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Commander-in-Chief's Comments

As I write this column, it's February, and leaden skies are more likely to dominate our lives than clear, blue ones. We wonder whether the wintry mix falling on our lifeless lawns will ever stop, and whether leaving the warmth of our houses will ever again seem like a good idea. Misery hides just around the next cold, damp corner and gnaws at what remains of hope and ambition.

As you read this, though, it's already April. The long, cold winter, with its aggressively low temperatures and record snowfalls, is over. Signs that the world is probably going to survive are beginning to show up in gardens and along roadsides all over the country. Birds celebrate in the treetops, and squirrels once again chase each other through our yards. We've cheated Death again. Life looks good!

But the transition from winter into spring marks also our having passed the midpoint in our Order's year, and it's a time to assess how we're doing as an organization. Before we grill the steaks or break out a bottle of self-congratulatory bubbly, let's look at an area where we have lots of room left in which to improve. In fact, we MUST improve, or we may not be able to continue as a National organization.

When I published my goals in this magazine, I said that I wanted us to increase our membership numbers by five percent. For a chapter with 100 living members, that means recruiting only five more members than we lose. But we haven't done that. Not even close!

Of our 13 Regions, only three showed a net increase in membership during the period June 2009–February 2010, and those three gained only a total of 11 members among them.

Only 29 of our chapters show an increase of any size in membership, and four of those 29 chapters accomplished that only because they gained members from chapters merging with them, without which merger, the gaining chapters would also have shown a net loss.

Altogether, the Order recruited 159 new members and reinstated 14. But at the same time, including those new and renewed accessions, we experienced a net loss of 93 members. NINETY-THREE! That includes 195 annual members whose losses were due to "non-payment of dues," and another 37 who resigned. Why were 232 Companions so unhappy with us that they no longer found our goals and aims to be worth the price of their membership? How many of us even called to remind them that their renewal dates were upon them? How many of us showed an interest in keeping them? How many of them could we have saved, had we tried?

Some tell us the answer is simple: expand our membership eligibility base and we'll get more members. But we already HAD 232 more members, and we let them get away after they were on our books. I don't think that changing the nature of our Order is the answer to keeping our members engaged and active.

The answer isn't a mystery: attract them, sign them up, and show them that what appealed to them about our Order when they joined still distinguishes us from similar organizations. We are their opportunity to continue to serve our Nation. We are Officers who are committed to doing what we can to keep America great at a time when others are wringing their hands. But succeeding requires us to get our hip pockets out of our comfortable recliners and DO something to show that we still believe in this Order. Lets all work at keeping the flames burning, and "Help spread the fire!"

In late March, the Chief of Staff, BG Roger Bultman, announced his retirement (see page 15). General Bultman has served MOWW for ten years, and his dedication and commitment to the Order has been deeply appreciated. I will say more about General Bultman and his service to the Order in later issues. Selecting a replacement for this key position (see job announcement on page 19) by the 2010 National Convention is important to the continuity of the operations of the Order.



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Chronology and Legality of American Interrogation Techniques Against Al-Qa'eda Detainees

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One of the key elements in the long running “War on Terror” (President Obama called it a “War with Al-Qa’eda” on January 8, 2010) is the need for accurate intelligence about the plans and operations of radical Islamic terrorists. Keeping in mind that the goal of any anti-terrorism effort is to stop or eliminate the terrorists before they commit murderous attacks, there are four general tools that mesh together in this effort: (1) using informants and undercover agents to infiltrate the terror cell (known as HUMINT sources); (2) using surveillance, searches, and wiretaps to learn of locations, organizational structure, and plans for future attacks; (3) arresting and/or detaining terrorists before they commit a terrorist attack; and (4) interrogation of detainees. This short assessment addresses the fourth category and presents a brief chronology of the interrogation techniques used against some al-Qa’eda and Taliban detainees by the United States from 2001 until today.

Under the parameters of domestic criminal law, once an individual suspect is arrested they must be advised of their right to remain silent (Miranda rights). If the suspect invokes that right, all questioning must cease. If the suspect does not invoke the right to remain silent, he can be questioned by authorities but no physical force may be applied.

On the other hand, under the rule of law associated with armed conflict, the legal picture is quite different. Since all al-Qa’eda detainees are unlawful enemy combatants (now called unprivileged enemy belligerents under the recently passed 2009 Military Commissions Act), they are not entitled to Miranda rights, nor are they entitled to the special

protections associated with prisoners of war (lawful enemy combatants). With the 2006 release of the 14 “high-value” detainees held by the CIA in “undisclosed” locations, all illegal enemy combatant detainees are currently held either at Bagram Air Force Base in Afghanistan (about 750) or the American run detention facility, Camp Delta, at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (about 200).

Under the law of war, the purpose of detaining enemy combatants is to ensure that they do not return to join enemy forces and, in this unique situation, to allow American officials the opportunity to gather any necessary intelligence about the terrorists’ organizational infrastructure, financial network, communication system, weapon supply lines, and plans for future terror attacks. As is the practice in all wars, the purpose of detention is not to punish the enemy combatant, but to protect the host nation from future acts of violence by the enemy.

Again, the majority of these illegal enemy combatants were captured on the battlefields of Afghanistan. Although all of the detainees are said to be participants in the War on Terror, the Bush Administration initially did not recognize these detainees as eligible for prisoner of war status under the Third Geneva Convention, nor did the Bush Administration apply Common Article 3 of the Geneva Conventions. The Obama Administration also does not confer prisoner of war status on the detainees because both the Taliban fighters and the al-Qa’eda fighters fail to qualify as lawful enemy combatants under the applicable provisions of international law. Prisoner of war status is only conferred on persons who are “[m]embers of armed forces of a Party to the conflict” or “members of other militias and members of other volunteer corps, including those of organized resistance movements, belonging to a Party... provided that such ... fulfill [s]” four specific conditions:

- That of being commanded by a person responsible for his subordinates;
- That of having a fixed distinctive sign recognizable at a distance;
- That of carrying arms openly; and
- That of conducting their operations in accordance with the laws and customs of war.

