retired in 1996 with 28 years of service. He was then an AF JROTC instructor at Washington High School (Tacoma, WA) for 10 years, retiring again in 2007. As a Companion, he spent two years as Puget Sound Chapter Commander, two years as Washington State Commander, two years as Region XV commander, two years as a General Staff Officer, and four years elected as a VCINC and one year as the SVCINC. He is dedicated to seeing MOWW flourish and grow via increased membership, patriotic education, and leadership training of our youth, as well as emphasizing all the vital tenants of the Preamble of our Order.



**SVCINC LTC JOHN H. HOLLYWOOD, USA (RET)**

SVCINC LTC Hollywood was commissioned in the Regular Army in 1968, following graduation from California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo, CA. His assignments include Reconnaissance Platoon Leader, 82nd Airborne Division; Interrogation Officer, 1st Infantry Division, RVN; Instructor, at two service schools; Organizational Development Staff Officer, Field Station Berlin, GE; Operations Officer, 766th MI Detachment, Berlin, GE, (where he planned and participated in an operation that resulted in the arrest of an East German agent who was trying to recruit American service members for espionage); US Army Recruiting Command, Ft. Sheridan, IL; S-3, First Recruiting Brigade, Ft. Meade, MD; Acting Commander, Boston Recruiting Battalion, Boston, MA; Deputy Commander/Operations Officer, Personnel Security Clearance Facility, Ft. Meade, MD. He retired from active duty on 30 June 1990. As a member of the MOWW, he has served as Treasurer General; General Staff Officer (elected); Senior Vice Commander Region IV; Department of Maryland Commander, Commander of the GEN Meade Chapter, and as a VCINC.



**VCINC BGEN FREDERICK R. LOPEZ, USMCR (RET)**

VCINC BGen Lopez served 31 years on active duty and in the United States Marine Corps Reserve. His tours of duty include 13 months in Vietnam (1968-1969), including duty as a Rifle Platoon Commander (Vietnam) and Sniper Platoon Commander (Vietnam), Company Commander, S-3 Operations Officer, Infantry Battalion Commander, Assistant Division Commander, Commanding General 4th Marine Division, and Deputy Commanding General 1st Marine Expeditionary Force. Medals and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V," the Navy Commendation Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon and numerous other decorations and badges, including the Navy & Marine Corps Parachutist Wings. He holds a BS (Mathematics) from California Polytechnic (San Luis Obispo) and an MS (Computer Science) from West Coast University. He retired from Raytheon Company in 2007 as a Director of Engineering, Electronic Warfare Systems. He has been a Companion in MOWW for 19 years, holding command positions at the chapter, department and region levels, General Staff Officer (Elected), and his current position as Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Order.



**VCINC CDR ROBERT F.  
HARTMAN III, USN (RET)**

VCINC CDR Hartman graduated from the US Naval Academy in 1969. Until 1974, he was on active duty as a Surface Warfare Officer, serving on destroyers and minesweepers, and in a research and development project (Surface Effect Ships). In 1974, he transferred to the Naval Reserve as an Active Reservist (1974-1989) in units supporting the Military Sealift Command, the Chief of Naval Operations and the Commander, Atlantic Fleet. In 1975, he earned a BA in Accounting (University of South Florida), became a CPA in 1977 and worked in public accounting until 1979. He then was the Vice President of Accounting, later Chief Financial Officer, of a Navy contractor. He retired in 2007. During this time, he earned an MBA. (George Washington University) and completed the Naval Command & Staff Program. He formed his own company in 2009 preparing individual and small business tax returns. He is active in the local Chamber of Commerce, Rotary and other community organizations. In 2010, CDR Hartman became a Perpetual Member of MOWW and joined the Gen Meade Chapter. He has served as Chapter Treasurer, Chapter Commander and Director of the National Capital Area YLC, and Treasurer General of the Order.



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

VCINC LTC Chamberlin is a 1960 Texas A&M Distinguished Military Graduate, receiving a BS degree in Industrial Engineering. He also holds a Master of Business Administration degree (Fairleigh Dickinson University). His 20 years of US Army service included: 101st Abn Div; 10th SFG (Abn) (Co Cmdr); 5th SFG (Abn) (Vietnam); Career Course Distinguished Graduate; USMA Tactical Off; USAFA Army Exchange Officer; MACV J-6 (Vietnam); 9th Inf Div (Battalion XO); Army C&GS College; NMCC JCS (Pentagon), Emergency Action Officer; 2nd Inf Div (Battalion Cmdr) and The Defense Communications Agency as Implementation Branch Chief. He wears the Combat Infantryman Badge, Ranger Tab, Master Jump Wings, German and Vietnamese Jump Wings, and the JCS Badge. After his 1981 Army retirement, he was a telecommunications executive for 28 years (14 years as a corporate vice president). He joined MOWW in 2004, serving as the Dallas Chapter's Junior Vice Commander and Chapter Commander, and as the Region VIII Commander. He was the Chair, Council of Area Commanders, and served on the EXCOM. He is an Outstanding Service Award, Silver Patrick Henry Award and Gold Patrick Henry Award recipient.



**VCINC CPT PAULA R.  
MITCHELL, Ed.D., USAR (RET)**

VCINC CPT Mitchell holds a BSN (Graceland University), an MSN (University of Texas-Austin) and an Ed.D. in Educational Administration (New Mexico State University). She served in the Army Student Nurse Program and the Army Nurse Corps from 1971-1978, and she had tours at Fort Leonard Wood, Fort Bragg, William Beaumont Army Medical Center, and the 121st Evacuation Hospital, Army Support Command (ASCOM), Korea. She was the Volunteer Coordinator, West Texas Medical Reserve Corps (2006-2014), and Chair, El Paso Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD), from 2013-2015. Inducted into the El Paso Commission for Women's Hall of Fame, she received the Texas Society of Allied Health Professions (TSAHP) Distinguished Service Award and the National Institute of Staff & Organization Development (NISOD) Excellence Award. She was the Commander, MOWW's El Paso Chapter from 2012-2016 and the Commander, Department of the Rio Grande (2012-15). She was Junior Vice Commander, Region XIII (2015-2016), and is a recipient of MOWW's Silver Patrick Henry, Outstanding Service Award, and National Citation.







COL DAVID B. GIBSON, USAF (RET)  
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF  
THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE WORLD WARS

“General officers, elected officials, Companions of our Military Order, guests and friends ... COL Clay Le Grande is a hard act to follow because he is a true southern gentleman, and because his life partner in service, Montez, is a true Southern gentlewoman.

Clay has led the Order for the past year with dedication and dignity—he loves to analyze the numbers and get to the crux of the problem. I can only hope that I can be half as successful as Clay.

I am honored to have the opportunity to serve our Order and you in this new capacity. I promise I will work with you to help make our Order stronger even as I strive to continue the great service of all CINCs who preceded me. Accordingly, during my tenure, my focus, our focus, will be on recruiting and participation—to make our Order a stronger and a greater force for America.

And what a great Order we have. As Companions, we have a wonderful organization with nearly a century of service to our communities and our nation—starting with our first Honorary CINC, General of the Armies John Joseph Pershing.