With the passage of the Detainee Treatment Act in 2005, uniform standards for interrogation of individuals in custody of the military were set out. Most importantly, the Act expressly prohibited cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment of detainees in the custody of any U.S. agency. Then, in 2006, the Supreme Court in Hamdan ruled that the detainees at Guantanamo Bay also must be treated in accordance with the provisions of Common Article 3 of the Geneva Conventions. Both the 2006 and 2009 Military



Detainees at Camp X-Ray. Detainees in orange jumpsuits sit in a holding area under the watchful eyes of Military Police at Camp X-Ray at Naval Base Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, during in-processing to the temporary detention facility on Jan. 11, 2002. The detainees will be given a basic physical exam by a doctor, to include a chest x-ray and blood samples drawn to assess their health. DoD photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Shane T. McCoy, U.S. Navy.

Commissions Act also provide similar protections.

In short, since 2005–2006, the interrogation techniques associated with said detainees involve only the simplest of voluntary conversations. For example, the rules practiced today at Guantanamo Bay prohibits a non-Muslim American guard from even touching the Koran in order to hand it to a detainee as we have self-interpreted this act to be “degrading” treatment!

The primary concern regarding “illegal” interrogation techniques took place in the time period between 2001 and 2005, when the United States later admitted to “enhanced interrogation” techniques approved by the Bush Department of Justice (the most sensational was the practice of “waterboarding” used on numerous occasions for three al-Qa’eda leaders) in a small number of instances and other “stress and duress” techniques in other cases. The key question is what, if any, laws did these techniques violate?

Prior to 2005, the primary guiding legal document was the 1984 United Nations Convention Against Torture, and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Torture Convention). The most common allegation in the 2001–2005 timeframe was that the United States engaged in torture.

Allegations of torture roll off the tongue with ease. Recognizing that not every alleged incident of mistreatment necessarily satisfies the legal definition of torture, it is imperative that one view such allegations with a clear understanding of the applicable legal standards set out in law and judicial precedent. In this manner, claims of illegal interrogation practices can be properly measured as falling above or below a particular legal threshold. Only then can one hope to set aside the worn out rhetoric by such groups as Amnesty International, who call the Guantanamo detention facility the “gulag of our time.”

Under the Torture Convention, all nations must abide by the provisions, and prosecute anyone who ordered or carried out torture. Article 2 of the Torture Convention absolutely excludes the notion of exceptional circumstances to serve as an excuse to the prohibition of torture. “No exceptional circumstances whatsoever, whether a state of war or a threat of war, internal political instability or any other public emergency, may be invoked as a justification for torture.”

According to the Torture Convention, for torture to exist the following criteria must be present: (1) the act must be intentional; (2) it must be performed by a State agent; (3) the act must cause severe pain or suffering to body or mind; and (4) it must be accomplished with the intent to gain information or a confession.

In the Anglo-Saxon legal tradition, we generally look to authoritative judicial decisions to define key terms in treaty and legislation. Perhaps the leading international case in the realm of defining “severe pain or suffering” in the context of interrogation practices comes from the often cited European Court of Human Rights ruling, *Ireland v. United*

Kingdom. By an overwhelming majority vote, the Ireland court found certain interrogation practices of English authorities to interrogate suspected terrorism in Northern Ireland to be “inhuman and degrading,” i.e., ill-treatment, but not severe enough to rise to the level of torture. According to the Court, the finding of ill-treatment rather than torture “derives principally from a difference in the intensity of the suffering inflicted.” In Ireland, the Court considered the use of five investigative measures known as “the five techniques” which were practiced by British authorities for periods of “four or five” days pending or during interrogation sessions:

- Wall-standing: Forcing the detainee to stand for some period of hours in a stress position described as “spread-eagled against the wall, with their fingers put high above their head against the wall, the legs spread apart and the feet back, causing them to stand on their toes with the weight of the body mainly on the fingers.” Wall-standing was practiced for up to 30 hours with occasional periods for rest.
- Hooding: Placing a dark hood over the head of the detainee and keeping it on for prolonged periods of time.
- Subjection to noise: Holding the detainee in a room where there was a continuous loud and hissing noise.
- Deprivation of Sleep: Depriving detainee of sleep for prolonged periods of time.
- Deprivation of Food and Drink: Reducing the food and drink to suspects pending interrogations.



U.S. Navy guards escort a detainee through Camp Delta, Joint Task Force (JTF) Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, June 10, 2008, during a safe and humane care and custody of detained enemy combatants operation. The JTF conducts interrogation operations to collect strategic intelligence in support of the war on terror and supports law enforcement and war crimes investigations. JTF Guantanamo is committed to the safety and security of American service members and civilians working inside its detention facilities. Photo by U.S. Army 1st LT Sarah Cleveland.

Considering the level of interrogation practices set out in the Ireland case, the conclusion about the legality of U.S. interrogation practices during the period 2001–2005 is clear. Even the worst of the American (CIA) techniques that were authorized—waterboarding—would not constitute torture. To those familiar with the approved method used during this time period, the technique used by the CIA was similar to what the military has done hundreds and hundreds of times to its own military special operations personnel and pilots in military training courses on escape and survival.

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Who's Minding the Store?

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As I recall, one of the underlying causes of the terrorist attacks launched against the United States on September 11, 2001, was failure of the various government intelligence agencies to correctly interpret, analyze and share information about these attacks, which was in their possession well before the attacks occurred. In response, we created the Department of Homeland Security and a Joint Terrorism Task Force to ensure such inexcusable lapses in intelligence gathering and prosecution would never be repeated. Well, *déjà vu!*

A few weeks ago, on Christmas Day, a terrorist failed in his attempt to detonate explosives on a Northwest Airlines flight bound from the Netherlands to Detroit. Upon investigation, it was discovered that our intelligence agencies had received reliable reports that this man had received terrorist training in Yemen and was suspected by his own father of being determined to carry out an attack against the United States. Once again, this intelligence information was not correctly interpreted, analyzed, or shared among the various US intelligence agencies.

Our President, whose most important job is protecting the United States "against all enemies, foreign and domestic," held no one accountable for this intelligence failure, but responded to the attack by implementing even more invasive screening procedures and restrictions on US air travelers, instead of addressing the root cause of the problem—our intelligence and security infrastructure is inadequate, incompetent, unresponsive and poorly managed. In the aftermath of the attack, the Secretary of Homeland Security, Janet Napolitano, publicly

stated that our security apparatus was "completely functional," and that the most important order of business for the day was her effort to institute collective-bargaining for the employees of the Transportation Security Administration (so they can go on strike and thereby shut down the entire commercial aviation industry).

The problem with our security systems is that they are "reactive" rather than "proactive." As a result, we are spending billions of dollars on implementing and enforcing procedures designed to prevent "yesterday's" attacks, and are doing little to counter "tomorrow's" attacks. Terrorist organizations know that their ability to once again commandeer airliners and crash them into buildings has evaporated, and that the enhanced screening procedures recently implemented will virtually negate their ability to smuggle explosives onto airliners. Since they already know what types of attacks we expect, they will simply find new ways to thwart our security systems and procedures.



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A renowned terrorism expert now predicts that the next venue for terrorist attacks will be airport check-in areas, shopping malls, sports arena parking lots, etc., where unattended, explosive-laden bags or vehicles can be remotely detonated. Unlike many foreign nations, the United States has failed to implement procedures to screen persons, luggage, packages and vehicles "before" they are allowed to enter airport areas or other facilities with large public presence.

Our continued failure to take a seemingly "commonsense" approach to intelligence gathering and security leaves us highly vulnerable to future terrorist attacks. To defeat these terrorists, those charged with this responsibility must think like terrorists. To do any less causes us to ask the question "Whose Minding the Store?"

Another Army War

By LTC Richard P. Winnike
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The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is involved in another war that receives very little attention in today's press. That battle is the cleanup of Toxic and Hazardous Wastes at active military installations (Installation Restoration Program, IRP), formerly used defense sites (FUDS), Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) sites, and assisting The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the execution of their Superfund Program. All military branches have generated hazardous wastes during activities over the past 100 years. How were wastes disposed of in the past? We dug a hole and buried it!! As the old saying goes "Out of sight, out of mind". Army, Navy, and Air force ammunition plants are notorious pollution generators. But yesterdays means has led to contamination of municipal, military, and private water supplies that have to be restored for the public's safety. Increased technology on the ability to find and detect toxic wastes has led the need to clean up the Defense Departments act. Back in the early 1980s, Congress called on the US Army Corps of Engineers to initiate the cleanup of the DOD's problems.

Headquarters of the Corps located in Washington, DC, was given the task on how to manage and direct this new program. It was obvious that it was not necessary to staff all Corps Districts with the special talents required to execute this new assignment. Corps Districts did not have many of the necessary disciplines that would be required to accomplish this mission. Disciplines such as chemists, industrial hygienist, chemical engineers, environmental engineers, hazardous waste laboratories and equipment were needed. So wisely, Headquarters decided to establish a Hazardous Waste Center of Expertise at one Corps Division. Several Divisions submitted proposals, and the Missouri River Division was selected based on several hazardous waste projects that Omaha and Kansas City Districts had successfully completed in the past. In particular, was the initial cleanup of the Rocky Mountain Arsenal located within the city limits of Denver, Colorado. Several waste ponds and buried toxic wastes made their way into underground aquifers and were migrating off the North boundary of the arsenal. Omaha District was able to design and construct remedial facilities that stemmed the waste flow.

The laws that govern and establish funding for the cleanup of Hazardous, Toxic and Radiological Wastes (HTRW) include the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), commonly know as Superfund, the Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP), and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) These laws require strict and specific procedures in the execution of the cleanup process, i.e. discovery, investigation/feasibility study, decision and design, and remedial action. These laws mandated that both



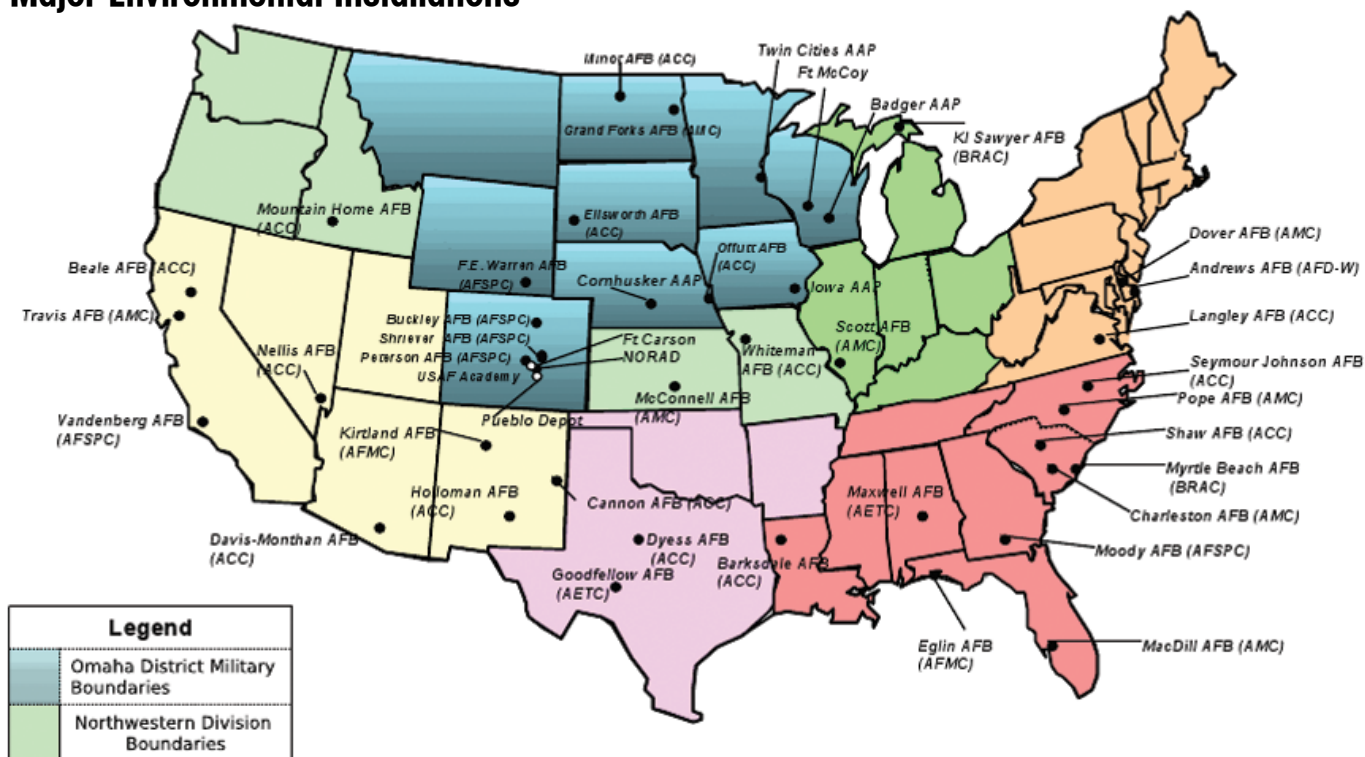
One project, at Hawthorne Army Depot, involves elevated concentrations of metals detected in the soil. The remedial action will include excavation of lead-contaminated soil, stabilization and placement into an onsite landfill.