You know the story about how “Blackjack” Pershing came home from the Great War with approximately two million troops under his command. He said he would like to keep his officer corps bound together so they could continue to serve our nation—whether they remained in uniform or not.

Here we are today in Billings, Montana, each of us continuing that great tradition of service-based participation. Our mission is so vital that we must do everything in our power to keep our Military Order of the World Wars strong and growing so that we, and the Companions who come after us, can serve with equal devotion as did our



Companion forebears.

We are now in the centennial year of our entry into World War One, so let's look more at the genuine hero who still inspires. Picture the small, Missouri farming town of Laclede, where John J. Pershing's father ran the general store.

Johnny Pershing dreamed of being a lawyer but because there was no way he could afford college tuition, he began to teach school at age 17—even though he had not yet graduated from high school. He had 45 students ranging from 6 to 21 years old.

Teaching shaped Pershing's character and gave him some of his first lessons in leadership. In one case, the 21-year old student bullied some students and John told him he would have to stay after school. When the bully refused, Pershing planted himself inches from the big boy. "I am here to run this school," he declared. "You will obey me or face the consequences." The student backed down. Pershing was in charge, but importantly, he was responsible for what happened.

Another time, a different student's enraged father came to school with a shotgun. Pershing met him outside and challenged him to get off his horse, put down his gun and fight it out. They fought, Pershing won, after which he dressed the father's cuts. Again, Pershing was in charge, he saw his duty and he carried it out, regardless the circumstances—even though doing so involved personal sacrifice.

Now fast forward 40 years, to November 11, 1918, the end of WW I. General Pershing had led an American army of over two million men in France, and defeated the seemingly invincible German war machine after only six months of offensive action. You know the story. Russia had crumbled into anarchy. Britain, France, Belgium and other Allied nations had fallen to their knees after three horrific years of fighting.

Pershing crossed the Atlantic determined to do battle in a different way, and to do that he also had to fight a political war with the Allied nations who just wanted American soldiers to fill the void in their depleted armies. Pershing refused and with an all-American Army, he stopped the Germans 45 miles from Paris, saving a nation and a continent.

German Field Marshal Paul von Hindenburg later wrote, "The American infantry in the Argonne won the war."

Despite being promoted to General of the Armies—a higher rank than even the later, five-star rank—John Pershing always saw himself as a teacher. Not bad for a kid from Laclede, Missouri, and not bad for the Military Order of the World Wars to have a teacher like that as our mentor and role model. In these ways, Pershing still leads.

So, this is our legacy. We carry the Order's flag almost 100 years later because General Pershing's focus on actively serving others is as relevant today as it was in 1919. Providing patriotic education; leadership training; ROTC and scouting recognition; highlighting law and order, national security and homeland security issues, and; establishing memorials to veterans—these are not old-fashioned goals.

Such things never go out of style. Yes, it takes time and effort—personal participation—to carry our Order's flag into our next century, but if we do not do it, who will?

It is our duty to sustain and grow our Order by our individual participation following the example of those Companions who came before us, such as Captain Grevenberg, who authored our Preamble in 1920. To do less would be to dishonor their names.

Happily, today we have Companions of equal commitment. Just look at PCINC Russ Vowinkel and other Companions who are striving mightily to restore the Northern Virginia Chapter to its former glory.

This is our destiny as active, retired or former commissioned, warrant or flight officers of the seven uniformed services of the United States, or as Hereditary Companions: to lead from the front and never give up—for the good of our Order, for the good of our communities, and for the good of our nation. ★



# “WE CARRY THE ORDER’S FLAG”

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

Our newly-elected Commander-in-Chief, Col David B. Gibson, USAF (Ret), told us during convention that, “We carry the Order’s flag,” meaning that we are each duty-bound to promote, sustain and grow the Order as a nationwide team of patriots. Accordingly, Companions traveled to Billings, MT, for the 2017 MOWW Convention. There, Companions communed with nature, celebrated the bonds of companionship, conducted the Order’s business, recognized top performers, and installed the new Commander-in-Chief and other national officers of the Order. It was, by any standard, a terrific convention comprised of three parts: pre-convention, convention and post-convention activities.



and Beartooth Pass—which were notable for the brilliant landscapes and an exciting bus ride. That evening, the CINC Welcome Buffet was emceed by then-CINC COL Clay C. Le Grande and featured an excellent buffet. After then-CINC Le Grande’s warm welcome to all present, the audience was treated to an induction of a new Companion, HPM Patricia E. Williams, the new bride of Maj Robert J. Williams (Commander, Region VIII). LTC Mike Wilgen also announced the recipients of the annual golf tourney awards. Last, there was a special visit by the local sheriff (AKA PCINC CAPT Russell C. Vowinkel) who spoke quite seriously on being serious, which caused much amusement.

## PRE-CONVENTION | 31 JUL-2 AUG 17

The annual MOWW golf tourney began the pre-convention activities on Monday, 31 July, with awards being later presented during Wednesday’s CINC Welcome Buffet. Tuesday, 1 August, continued the pre-convention activities with the Pre-Convention EXCOM in the leadoff position. There, the Order’s most senior leaders did a hotwash of lessons learned for the operating year just concluded, which would later be shared with the new CINC administration. The MOWW Board of Trustees next met, reviewed their Annual Report, discussed the FY 2018 investment income forecast as a part of the annual budget build, and confirmed next year’s use of the PM Dividend methodology developed by the MOWW Financial Working Group based on MOWW Bylaws provisions. The other key pre-convention event was the Council of Area Commanders, which discussed matters focused on supporting the continually-increasing success of the Order’s chapters.

Wednesday, 2 August, the last day of pre-convention activities, featured a bus tour of Red Lodge, MT,

## CONVENTION | 3-5 AUG 17

Thursday, 3 August, was the first day of convention activities, proper. It began with the annual meeting of the Council of Past Commanders-in-Chief, which briefly met with the CINC, the candidate-CINC and the Chief of Staff as is its practice, but then spent most of its time on matters concerning the good of the Order.

The rest of the day was spent in workshops. This year’s workshops differed from past years’ in that they were focused around eight themes, six of which were: a.) recruiting strategies; b.) retention and involvement best practices; c.) achieving chapter visibility locally; d.) benefits of recognition; e.) chapter fundraising, and; f.) what every chapter commander needs to know. That evening, then-CINC Le Grande hosted the Commanders’ Call and SVCINC Gibson hosted the first-ever Committee Chairs’ Call. The next day’s activities featured the two remaining workshops: a.) Veterans Affairs, Law & Order and Homeland Security Best Practices, b.) Patriotic Education, Scouting and





National Security best practices, and; c.) the CINC Wrap-up. This greatly lauded new workshop approach was developed by PCINC Capt Debbie Kash and her *ad hoc* Workshop Committee.

These workshops were followed by the annual MOWW Awards Luncheon—a terrific affair. The room was packed and the attending chapters were highly enthusiastic. Then-CINC Le Grande presented awards to all recipients present. This year's luncheon included a surprise that brought the audience to its feet. Not only did those attending enjoy a luncheon speaker, but that speaker was none other than General of the Armies John J. Pershing, AUS (Ret), portrayed by historical reenactor David Wayne Shuey of Pennsylvania—complete in a period uniform. His riveting presentation, given in the manner of Gen Pershing, was on his experience as the Commander, American Expeditionary Force. After the luncheon, Companions surged forward to meet and be photographed with him. The day ended with national candidate presentations and MOWW elections.