Federal and Non-Federal agencies remedy uncontrolled/abandoned HTRW sites caused by past and unregulated practices.

The remediation of HTRW was not business as usual for the Corps of Engineers. Many new players were involved that were not part of the Military and Civil Works Construction Programs. All local, state, Federal and the EPA health agencies had a huge part in the decision, design, and construction of these remedial facilities. This required much more coordination by Corps project managers. It became evident early on that some innovative contracting means were needed to move and execute this new program. The Omaha and Kansas City Districts advertised for large open-ended Remedial Design contracts in the \$3-5M range that could be used at different sites with negotiated work orders. Cradle to grave Total Environmental Restoration Contracts (TERCs) were awarded that eliminated the need for the transition from the design to the construction phases since design and construction were all part of a single contract. These contracts were also huge—in the \$300-500M category. Omaha District developed a Nationwide Rapid Response Contract that would place a contractor at an installation within 24 hours to mediate a HTRW spill. All of these contracting capabilities were new to the Corps, but made the execution of this complex program run more efficiently.

The remaining portion of this article dwells on the work accomplished by the Omaha District. Randy Petersen, Chief of the Environmental Remediation Branch in Omaha, gave a presentation to the MOWW Robert Dilworth Chapter, Georgetown, Texas, on March 16, 2009 and much of the following information came from his talk. Omaha District has been involved in over 560 Environmental Projects in the course of this program. The Environmental Program in Omaha for FY 09 was \$181M and the FY 10 Program is projected to be \$198M. The trends for the next 5-year projections shows an increase each year. Omaha District signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Tactical Air Command in 1985 and has worked at various bases with several Air Force Commands across the USA.

Omaha District Major Environmental Installations



The map included in this article shows many of the military installations that Omaha District has had a part in cleaning up some sort of HTRW project. To give a sense of what type of design and construction this program entails, the following methods of design and remediation have been incorporated by the Omaha District: soil incineration, underground storage tank removal, hydrogen gas infusion system, soil vapor extraction systems, air sparging, water treatment utilizing carbon absorption systems, bio-augmentation with bacterial seeding, hydraulic dams that incorporate water treatment systems, ground water well extraction and treatment systems, military munitions removal and detonation, incineration systems utilizing sophisticated stack scrubbers, and there are others not listed here.

Another new program on the Corps agenda since 2003 is the Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP). Four Corps agencies are designated to service this program, Omaha, Baltimore, Sacramento Districts and the Huntsville Division. This entails the removal and disposal of military munitions at artillery impact areas, Air Force bombing ranges, missile ranges, small arms target ranges and other areas where military munitions have been left to deteriorate on their own. Several of these sites are located outside the boundaries of the United States and include Wake Island, Korea, Puerto Rico, and other Pacific Islands that were used as practice sites. This program is another which requires specialty Corps personnel and contractors

with EOD expertise. Omaha District has been involved at 122 sites since the beginning of MMRP. This program requires a significant amount of hands on work with individuals working laid out grid systems using hand held metal detectors and EOD personnel removing munitions one at a time. All removed live munitions are gathered and exploded at designated sites. This is a slow and tedious process that will take years to complete.

The HTRW remediation has been decentralized in recent years as the programs grow. Other major Corps Districts besides Omaha and Kansas that are being called upon to help in this fight include Baltimore, Sacramento, Louisville, Seattle, Savannah, Mobile, and Huntsville Division. Some other Districts have been involved to a lesser degree. The magnitude of these programs can best be expressed by the volume of dollars that have been spent for the past 20 years, FY 89 to the present time: Superfund \$4,967M, Formerly Used Sites, FUDS \$4,282M, Active Military Installations, IRP \$8,008M, and Base Realignment and Closure, BRAC \$2,371M. The Army and the Corps of Engineers have received very little positive press for a job well done. The US Army Corps of Engineers are "Shaping the future, while supporting the Nation in peace and war".

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A Legend: Captain Bill Overstreet

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Roanoke, Virginia, Chapter

On Tuesday, December 8, 2009, Companion Capt. Bill Overstreet, of the MOWW Roanoke, Virginia, Chapter, received the, "Legion of Honor Medal", which was presented to him by French Ambassador, the Honorable Pierre Vimont, at the site of the National D-Day Memorial, in Bedford, Virginia.

Ambassador Vimont said, "Today we are honoring a true hero". He added that the Legion of Honor, established by Napoleon in 1802, is "the sign of my country's exceptional recognition of Captain Overstreet's heroic contribution to the liberation of France."

During WWII, Bill was a P-51C Mustang Pilot of the 357th Fighter Group headquartered in Leiston, England. His plane was named the "Berlin Express." Bill flew over 100 missions during WWII. He was shot down three times and captured once, however, he escaped.

The Legion of Honor was established by Napoleon in 1802. Ambassador Vimont stated, "The Medal is the sign of my country's exceptional recognition of Captain Overstreet's heroic contribution to the liberation of France". Bill's title is "Chevalier", in the Legion of Honor.

"Bill did make a pass beneath [the arches of] the Eiffel Tower in Paris while in pursuit of a German Bf-109G. He shot the German down", Ambassador Vimont said.