The last convention day, Saturday, 6 August, began with the annual Memorial Service, which Chaplain General Col Lofberg arranged with finesse and great dignity. Next were the Convention Business Session and General Staff meeting, which then-CINC Le Grande chaired with aplomb. After the election results were declared, then CINC-Elect Gibson announced his 2017-2018 administration.

That evening featured the annual convention's capstone events, i.e., the CINC Receiving Line and the CINC Banquet, the latter being preceded by the procession of Past Commanders-in-Chief and the head table. During the CINC Banquet, then-CINC Le Grande introduced the 2017 Distinguished Service Award recipient, MG David E. Kratzer, USA (Ret), who gave an inspirational speech to great acclaim by all attending. Immediately thereafter, then-CINC Le Grande announced the National Commander Award



recipient, then-SVCINC Col David B. Gibson, who provided invaluable assistance during the former's administration. Next was the GA Pershing Chapter Activity Awards, followed by the Installation of Officers, with PCINC COL Bert L. Rice, presiding. Last, now-IPCINC Le Grande provided his farewell remarks and CINC Gibson gave his new commander's remarks (provided in this issue).

## POST-CONVENTION | 6 AUG 17

This day was exclusively reserved for the Post-Convention EXCOM, chaired by CINC Gibson. During that session, he emphasized EXCOM teambuilding, outlined his administration's theme of recruitment and participation, and focused on three messages:

- a.) achieving Strategic Goal 1 recruiting and participation objectives; b.) donating to the CINC Solicitation, and; c.) chapter officers and other Companions attending the MOWW Convention, and each region's fall and spring conferences. He also previewed his CINC initiatives involving patriotic education, IRS-filings & TG certifications, updating MOWW's history and Council of Area Commanders support. ★

## 2018 MOWW CONVENTION 7-12 AUGUST 2018

### HISTORIC MARRIOTT HOTEL COLUMBUS, GA



The 2018 MOWW Convention in Columbus, GA, will be held at the Historic Marriott Hotel—mere blocks from vibrant downtown dining, music and shopping. The Historic Iron Works Trade and Convention Center will host our meetings. Plus ... great tours are planned.

CINC Gibson invites all commanders at all levels, every Companion, and their families and friends, to attend. *He and Diane will see you there!*



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# 2016-2017 MOWW NATIONAL CITATIONS

Every Companion named has made major contributions to the advancement of the patriotic ideals of MOWW. On the recommendation of Region, Department/State and Chapter Commanders, each individual listed below was awarded a National Citation by the Commander-in-Chief, identifying the accomplishment and its contribution to the goals of the Order as set forth in the Preamble.

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Narragansett Bay Chapter, RI

### Region III

**Brig Gen Peter C. Bellisario, USAF (Ret)**  
GEN Ridgway-Pittsburgh Chapter, PA

### Region IV

**Lt Col Sheldon A. Goldberg, USAF (Ret)**  
General Meade Chapter, MD

### Region VIII

**LTC King Moss II, USAR (Ret)**  
Dallas Chapter, TX

### Region XIII

**LTC Daniel E. Hudson, USA (Ret)**  
Great Salt Lake Chapter, UT

### Region XIV

**Brig Gen Daniel H. Pemberton, USAF (Ret)**  
Conejo Valley Chapter, CA

## DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RECOGNITION

### Department of New York, NY

**LTC Paul F. Farinella, USA (Ret)**  
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### Department of Arizona, AZ

**LTC Edward McDowell, USAR (Ret)**  
Apache Trail Chapter, AZ, Region XIV

### Department of Rio Grande, NM

**MAJ Irvin Schlenker, USA (Ret)**  
Albuquerque Chapter, NM, Region XIII

### Department of Southern California, CA

**CDR George T. Parsons, USN (Ret)**  
San Diego Chapter, CA, Region XIV

## CHAPTER COMMANDER RECOGNITION

### Augusta Chapter, GA

**Mrs. Colleen Culbertson HPM**  
Region V

### Greater Boston Chapter, MA

**CAPT Alan G. Rieper, USN (Ret)**  
Region I

### GEN Ridgway-Pittsburgh Chapter, PA

**CAPT Paula B. Bozdech-Veater, USN (Ret)**  
Region III

### Wilmington Chapter, DE

**COL James E. Dickinson, USA (Ret)**  
Region III

### Fort Knox Chapter, KY

**COL Robert L. Westholm, USA (Ret)**  
Region III

### Gaylord-Dillingham Memorial Chapter, HI

**LTC Leslie I. Bise, USA (Ret)**  
Region XIV

### General Meade Chapter, MD

**LTC Dennis A. Chojnowski, USA (Ret)**  
Region IV

### Hampton Roads Chapter, VA

**MSgt Earl Johnson II, USAF (Ret)**  
Region IV

### Northern Virginia Chapter, VA

**CPL Arthur B. Morrill IV, VA-ARNG**  
Region IV

### Richmond Chapter, VA

**LTC Joseph M. Tarantino, USA (Ret)**  
Region IV

### Virginia Piedmont Chapter, VA

**LCDR Paul B. Webb, USN (Ret)**  
Region IV

### GEN Westmoreland Chapter, SC

**MAJ John Dunmyer III, USA (Ret)**  
Region V

### Brig Gen Scott Chapter, GA

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### Columbus Chapter, GA

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Region V

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Region VI

### Dallas Chapter, TX

**MAJ William M. Coleman, USA (Ret)**  
Region VIII

### Dallas Chapter, TX

**CPT Walter T. Garriss, USA (Fmr)**  
Region VIII

### Hill Country Chapter, TX

**CDR Ralph D. Lewis, USCG (Ret)**  
Region VIII

### El Paso Chapter, TX

**MAJ Joanne F. Barton, USA (Ret)**  
Region XIII

### Phoenix Chapter, AZ

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Region XIII

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Region XIV

### San Diego Chapter, CA

**CAPT Sheldon L. Margolis, USN (Ret)**  
Region XIV

### Puget Sound Chapter, WA

**Lt Col Richard W. Muri, USAF (Ret)**  
Region XIV

## CHAPTER COMMANDER RECOGNITION (AT-LARGE CHAPTER)

### BG Bultman Chapter, VA

**BG Raymond E. Bell Jr., PhD, USA (Ret)**  
At-Large





## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The MOWW Constitution and Bylaws established the Distinguished Service Award of the Military Order of the World Wars. This award is presented at the National Convention to recognize an American citizen who has made an extraordinary contribution to the preservation of our constitutional liberties, and who selflessly promotes a strong national defense. It is the most prestigious award of the Order.

### RECIPIENT:

MG David E. Kratzer, USA (Ret)



## NATIONAL COMMANDER AWARD

The Commander-in-Chief is authorized to present the National Commander Award to the individual who, in his or her opinion, has made an outstanding contribution to the Order and has done the most in assisting the Commander-in-Chief in fulfilling their responsibilities.

### RECIPIENT:

Col David B. Gibson, USAF (Ret)  
(Puget Sound Chapter, WA)

## PHOENICIAN AWARD

The Phoenician Award is given each year for the most outstanding patriotic essay written by a student attending one of MOWW's Youth Leadership Conferences.

- **2<sup>ND</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Daniel Nguyen  
(Arizona YLC;  
Director: COL Richard E. Minor, USA (Ret),  
Scholarship: \$500
- **1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Sven Lohse  
(Texas A & M University YLC;  
Director: LTC Don B. Munson, USA (Ret),  
Scholarship: \$1,000
- **WINNER:** Paris Nguyen  
(San Diego YLC;  
Director: Mr. Travis Putnam  
Scholarship: \$2,000



## GENERAL OF THE ARMIES JOHN J. PERSHING CHAPTER ACTIVITY AWARDS

The Chapter Activities Award is presented to those chapters who have actively fulfilled the ideals and principles of The Military Order of the World Wars as set forth in the Preamble. It is also awarded to chapters which are a positive patriotic force within their communities, and that have grown in stature by performing good deeds for "The Good of the Order."

### Small Chapter:

- **2<sup>ND</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Hampton Roads Chapter, VA
- **1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Santa Cruz Valley Chapter, AZ
- **WINNER:** Fort Knox Chapter, KY

### Intermediate Chapter:

- **2<sup>ND</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Virginia Piedmont Chapter, VA
- **1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Topeka Chapter, KS
- **WINNER:** Sun City Center Chapter, FL

### Large Chapter:

- **2<sup>ND</sup> RUNNER-UP:** GEN Meade Chapter, MD
- **1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER-UP:** El Paso Chapter, TX
- **WINNER:** Dallas Chapter, TX



## NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAM AWARDS

The National Security Awards are given annually to the chapters demonstrating the most effective local programs in support of the resolutions pertaining to national security passed by the Order in the National Convention.

### Small Chapter:

- **1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER-UP:** MG Miles Chapter, NM
- **WINNER:** Santa Cruz Valley Chapter, AZ

### Intermediate Chapter:

- **2<sup>ND</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Sun City Center Chapter, FL
- **1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER-UP:** COL Woolsey Chapter, CA
- **WINNER:** Columbus Chapter, GA

### Large Chapter:

- **1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER-UP:** GEN Meade Chapter, MD
- **WINNER:** El Paso Chapter, TX



## HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM AWARDS

The Homeland Security Award is a new award adopted at the 2010 Convention for excellence in supporting the MOWW Homeland Security Program.

### Small Chapter:

- **WINNER:** MG Miles Chapter, NM

### Intermediate Chapter:

- **WINNER:** COL Woolsey Chapter, CA

### Large Chapter:

- **WINNER:** El Paso Chapter, TX







## LAW & ORDER EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD

The National Law & Order Exceptional Service Award was created to recognize the distinguished service of a law enforcement or criminal justice official.

### • 2<sup>ND</sup> RUNNER-UP:

Bureau Commander William E. Cochran  
(Topeka Police Department, KS)  
Sponsor: Topeka Chapter, KS

### • 1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER-UP:

Captain/Paramedic Michael J. Klusyk  
(Santa Barbara County Fire Department, CA)  
Sponsor: COL Woolsey Chapter, CA

### • WINNER:

Sheriff Robert A. Gualtieri  
(Pinellas County, FL)  
Sponsor: Sun City Center Chapter, FL

Note: These awards are presented at local ceremonies by the sponsoring chapter.



## CHAPTER LAW & ORDER PROGRAM AWARDS

The Law & Order Award, which has chapter and individual categories, was instituted to honor exceptional chapters supporting the following Preamble tenant: "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."

### Small Chapter:

- **2<sup>ND</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Santa Cruz Valley Chapter, AZ
- **1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Denver Chapter, CO
- **WINNER:** Pinson Memorial Chapter, TX

### Intermediate Chapter:

- **2<sup>ND</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Clearwater Chapter, FL
- **1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Sun City Center Chapter, FL
- **WINNER:** COL Woolsey Chapter, CA

### Large Chapter:

- **1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER-UP:** MajGen Pendleton Chapter, CA
- **WINNER:** El Paso Chapter, TX

## LAW & ORDER OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AWARD

The National Law and Order Outstanding Performance Award recognizes outstanding performance for heroic actions.

### • 2<sup>ND</sup> RUNNER-UP:

Judge Charles A. Abdella, COL, USA (Ret)  
(Worcester District Court, MA)  
Sponsor: Worcester Chapter, MA

### • 1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER-UP:

Detective José Del Fierro  
(City of Irving, TX)  
Sponsor: Pinson Memorial Chapter, TX

### • WINNER:

Officer Christina Quinoñes  
(El Paso Police Department, TX)  
Sponsor: El Paso Chapter, TX

Note: These awards are presented at local ceremonies by the sponsoring chapter.



## CHAPTER PATRIOTIC EDUCATION PROGRAM AWARD

The Chapter Patriotic Education Program Award is bestowed on the chapter conducting the best patriotic education program for the preceding year. The purpose of this competition is to encourage chapters to develop programs that will provide the youth of our country with a knowledge and appreciation for this nation's institutions and government.

### Small Chapter:

- **2<sup>ND</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Hill Country Chapter, TX
- **1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Hampton Roads Chapter, VA
- **WINNER:** Fort Hood Chapter, TX

### Intermediate Chapter:

- **2<sup>ND</sup> RUNNER-UP:** COL Woolsey Chapter, CA
- **1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Sun City Center Chapter, FL
- **WINNER:** Phoenix Chapter, AZ

### Large Chapter:

- **2<sup>ND</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Augusta Chapter, GA
- **1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Puget Sound Chapter, WA
- **WINNER:** Dallas Chapter, TX







## ROTC AWARDS

The ROTC Annual Award is presented to the chapters providing the best support of ROTC units.

Category 1: Chapters supporting 1-9 ROTC units

- **2<sup>ND</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Mesilla Valley Chapter, NM
- **1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Santa Cruz Valley Chapter, AZ
- **WINNER:** Puerto Rico Chapter, PR

Category 2: Chapters supporting 10-17 ROTC units:

- **2<sup>ND</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Colorado Springs Chapter, CO
- **1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER-UP:** GEN Ridgway Chapter, PA
- **WINNER:** Hampton Roads Chapter, VA

Category 3: Chapters supporting 18-23 ROTC units:

- **2<sup>ND</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Columbus Chapter, GA
- **1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Greater Boston Chapter, MA
- **WINNER:** San Diego Chapter, CA

Category 4: Chapters supporting 24-29 ROTC units:

- **2<sup>ND</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Augusta Chapter, GA
- **1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Denver Chapter, CO
- **WINNER:** San Francisco Bay Chapter, CA

Category 5: Chapters supporting 30-83 ROTC units:

- **2<sup>ND</sup> RUNNER-UP:** GA Bradley-COL Hanson Chapter, CA
- **1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Dallas Chapter, TX
- **WINNER:** Richmond Chapter, VA

Category 6: Chapters supporting 84+ ROTC units:

- **2<sup>ND</sup> RUNNER-UP:** LTG Middleton Chapter, LA
- **1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Atlanta Chapter, GA
- **WINNER:** Puget Sound Chapter, WA



## HPM JAMES C. BAIRD NATIONAL SCOUTING AWARD

Previously called the "National Scouting Award" and re-named to honor Companion Baird for his ceaseless efforts in promoting the Scouting programs of the Order. This award recognizes the Companion who contributed the most through the year to realize the goals and objectives of the Order's Resolution of Cooperation with the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts of the USA.