Pictured above, Capt Bill Overstreet points to his plane the "Berlin Express" and pictured right, in the cockpit. Photos from the web site of LTC Clarence Anderson (San Francisco Area, California, Chapter) at:



www.cebudanderson.com/billoverstreet.htm

After the two fighter planes sped away from the tower, Overstreet shot the Messerschmitt down, Ambassador Vimont said. He added that he hoped Capt Overstreet would "finally get to Paris and France under different circumstances."

Capt Overstreet belongs to the coveted American Fighter Aces, having been credited with destroying 10 enemy aircraft. He was "shot down three times, including once when I shot myself down." He had been strafing a supply train that happened to have an ammo car that exploded and the shrapnel hit the plane and he had to bail out.

Capt Overstreet flew 105 missions, and can tell about as many stories regarding each of those missions. This honor brings to conclusion one of the many chapters in the storied life of Capt Bill Overstreet. And when all chapters are added together they depict the legend of a World War II Flying Ace.



Pictured left, French Ambassador, Pierre Vimont, presenting the, Legion of Honor Medal to Capt Bill Overstreet. And above, the Legion of Honor Medal on Bill Overstreet. Photos by Eric Brady for *The Roanoke Times*.



The Yap Mooring Buoy

By CAPT LeRoy Reinburg
Bethesda, Maryland, Chapter

Yap is a small island in the Western Caroline Islands southwest of Guam, Mariana Islands. In 1963 Yap was administered by the United States as a part of the United Nations Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands. After World War I, Yap was a part of the League of Nations Mandate administered by Japan. However, after World War II, Japan's control of Yap, together with the remaining islands of the Mandate, was terminated, and it was placed under the tutelage of the United Nations.

From the time that Japan's Mandate started, it violated the terms of the Mandate by building military bases on all of the main islands, ostensibly for "national defense," but it was obviously for a more sinister reason, as World War II demonstrated. As soon became obvious, it allowed them to extend their military control over a broad expanse of the southwest Pacific, as WWII began. Yap, for example, became a major military air base. As these islands began to be retaken by the U.S. these strategic islands became available for the installation of electronic aids to navigation stations, which greatly expanded the scope and coverage of the U.S. main all weather navigation system, that is Loran-A. Loran-A was a secret medium frequency, hyperbolic system that provided positioning information to ships and aircraft equal in accuracy to celestial navigation, that is 1 to 2 miles, in its coverage area, despite overcast conditions. This was a huge benefit in an area known for its frequent overcast conditions.

Loran-A was indispensable throughout WWII; however, it had its limitations. For example, due to its limited range, it required an extensive number of stations to cover the wide expanses of the Pacific. A newer system became available in the late 1950s and 1960s, known as Loran-C, which had the advantage of longer range, lower frequency and higher power, and higher accuracy. This of course meant fewer stations covering a greater area with greatly improved accuracy. Yap Island became a prime location for one of these new stations.

In 1963, I was the Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard buoy tender IRONWOOD (WAGL-297), stationed in Honolulu, Hawaii. My ship was tasked with putting a mooring buoy in Yap Harbor, a very small harbor, barely accessible to large ships. The purpose of this buoy was to accommodate the Coast Guard cargo ship the KUKUI, carrying construction material, whose length made it impossible for it to swing around a conventional anchor. The mooring buoy's mooring was required to be placed in a hole blown in the harbor fringing reef, which was then to be filled by concrete, sealing in a 2000-pound concrete sinker attached to a heavy chain which would lead up to the buoy. When the ship was moored to the buoy, it would drop a stern anchor, and between these two would keep the



Above, blowing a hole in the reef at Yap Harbor to create a buoy.

ship from swinging, and thus grounding on the reef. The IRONWOOD would accomplish this task during its regular five-month "round robin" Western Pacific (WESTPAC) aids to navigation voyage.

I understood in theory how this was to be done, but could anticipate a number of problems. First and foremost, pouring concrete under salt water. No one in the District staff had ever poured concrete under salt water, and had no idea how to advise me what to do. My last advice was to "improvise." In other words, I was on my own. But they did have confidence in me that I would "find a way." With these words of advice I was on my way. The Coast Guard prides itself on its ability to improvise.

Since Yap was at the far reaches of our voyage, we accomplished a significant portion of our aids to navigation work enroute. During our lengthy trip to Yap, I conferred with the Officers and crew members that would be doing the work. Although none had had any experience with pouring concrete under salt water (or any other kind of water), they were experienced in construction work, which we had to do on shore aids to navigation, and had a wealth of knowledge and experience in buoy work. The advantage of this conferring allowed them to be thinking about the problem, and

any other associated problems, which paid off handsomely in the work, which eventually we accomplished.

One additional task at Yap was to do a hydrographic survey of the harbor. I assigned responsibility to a newly assigned Academy grad Ensign, who did a magnificent, innovative job, and for which the ship received a congratulatory message from the District Commander. I made sure a proper recognition was given to the Ensign in his fitness report.

Since no mention was made by the District staff about how the hole was to be blown in the reef—an essential part of the whole operation—I made provision for a Navy explosive ordnance demolition team to meet us at Yap. We carried the explosives from Guam to Yap, and the Explosive Ordnance Demolition (EOD) team flew in to Yap on a Coast Guard aircraft furnished by the Coast Guard air detachment stationed in Guam, and were there on Yap when we arrived. This was very helpful since they “scoped out” the job before our arrival and were ready to provide us with their requirements. These included providing them with small boats for the divers to look at that portion of the reef which required the hole to be blasted to accommodate the mooring buoy sinker.

Now the remaining problem to be addressed, that is, pouring the concrete under water. While I pondered the problem, Sunday rolled around, and I found that wonder of wonders, there was a Catholic Church on the island. I attended Mass, and afterward, the priest noticed an unfamiliar face in the congregation, and invited me into the rectory for a cup of coffee. He was an American member of the Society of Jesus (a Jesuit.) He had been on Yap for a number of years, and told me some of the 400-year-old history of this missionary outpost. It was a fascinating story, and he had volumes of records going back to the 1500s to back up the history, all kept in Latin. He recounted how during the last ten years, he had constructed small chapels all over the island, and on Sundays, he made a circuit of all of them, saying Mass. I thought I had an opening, and told him of our problem, that is, pouring concrete under salt water.