### RECIPIENT:

HPM Deborah J. Kerr-Minor  
(Phoenix Chapter, AZ)



## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA "SQUARE KNOT" AWARD

The Boy Scouts of America "Square Knot" Award recognizes Companions who are dedicated to and actively involved in furthering the Boy Scouts of America program.

### RECIPIENTS:

MAJ Jonathan W. De Fabio, USA NG  
BG Bultman Chapter (At Large)

Capt Theodore G. Vallas, USAF (Fmr)  
MajGen Pendleton Chapter, CA

LTC Bruce W. McPherson, USAR  
(GEN Meade Chapter, MD)

LTC Rollins J. Collins, Jr., USA (Ret)  
(Houston Chapter, TX)



## SCOUTING PROGRAM AWARD

For excellence in supporting the goals and objectives of the Military Order's Resolutions of Cooperation with the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

### Small Chapter:

- **2<sup>ND</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Fort Knox Chapter, KY
- **1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER-UP:** New Jersey Chapter, NJ
- **WINNER:** Denver Chapter, CO

### Intermediate Chapter:

- **2<sup>ND</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Topeka Chapter, KS
- **1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Phoenix Chapter, AZ
- **WINNER:** Sun City Center Chapter, FL

### Large Chapter:

- **2<sup>ND</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Atlanta Chapter, GA
- **1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER-UP:** San Diego Chapter, CA
- **WINNER:** Dallas Chapter, TX





- **1ST PRIZE AWARD (\$2,000):**  
CPT Ryan W. Hasbrouck, Jr., USA (Fmr)  
"Shenandoah Valley Campaign,"  
(OR, Nov/Dec 16)  
New Jersey Chapter, NJ

- **HONORABLE MENTION (\$500):**  
BG Raymond E. Bell, Jr., PhD, USA (Ret)  
"The Russians Are Coming," (OR, Apr 17)  
BG Bultman Chapter, VA



## CHAPTER NEWSLETTER AWARDS

The Chapter Newsletter Award is presented to the chapter with the most comprehensive newsletter.

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- **1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER-UP:** MG Miles Chapter, NM
- **WINNER:** Pinson Memorial Chapter, TX

Intermediate Chapter:

- **2<sup>ND</sup> RUNNER-UP:** COL Woolsey Chapter, CA
- **1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Sun City Center Chapter, FL
- **WINNER:** Apache Trail Chapter, AZ

Large Chapter:

- **2<sup>ND</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Greater Boston Chapter, MA
- **1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER-UP:** GEN Meade Chapter, MD
- **WINNER:** Dallas Chapter, TX

- **HONORABLE MENTION (\$500):**  
CPT John H. Hurst, USMC (Fmr)  
"The Battle of Midway," (OR, May 17)  
Brig Gen Scott Chapter, GA

- **HONORABLE MENTION (\$500):**  
BG Raymond E. Bell, Jr., USA (Ret)  
"Shell Shock in World War I," (OR, Apr 16)  
BG Bultman Chapter, VA

- **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**  
CPT (Dr.) Robert E. Mallin, USA (Fmr)  
Surgeon General, MOWW



## INFORMATION & PUBLICITY AWARD

The Information & Publicity Award is conferred annually to the chapter with the most effective public relations program for the operating year within the chapter, the community and at a national level. It includes published items (except for items published in the *Officer Review*®), as well as electronic media (television, radio and the internet).

Small Chapter:

- **2<sup>ND</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Hill Country Chapter, TX
- **1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER-UP:** MG Miles Chapter, NM
- **WINNER:** Pinson Memorial Chapter, TX

Intermediate Chapter:

- **1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Sun City Center Chapter, FL
- **WINNER:** COL Woolsey Chapter, CA

Large Chapter:

- **2<sup>ND</sup> RUNNER-UP:** LTG Middleton Chapter, LA
- **1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER-UP:** GEN Meade Chapter, MD
- **WINNER:** Dallas Chapter, TX



## VADM DYER WRITING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The Vice Admiral George C. Dyer Awards for Writing Excellence in MOWW's magazine, the *Officer Review*®, are made possible by the VADM Dyer Memorial Magazine Trust Fund.

WRITING PRIZES

- **2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE AWARD (\$1,000):**  
LTC Joseph E. Harris, Jr., USA (Ret)  
"The Jungle Classroom"  
(OR, Oct 16)  
Great Salt Lake Chapter, UT

## RECRUITING EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Recruiting Excellence Award is presented to the top three chapters who achieved the most significant net new member increases in living veteran and hereditary Perpetual and Regular member categories.

- **2<sup>ND</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Presented to the chapter that recruits at least two (2) new members AND achieves a 7.0 - 7.9 percent net increase in membership. The recipient is awarded a streamer, is listed on the MOWW Recruiting Honor Role on the MOWW website, and is presented a check for \$750 to be applied to support chapter programs.

**RECIPIENT:** Great Salt Lake Chapter, UT  
(14/30%)

- **1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Presented to the chapter that recruits at least four (4) new members AND achieves an 8.0- 9.9 percent net increase in membership. The recipient is





awarded a streamer, is listed on the MOWW Recruiting Honor Role on the MOWW website, and is presented a check for \$1,200 to be applied to support chapter programs.

**RECIPIENT:** Green Mountain Chapter, VT  
(5/19%)

- **WINNER:** Presented to the chapter that recruits at least six (6) new members AND achieves a ten percent or greater (≥10%) net increase in membership. The recipient is awarded a streamer, is listed on the MOWW Recruiting Honor Role on the MOWW website, and is presented a check for \$2,000 to be applied to support chapter programs.

**RECIPIENT:** Virginia Piedmont Chapter, VA  
(2/20%)

## PERPETUAL MEMBER RECRUITING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (ORGANIZATIONAL)

The Perpetual Member Recruiting Award is an organizational (i.e., chapter) award designed to encourage chapters to increase the number and proportion of those Perpetual Members who are ≤50 years in age within the chapter. The winning chapter receives a gold flag streamer.

- **2<sup>ND</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Gen Vandenberg Chapter, CA
- **1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Greater Boston Chapter, MA
- **WINNER:** Dallas Chapter, TX



## MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING CITATION

The MOWW Membership Citation is presented to the single Companion who personally recruited the greatest number of new members of all membership categories.

**RECIPIENT (9 NEW MEMBERS):**  
Col David B. Gibson, USAF (Ret)  
Puget Sound Chapter, WA

## MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING AWARD

The Membership Recruiting Award is given to the top three recruiters. In the event of a tie, the recruiter with the most Perpetual Members recruited takes precedence.

- **2<sup>ND</sup> RUNNER-UP (8 NEW MEMBERS):**  
COL Edwin A. Burtnick, USA (Ret)  
GEN Meade Chapter, MD
- **1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER-UP (8 NEW MEMBERS):**  
Paul W. Brown, USAF (Fmr)  
Dallas Chapter, TX
- **WINNER (9 NEW MEMBERS):**  
Col David B. Gibson, USAF (Ret)  
Puget Sound Chapter, WA



## BG HORACE W. PORT AWARD

For being the Region with the highest percentage of its National Staff Officers registered and in attendance at the annual National Convention.

- **WINNER:**  
Region VIII  
(Commander: Maj Robert J. Williams, USAF (Ret))

## CHAPTER COMMANDERS' AND ADJUTANTS' AWARD

For being the Region with the highest percentage of its chapter commanders and adjutants registered, and in attendance at, the annual National Convention.

- **WINNER:**  
Region VIII  
(Commander: Maj Robert J. Williams, USAF (Ret))

## 2016-2017 GOLD PATRICK HENRY RECIPIENTS

Gold Patrick Henry Medallion and Miniature Medal. Only the Commander-in-Chief (CINC), Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief (SVCINC) and the four Vice Commanders-in-Chief (VCINCs) may present the Gold Patrick Henry Award to an adult for extraordinary patriotic achievements.

The CINC may award three gold medallions per year. The Senior and Vice Commanders-in-Chief may make one award each year within their area of responsibility.

### RECIPIENTS:

Col David B. Gibson, USAF (Ret)  
Puget Sound Chapter, WA

LTC Frederick J. Maguire, USA (Ret):  
Greater Boston Chapter

COL Brad M. Beasley, USA (Ret)  
Greater Boston Chapter

(Presenter: CINC COL Le Grande)

HPM Charlotte A. Medlock:  
Puget Sound Chapter, WA

(Presenter: SVCINC Col Gibson)

Lt Col Sheldon A. Goldberg, PhD, USAF (Ret):  
GEN Meade Chapter

(Presenter: VCINC LTC Hollywood)

Ms. Brittany Link:  
Director, Tallahassee  
Youth Leadership Conference  
(Presenter: VCINC COL Beasley)

LTC George J. L. Walker, USA (Ret):  
Houston Chapter  
(Presenter: VCINC LTC Chamberlin)

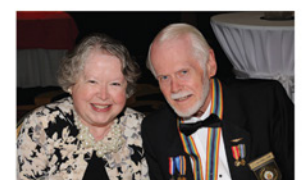
Col Maureen S. Lofberg, USAF (Ret):  
El Paso Chapter  
(Presenter: VCINC CPT Mitchel)





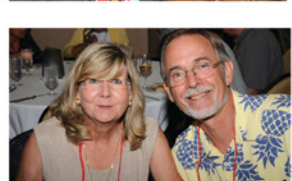
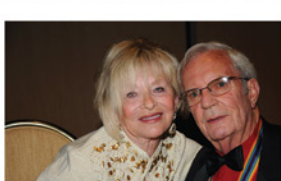
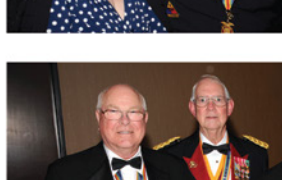
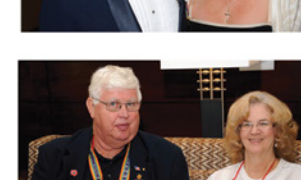
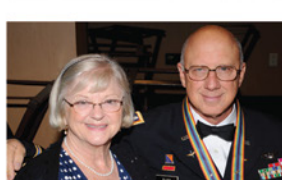
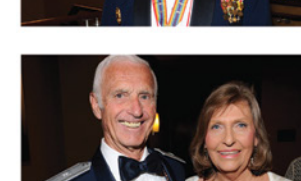
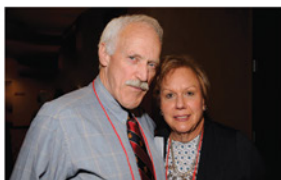


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# INREACH

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

In this issue's "CINC's Perspective," we benefit from the Commander-in-Chief's mentoring and guidance on the imperatives of all of us recruiting and participating in chapter activities, and encouraging the same in fellow Companions. It's not an overstatement to say we all know that both are vital to the health of the Order—now and in the future.

Of course, the Preamble also guides us and, for example, reminds us that we should promote and further patriotic education in our nation. Obviously, that manifests itself in our outreach via MOWW's Youth Leadership Conferences and Massings of Colors, but it is also seen in our outreach to scouts, cadets and even veterans.

To enable such service to our nation and its citizens today and tomorrow, the CINC essentially says we must nurture, grow and involve the Companion Team. That, as he highlights, is achieved by each of us actually recruiting new Companions to the Order and literally working to increase the participation of all Companions in serving others via chapter outreach and other programs.

There is another way to think about serving others on which we tend to focus less, but the need is just as great. It is something I call "Inreach." Even as we serve the communities adjacent to our chapters, we must also serve the Companions in our Order.

To achieve success in increasing recruiting, participation and outreach, we must look

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

*Do more than belong: participate.*

*Do more than care: help.*

*Do more than believe: practice.*

*Do more than be fair: be kind.*

*Do more than forgive: forget.*

*Do more than dream: work.*

—William Arthur Ward

to each other and be inclusive in how we operate and in how we involve Companions. Julie N. Causton, Ph.D., and George Theoharis, Ph.D., Syracuse University educators, wrote, "Inclusion is a way of thinking, a way of being, and a way of making decisions about helping everyone belong."

This means we must make it our habit to mentor each other and work to match Companion talents

and interests with the needs of the Order and the chapter. Likewise, we must offer Companions real and timely opportunities to be involved so the increased participation that the CINC is trying to achieve is achieved and lasting.

Reaching out to others, i.e., "inreach," is showing fellow and prospective Companions that you are interested in them, want to support them and will include them in activities of interest—whether that interest is seen in serving on or chairing a committee, presenting awards to ROTC cadets, or holding elected chapter or national office.

Together we can accomplish anything we set our minds to. That is why we were successful as members of our nation's Armed forces, as members of the private sector, and as Companions of our great

Order. That's why the CINC feels confident in writing, "Set goals. Make it fun. Make it competitive. Make it happen."

We can do this! ★





## THE GENTLEMAN FROM ARIZONA

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

For some time, my knees have bothered me, i.e., plagued me with pain, caused an inability to navigate stairs and inflicted on me a constant need for mobility-friendly furniture. However, I have seen a tall gentleman from Arizona at the annual MOWW Convention and have seen him go from debility to device-free mobility. Finally, on his advice, I decided on total left knee joint replacement.

After asking around the Denver area, it became obvious that patients, rehab people and word of mouth favored Dr. X. I anticipated that after a couple of days in hospital and a little rehab, things would be better than new! So far, the journey is 15 weeks of too-slow improvement. In fact, the tunnel and the light at its end get farther away, with no end in sight.