He turned around in his chair, and pulled a civil engineering book off the shelf, which was dedicated to the uses of concrete. He opened the book and showed me a chapter titled *Pouring Concrete Under Water*. I had found the solution to my problem! I asked him if I could borrow the book and promised to return it promptly. He agreed and I returned to the ship, jubilant. I gathered my team of experts together, and we reviewed the book thoroughly. They now had their key, and as I expected, developed a plan. One was detailed to arrange for a large barge, to be borrowed from the Trust Territory Representative, who also arranged for provision of a small cement mixer. The Engineer Officer began planning to fabricate a metal trough to be placed from the mixer, over the side and long enough to reach the bottom of the hole, which was to be blown in the reef. This would allow the wet cement to settle in the bottom of the hole, rather than being dispersed as it hit the water. I left them alone to develop the remaining details of the plan, confident that the arrangements were in good hands.

The next day, we met again to firm up the plan, which was put into effect the following day with the blowing of the hole in the reef. When the divers inspected the hole, after the water had cleared, they found it to be larger than they expected, however, we compensated for this by using more cement. The concrete sinker with its heavy-duty chain was hoisted into the hole with the ship’s buoy crane. We were now in business. The next day we started mixing and pouring concrete. As the textbook predicted, the wet cement flowed and settled nicely in the bottom of the hole. We allowed several days for the concrete to set

Due to expert planning and execution, the remainder of the project went exactly as expected. The mooring buoy was in place due to excellent coordination, and assistance from the Trust Territories Representative, the Catholic Church, but most credit had to go to our wonderful crew of experts who made it all happen. I was proud of everyone, and made certain that this was reflected in our official report. I made certain that everyone involved received official recognition in his personal file.



The wreckage of a Japanese Zero Fighter found on the beach, above left, and inspected by the crew (CAPT Reinburg is in the cockpit) above right.

My Experience at the Annapolis, Maryland YLC

After Action Report, NCAYLC Conference, St. John's College, June 23–27, 2009

By Young Marine CPL Gavin D. McKain
Rogue Valley Young Marines, Merlin, Oregon

Participation in the Annapolis, Maryland Youth Leadership Conference was made available through the Young Marines, Directors Special Programs. Young Marine Inspector General, Major Joe Bles, who would choose the five Young Marines to attend, and if I wanted to attend to forward him a letter of request and I was honored to have been chosen as one of the five to attend.

I found that the Conference was made up of approximately 50 attendees and the majority were from the Army JROTC and High Schools from the Washington D.C. area. All attendees were assigned to one of six different Teams. There was Team 1: Awards Team, Team 2: Flag Detail Team (and mentored by my father, Dennis McKain), Team 3: Wake-Up Team (that was mentored by my mother, Mary M. McKain), Team 4: Guest Speakers (that I was assigned to), Team 5: Entertainment Team, and Team 6: Tours Team.

We started Wednesday evening after dinner with the first guest speaker, Colonel Black. He lead the conference with enthusiasm. He brought out the point that how you talk and carry yourself is the key to how people perceive your character. For example, if you speak in slang people may perceive you as disrespectful.

Since many of the participants were in JROTC, he suggested when applying for a job, wear your uniform. This is a positive, discipline and respectful image. It will separate you from other applicants. The pattern of speech is important in the work place. If you want to talk street, keep it on the street and out of the classroom and work place.

On Thursday, Brigadier General Bultman and Colonel McDaniel both expanded on the importance of character building. The importance of honesty, and the effect of lies on the trust with your fellow employees, and friends. Trust is a key component in leadership. You cannot be an effective leader if your subordinates question your character and integrity.



Our next activity was a tour of Annapolis. We started with the history of St. John's College, and its importance in the development of the Constitution. All the buildings were named after signers of the Constitution. This is a college of open discussion and debate to evaluate different viewpoints.

From there, we walked downtown to the State Capitol and learned how key Annapolis was for our founding fathers and the Declaration of Independence and our Constitution. We continued our historical walk to the U.S. Naval Academy.

Since my immediate goal is to maintain my current 3.50 plus GPA, while working towards obtaining an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. The MOWW was just another step forward, towards attending the Naval Academy and getting into Marine Corps Aviation. The trip to the Naval Academy's grounds made me want to go there for college even more.

We viewed John Paul Jones' crypt. It was interesting to hear how much he contributed to the actual battle to win independence. Unfortunately, we ran out of time and were not able to go through the museum next to the gift shop. However, the tour was personally meaningful to me because my goal is to hopefully be appointed to the Naval Academy, and then lateral into the Marine Corps Air Wing as a Pilot.

We returned to St. John's, and Major Benevidnes gave his inspiring talk about life opportunities made available to him from being in the military. His primary involvement in the MOWW has been to assist in the mission to educate the youth of America to understand the importance of the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

When it was my turn to introduce the Guest Speaker, I was honored to introduce the Young Marines Inspector General, Major Joe Bles. He is a great example of leadership as the current National Inspector General of the Young Marines. His work to help the youth of America have opportunities, such as those provided by the MOWW and the Young Marines, are important to building leadership skills in our youth.

Major Goodwine, our next speaker, discussed the importance of National Security. Especially after 9/11, it is



everyone's responsibility to be aware of your surroundings. The leaders of tomorrow will need to be even more vigilant on monitoring and protecting National Security.

Thursday night we had a change of pace with an outdoor team building project. We broke out into our groups and had to figure out the activities's solution as a group with a leader and the rest following. This was an activity working with communication, planning, execution, and recalculating. This illustrated the point that no one person is a leader at all times. Learning to be a good follower is just as important as being a good leader. The team exercises were restricted by time for completion, so it put the teams in a pressure situation to find a productive solution. We all had a great time.

Friday morning we had the privilege of having Captain Kern and Reverend Ferrell speak on the development and value of the Bill of Rights. We split into three groups to debate and discuss, then rewrite the Bill of Rights. It was interesting to come back as one group and discuss what our rights mean. We debated and concluded that our forefathers were amazingly forward-thinking. The only area we felt could be expanded on was the control and rights of electronic communications.

Friday afternoon was very interesting with COL Smith, LTC Shehab, and CPT Teague. They split us into three groups, and we were able to hear each of their experiences in protecting our freedom. They were all very interesting to talk with. I would have liked to have had more time to talk to them about their experiences. To me, they were more interesting than any of the others because of the fact that they were WWII Veterans. I have always been especially interested in the history of the Second World War and hearing from them allowed me to envision some of the battles and hardships they had to undergo. Listening to them just helped to inspire me to want to get involved in the "Stories of Service Program" that involves interviewing Veterans.