As it turned out, surgically there were several prostheses, methods of insertion and stabilization choices to evaluate for my knees. My X-rays revealed a really messed up joint, or rather, two. No cartilage, moth-eaten bone, arthritic damage and the tell-tale "bone on bone" configuration.

I also learned that elements of the joint can be repaired, on occasion. An early step in "only" treatment can be steroid inter-articular injections. Any element of inflammation and classic arthritis can get relief for up to six months. Typically, my steroid injections lasted six months, then four months and finally, they lasted no time at all.

The next step, or one used in conjunction with steroids, was Hyaluronic Acid. A small amount of the substance can lubricate the joint and give variable periods of relief and, maybe, some cartilage regrowth. In my case, almost two years of such treatment avoided surgery, that is until the treatment stopped working altogether. Based on my rapid recovery from recent ablative renal surgery, I was looking forward to getting on with my knees.

On to the knees I went, and I learned that to say the least, surgical recovery is an individual experience. My family and I were shown how magically a properly sized and contoured prosthesis was manufactured. Even dentures take many fittings, but the artificial joint was, seemingly, instantly ready!

Detailed preparation occurred and my medications were arranged. Off I went to the hospital, the operating room and, seemingly, was instantly awake. Now, I realized that the "couple of days in the hospital," at least in my case, preceded two weeks at an intensive rehabilitation facility. Unhappily, pain control was only so-so. Then there were the massive amounts of swelling and pain that had to be overcome.

My rehab was initially 15 hours a week for two weeks. As you may recall, I live with a very capable cat. However, my doctor surprisingly found my cat less than qualified and so off I went to a facility for two more weeks of less intense rehabilitation. Finally, one magic weekend I could go home, albeit with a lot less intense pain but still notable swelling, for a couple weeks of home health treatments.

Little by little, I have overcome most mobility problems. I was told that 2-3 months is not unusual for recovery. I am now in my fourth month. Regardless, it is good to be into the thing 15 weeks because I can see how far I have come, though it is not yet far enough. The only danger, really, is reaching a plateau with at least partial use of a walker permanently. I'm working hard to prevent that.

Regardless, I do owe the gentleman from Arizona a drink. I'm just not sure what it might be.

Be well. ★



## ONE BODY—MANY MEMBERS

LTC CHERYL D. BRADY, USA (RET)

CHAPLAIN GENERAL, MOWW

Every chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars has been strategically placed with military precision around the nation—guided by the hand of God. Every Companion has sworn an oath that captures the heart of volunteer service within the Order and makes us part of something bigger and much greater than ourselves. We are all members of one body, standing united under a Preamble that has endured through many decades. In serving the nation and our communities we are making an investment today that will see a great return tomorrow through the lives we touch—one act of selfless service at a time.

Every Companion holds a battle position within the Order that allows for the support of the five Strategic Goals. These are the weapons of our warfare. With singleness of purpose and vision we fight the good fight of faith in every place where our standard is raised—believing in our mission, believing in the ideals which we uphold, believing in each other. Equipped to serve with different skills, talents, abilities and resources, we should all endeavor to do our part so the body does not suffer.

Every chapter meeting, every community outreach program and event sends a powerful message to those we serve and those we hope to influence for membership when there is a strong Companion presence. Strategic strength is gained, fellowship and camaraderie flourishes as we encourage one another on to victory.

Serving affords us the opportunity to perfect our love for God and our neighbor. For it is in serving that we learn to die to self. It is in serving that we learn to think of others more highly than we think of ourselves. It is in serving that our eyes are open to the vast harvest field of souls that hunger and thirst for a reason to believe in America—to believe in patriotism, and a reason to give of themselves in patriotic service. In serving as members of the body of MOWW we meet earthly needs that carry eternal consequences. There is no other Veterans Service Organization like MOWW. We are unique in our founding, unique in our service, and unique in the historical impact we are having in the nation. Let us not grow weary in well doing for in due time we will reap a harvest if we faint not. ★





Phoenician Award Presentation

## *Paris Nguyen Presented 2016 Phoenician Award*

BY PCINC CAPT DEBORAH A. KASH, USAF (RET)

Paris Nguyen, 16-years old, received national recognition from PCINC CAPT Russell Vowinkel, USN (Ret), on 29 June 2017. Paris received the 2016 MOWW Phoenician Award, placing first among 25 other top students from all other Youth Leadership Conferences nationwide. Not only did he receive an engraved plaque, but he also received a framed certificate and a check for \$2,000. Mr. Nguyen served as a vital part of the leadership team by mentoring 41 students and presenting the Leadership Trait Challenge. Honoring Paris, almost 150 family, students and YLC staff from MOWW and National Sojourners, applauded his singular achievement.

**(L-R): The 2016 MOWW Phoenician Awards First Place winner, Paris Nguyen, with PCINC CAPT Russell Vowinkel, USN (Ret).**

*Editor's Note: The Phoenician Awards provide national recognition to three Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) students who are judged as the "The Military Order of the World Wars Outstanding Student of the Year." Candidates are chosen from among students who have been selected by their multi-day Youth Leadership Conference. The national recipients are determined by the outcome of the essay contest, including a review of comments by the Conference Director. All receive their awards during local MOWW ceremonies attended by family, fellow students, friends and local media. In addition, MOWW features them in its Officer Review® magazine, and in its annual MOWW Convention Book.*







MajGen Pendleton

## *Recognition of the American Combat Veterans of War*

BY PCINC CAPT DEBORAH A. KASH, USAF (RET)



The MajGen Pendleton Chapter recently awarded a MOWW Bronze Patrick Henry Plaque to the American Combat Veterans of War (ACVOW) in recognition of the organization's patriotic service to veterans and the community of San Diego County.

ACVOW participates in "Veterans Moving Forward," a program that is a collaboration between the San

Diego Sheriff's Department and the US Department of Veterans Affairs. This program provides counseling, mentoring and other assistance to incarcerated veterans. The local program at the Vista Detention Facility, which includes a dedicated housing unit for veterans, has established a proven track record of enhanced rehabilitation as reflected by drastically reduced recidivism among participants.

ACVOW's founder and CEO, Sgt. Bill Rider, USMC (Ret), accepted the award on behalf of the organization, which was presented by PCINC Capt Deborah A. Kash, USAF (Ret). Captain Edwin Schroeder, Commanding Officer of the Vista Detention Facility, also attended the award presentation.

**(Top left, L-R): Companion and ACVOW member, LtCol Kenneth W. Pipes, USMC (Ret); ACVOW CEO, Sgt. Bill Rider, with presenter PCINC Capt Deborah A. Kash, USAF (Ret).**

**(Top right, L-R): ACVOW CEO Bill Rider; PCINC Capt Deborah A. Kash, USAF (Ret), and Captain Edwin Schroeder, Commanding Officer of the Vista Detention Facility.**

**(Inset): ACVOW members with PCINC Capt Deborah A. Kash, USAF (Ret).**

Hill Country Chapter, TX

## *“Doolittle Raider” Celebrates 102nd Birthday*

BY CDR RALPH LEWIS, USCG (RET)

On Sunday afternoon of Labor Day weekend, a number of Hill Country Chapter Companions, several members of the Quiet Birdmen, neighbors, friends, and relatives of a true American hero gathered at the Volunteer Fire Department station in the tiny hamlet of Waring, TX, to celebrate his 102nd birthday. Lt Col Richard E. Cole, USAF (Ret), a Perpetual Member of Hill Country Chapter, was the guest of honor. For those who may not know, Dick Cole is the last surviving member of the group of brave aviators who took part in the famous raid on Tokyo in April 1942. Dick was Jimmy Doolittle's copilot on that daring mission. Still as witty and as sharp as ever, Dick was happy to greet his admirers and to celebrate right along with them.