Major Bles had arranged tickets for all of us to go to the Sunset Parade at 8th and I, the U.S. Marine Corps Barracks in Washington, D.C. We arrived and took our seats, and the wind picked up. Then the sky opened up and it was torrential sideways rain. We all squeezed under cover to avoid lightning strikes until the Marines gave the all clear. We

were pleasantly surprised when they said they would still perform that evening.

It was awesome and inspiring. This reaffirmed my desire to join the Marine Corps. This demonstrated the Marine Corps awesome attention to detail and order in combination. It was truly incredible that even with all the rain they were able to perform with no error that I could see, even with the fact that marching would have been extremely difficult. I would think with the ground being soggy that their step may possibly be thrown off, but they performed with the precision I would expect of the Marines.

Saturday morning we transitioned with Col. McKnight into the importance of managing one's own finances. He had us break into groups and simulate different investments strategies. The main point was to have your money work for you and don't spend more than you earn.

Our graduation guest speaker was Commander Collins. He expanded on the importance of picking who you associate with and how that effects how people perceive you. He discussed his admittance in the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis. The leadership skills developed at the academy has opened doors of opportunities that he could not have imagined when he was our age.

I did take time after graduation to talk with him about Annapolis and my goals. He was supportive and he said he had just started at the Veterans Administration in Washington, D.C. I exchanged names and e-mails so I could ask him questions as they came up.

All in all it was a great learning experience. A special thanks to Inspector General Bles for allowing me the opportunity to participate at this leadership conference. Special thanks, to all the members of the MOWW for providing this unique experience. I know this would not be available without their hard work. Especially Harriet Kiilehua, John Benevides, Major Joe Bles, Lou and Sue Ferguson, and Jim McKnight.

My family spent the following week after the conference in Washington, D.C. Major Bles invited us to meet him at the Young Marines National Headquarters, and gave us a tour before we went outside and watched the 4th of July fireworks. It was a two-week trip I will never forget.



NJROTC Cadets Sail Through Annual Leadership Academy

Submitted by Col Michael P. Peck
Chicago, Illinois, Chapter

More than 140 Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) cadets literally sailed through the annual NJROTC Leadership Academy at Naval Station Great Lakes, June 15-20, 2009.

“This academy each year trains cadets to be the senior leaders of their units for the upcoming high school year,” said retired Navy Lt. Cmdr. Barry Boettcher, a Naval Science Instructor at Freeport (Illinois) High School and one of the instructors and supervisors at this year’s academy.

“We want these cadets to be able to go back to their high schools and take charge and run their units.” Boettcher said the academy uses training, teamwork and camaraderie to turn the high school juniors into senior leaders.

And it isn’t just sailing on Lake Michigan, there are also close order drills, personnel inspections and 23 leadership traits each cadet has to learn and openly discuss with the other cadets in the group they are assigned to.

The annual academy was hosted by Naval Service Training Command (NSTC), headquartered at Great Lakes, and run by NJROTC’s Area 3, which encompasses eight states in the Midwest. The cadets represented 55 high schools and units from Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and West Virginia. Cadets from other states, including Kentucky, Virginia and California, also traveled to Great Lakes to attend this weeklong event. NSTC oversees more than 600 NJROTC units worldwide. NJROTC is a citizenship program that instills service to the United States, personal responsibility and a sense of accomplishment in students in United States secondary educational institutions. “We hope the cadets take away ideas to use with their units and help make their units better,” Boettcher said.

Cadet Lt. Cmdr. Jenna Samples, 17, from Freeport High School agreed. “I learned a lot about leadership, time management and making plans by back planning from the farthest plan to the nearest,” she said. “It was fun, especially the sailing, because I had never done that before.”

Samples also said getting to know the other cadets from across the country was beneficial in networking and gathering different ideas.

“This academy, as well as NJROTC, has really helped me mature, gain confidence, and opened up doors for me to



continue to college,” she said.

During the week, the cadets split up into multiple platoons. The academy curriculum also included physical training, uniform and room inspections, a drill competition, basic seamanship and, of course, the extensive lessons in sailing and maneuvering a rubber raft as a team on Lake Michigan, which is the only NJROTC academy that has 100 percent (participation) of the cadets completing the sailing curriculum.

“This academy does a lot for the cadets attending,” said Cadet Ensign Thomas Patterson, 18, from North Mont High School in Clayton, Ohio, who joined four other academy graduates returning to be assistants to the instructors.

“The biggest thing to take away from the academy, other than the skills and leadership traits learned here, are the friendships that are made.”

Patterson will be attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University this fall on an NROTC scholarship.

“The academy was a big reason on preparing me for college and why I’ll be ready to attend Embry-Riddle.”

The cadets ended the week with a graduation ceremony during which they received a silver shoulder cord to wear on their NJROTC uniforms, signifying the completion of this important leadership academy.

For more information on NJROTC visit:
www.njrotc.navy.mil.

Story and photo by Scott A. Thornbloom, Naval Service Training Command Public Affairs Office and originally published in *Departmental Word*, for the Reserve Officers Association of the United States, Department of Illinois.

MOWW Chief of Staff Announces Retirement

BG Roger C. Bultman, MOWW's Chief of Staff has announced that he is retiring effective August 31, 2010 and that the 2010 National Convention in El Paso, Texas would be his last event for the Order. General Bultman said "I will have completed ten years as Chief of Staff and it is now time for me to spend more time with my family and enjoy retirement. General Bultman said that life as the father of Emma, his seven year old daughter, is fun and exciting and that he wished to spend more time with Emma and his wife Kenia.

General Bultman stated that "MOWW is a great organization, with dedicated Companions doing the wonderful work of the Order throughout the Country. "I have enjoyed my service as Chief of Staff and I'm sure the next Chief of Staff will continue to provide the leadership needed for MOWW Headquarters and provide the advice and support to the CINC, National Officers, and all levels of the Order, as required." He stated "anytime you work for a non-profit organization, especially an Officers Veteran group with all volunteers, it is important to be patient and helpful, yet never forget that it is their organization, with many years of traditions and service, and that the Chief's job is to assist them as they follow the road map laid out by the Order's Preamble."