Dick was inducted into the Order two years ago at a Hill Country Chapter meeting. At that meeting, he spoke of the raid and of his role in it, as well as what he did during his Air Force career after the attack on Tokyo by B-25 bombers flown off the carrier USS Hornet. He was gracious enough to answer questions from the group after his talk and induction. One question that was asked was “What was going through your mind as you sat number one for takeoff on the flight deck of the Hornet?” His answer was “It didn't matter, I was sitting next to the guy who was GOING!”

At the birthday celebration, CDR Ralph Lewis, Hill Country Chapter Commander, presented Dick with a birthday greeting from CINC Col David B. Gibson, USAF (Ret). The message read as follows:

“Dear Colonel Cole, Happy Birthday. We are so proud to have you as a member of the Military Order of the World Wars and the Hill Country Chapter. You are an inspiration to all commissioned officers. Your rich history with the Doolittle Raiders during World War II makes us thankful that you are with us, motivating our Order to recognize the sacrifice of veterans. Thank you for your part in “30 seconds over Tokyo” and as a valued Companion of the Military Order of the World Wars.

Best Birthday Wishes, David Gibson, MOWW CINC”

**(L-R, Top): CDR Ralph Lewis, Hill Country Chapter Commander, presents the CINC's birthday greeting to Lt Col Dick Cole at his 102nd birthday party. Lt Col Cole is the last surviving member of the Doolittle Raiders, and flew as Jimmy Doolittle's copilot on the raid. (Photo Below): Crew of first aircraft from the 34th Bomb Squadron (L-R, first row): Pilot Lt Col Jimmy Doolittle; Co-Pilot Lt Richard E. Cole (circled); (L-R, second row): Navigator Lt H.A. Potter; Bombardier SSgt F.A. Braemer, and Engineer Gunner SSgt. P.J. Leonard.**







San Diego Chapter, CA

## *JROTC Awards Presented*

BY PCINC CAPT DEBORAH A. KASH, USAF (RET)

Chapter Commander, CDR Ted Parsons, USN (Ret), presented MOWW awards to the Outstanding First Year Cadets at each of the 13 JROTC units the chapter supports. Each cadet was awarded the MOWW JROTC Award of Merit Medal, presented to them during the annual San Diego Unified School District JROTC Brigade Award Ceremony.



Sun City Center Chapter, FL

## *Eagle Scout Recognition*

BY CAPT B. FRANK KEPLEY, USN (RET)

On 8 July 2017, a quarterly Field of Honor ceremony was held at the Hillsborough County Veterans Memorial Park and Museum in Brandon, FL. The chapter awarded a MOWW Eagle Scout Certificate to Boy Scout Walter F. Whale for completing his "Benches for the Field of Honor" Eagle Scout project. He was also presented the MOWW Bronze Patrick Henry Award for Patriotic Achievement.

**Top left, L-R: Eagle Scout Walter F. Whale; Presenter, Maj James Haney, USMC (Ret); LTC Charles R. Conover, Jr., USA (Ret); Lt Col James R. Warchol, USAF (Ret). Companion Janice Basset, HPM, was also present.**

**Top right: Eagle Scout Walter F. Whale displays his MOWW Eagle Scout Certificate and Bronze Patrick Henry Plaque with Maj James Haney, USMC (Ret), after the presentation.**





**VA: trying to be more transparent about what the problems are and how the VA will go about trying to solve them.**



As part of VA secretary Dr. David Shulkin's continued commitment to transparency and accountability, he met with

communicators from more than a dozen veterans service organizations (VSOs) who attended a roundtable in Washington, DC, Thursday, June 29.

"There is obviously a lot going on at the VA, and we wanted to have time for you to ask any questions and time for you to share any thoughts you have," said Shulkin, who was joined by Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs John Ulyot, VA's chief communicator, and Acting Under Secretary for Health Dr. Poonam Alaigh. "Organizations that don't listen to their customers and what they want usually become irrelevant and go out of business."

Joe Plenzer of the American Legion and Joe Davis of the Veterans of Foreign Wars started a conversation centered on VA accountability and its culture, asking how newly signed legislation will help improve the quality of care veterans receive through the system.

"It is an honor and a privilege to serve at the VA, and if you don't feel that way and you don't act that way, then I don't want you at the VA," Shulkin said. "We still have a culture that is not service-oriented, that is not striving for excellence and we are going to continue to get this right by getting the right people in the spots. The vast majority of our employees are people that I am proud to serve with who are working very hard every day, who we want at the VA."

The VSOs who attended included the Military Order of the World Wars, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Jewish War Veterans, Commissioned Officers of the United States Public Health Services, Fleet Reserve Association, Blinded Veterans, American Veterans, Military Officers Association of America, Vietnam Veterans of America, Catholic War Veterans, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Got Your 6, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Wounded Warrior Project and The Mission Continues. Each had an opportunity to engage

Shulkin and ask questions on behalf of the collective millions of Veterans they represent.

The secretary used the opportunity to discuss his five priorities for the department and highlight some of the progress made under his watch—while stressing to the VSOs his commitment to transparency, saying "We're trying to be more transparent about what our problems are and how we're going about trying to solve them."

### Veterans among the first to benefit from cutting-edge bionic arm



The Life Under Kinetic Evolution (LUKE) arm – the world's most advanced commercial prosthetic – is about to change the lives

of Veterans and others with upper arm amputations. Unlike less advanced prosthetics, the entire LUKE arm can move as one unit, reducing the labor-intensive process of controlling one joint at a time. The LUKE arm also features the first commercially available powered shoulder, with up to 10 powered degrees of freedom.

### Latest Guideline For Managing PTSD



A panel of experts from VA and the Department of Defense have developed the latest guideline for managing PTSD and acute stress disorder. The 2017 Clinical Practice Guideline (PDF) includes the most effective treatments for PTSD, rated both for the quality of the clinical studies and the strength of the recommendations. The VA and the Department of Defense guidelines use the best and most recent information that is available at the time they are published. Guidelines provide information that providers, healthcare team members and patients can use to provide better care for individuals with posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD). They do not define a standard of care and should not be used in this way. They are also not the only option for the management of PTSD. The PDF is available here: <https://www.healthquality.va.gov/guidelines/MH/ptsd/VADoDPTSDCPGPatientSummaryFinal.pdf>



## US Marine Corps



**US Marine Corps  
celebrate 242nd anniversary  
10 November 1775**

## US Navy



**US Navy  
celebrate 242nd anniversary  
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## US Coast Guard



**US Coast Guard  
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