The Order will immediately start the search to find a new Chief of Staff to ensure that the new Chief of Staff is onboard for the 2010 National Convention, allowing for a smooth transition of this key position. (Note: an announcement for the position is in this issue, see page 19). The selection committee will be chaired by CINC COL St Amant II (Louisiana) and includes the Sr. VCINC, Col Cliff Way (Texas), the four VCINCs, CAPT Russ Vowinkel (California), Col Fred Graves (Florida), LTC Gary Engen (Georgia), and LTC Mike George (Oklahoma), and the Chair of the Council of Past CINCs, CAPT Rollie Stevens (Texas). In addition, Immediate Past CINC LTG Sam Wetzel (Georgia), Past CINC COL Bert Rice (Maryland), and Companion Mrs. Jennie McIntosh (Mississippi) will be members of this committee.



The Bultman family, photographed during the CINC's Banquet at the 2009 National Convention in Maryland.

Hawaii Memorial Service and Wreath-Laying Ceremony



For Veterans Day 2009, the Oahu Veterans Council sponsored a Memorial Service and Wreath-Laying Ceremony with Veterans Organizations gathering at the National Cemetery of the Pacific-Punchbowl, Oahu, Hawaii to participate in the ceremony.

Companions from the Gaylord Dillingham Memorial (Hawaii) Chapter represented the MOWW. State and Chapter Commander, LTC Archie Loo (pictured left), walks with his son, Mr. Les Loo (behind wreath), who serves as the Chapter's Treasurer.

Later that afternoon, the Loos made a second floral wreath Lei presentation at a Memorial Service sponsored by the Office of the Governor, held at the State Veterans Cemetery, located in Kaneohe, Oahu, Hawaii.

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EL PASO, TEXAS

El Paso *More Than You Imagined*

Submitted by COL Roy Gray
El Paso, Texas, Chapter

With its unique blend of cultures and customs, the best authentic Mexican food found in the U.S. and over 310 days of sunny weather, El Paso has so much to offer.

Located in the Chihuahuan Desert on the western-most tip of Texas and recognized as the 2nd safest city in the U.S. in 2009, El Paso is more than you can possibly imagine: it's a city with a rich colorful history, sweeping mountain vistas, spicy cuisine, unique shopping and lively entertainment in some of the most spectacular performing arts venues in the state.

During August, El Paso's climate tends to be in the 80s and in the low 70s in the evening. Temperature variations between night and day tend to be moderate during summer.



VISIT

The Abraham Chavez Theatre and the Plaza Theatre are both located adjacent to the Judson F. Williams Convention Center in Downtown El Paso. The Plaza, as locals refer to it, is a majestic 1930s movie theatre which has been transformed into a state-of-the-art performing arts center which hosts first-rate entertainment year-round, from symphony concerts to touring Broadway shows. The sombrero-shaped Chavez Theatre is home to the El Paso Opera and a host of other performances. For art enthusiasts, the El Paso Museum of Art, located across the street from the convention center, enralls visitors with a wonderfully eclectic mix of works by a vast array of masters. Other museums located downtown include the El Paso History Museum and the Insights Science Museum, which offers a variety of intriguing, educational and entertaining traveling exhibits.

DINING

El Paso offers the best Mexican food in the United States. Hundreds of restaurants spread out across El Paso, featuring dishes made from recipes which have been handed down from generation to generation. And since this is Texas, giant steaks are also a staple, and can be found just about anywhere in the city. From upscale dining, to chain restaurants and local hangouts, El Paso's food selections are as varied as the people who call this part of West Texas home. Nightlife in El Paso is also plentiful. Bars and nightclubs can be found in the Union Plaza District (located behind the El Paso Convention Center) and the Cincinnati Entertainment District (next to the University of Texas at El Paso campus and under two miles from Downtown El Paso).

SHOPPING

Also located in the heart of downtown is El Paso's main shopping district, known as the Golden Horseshoe. The area is the most unique shopping experience in the U.S. with over 500 stores offering discounts. It's as close as you can get to buying direct from the manufacturer. But there are also several enclosed modern shopping malls scattered around the city, to include an outlet mall with over 100 famous name brand stores. El Paso is famously known for Western wear, Southwestern art, and Mexican imports, and the city still reigns as the Boot Capital of the World with over two dozen boot companies.

The Official Visitor's Guide is a good resource to request before your trip to El Paso, or contact the El Paso Convention & Visitors Bureau at 800-351-6024 or 915-534-0600.

And there's plenty more to discover, visit www.visitelpaso.com for more information.

Pictured center, El Paso skyline at sunset.

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Optional Tours

GOLF OUTING Tuesday, August 3, 2010 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. \$45.00 per person

Those participating will need to arrive at the hotel by Monday evening. Butterfield Trail Golf Club is located adjacent to Fort Bliss and the El Paso Airport. It was designed by world renowned architect Tom Fazio, boasting a spacious 8,800 square foot club house. Transportation will be provided by the Wyndham Hotel Shuttle for those needing transportation. NOTE: Golf outing is EARLY MORNING due to the usual August temperatures in El Paso. Tee Time: 08:30 a.m. Fees includes cart. Fees DO NOT include breakfast or lunch.



TOUR # 1 CATTLEMAN'S STEAKHOUSE AT INDIAN CLIFFS RANCH

Tuesday, August 3, 2010 6:00 p.m.–11:00 p.m. \$49.50 per person

Cattleman's Steakhouse is situated on a working ranch and is surrounded by miles of desert scenery. Steaks are aged, tenderized and cooked to perfection. Meals include ranch style beans, pineapple-laced coleslaw, and other sides. Cattleman's has been voted as one of Texas' top ten restaurants by readers of *Texas Highways* magazine and has been named "Best Steak in the County" by Michael Stern—*People Magazine's* food critic. Located in the restaurant, there is also a gift shop with Southwestern Jewelry, Art, and Novelty items. Hollywood has made various movies on the ranch...including stars Jack Nicholson, Chuck Norris, and David Carradine. Movies filmed there include: "The Border", "Glory Road", "Resurrection" and many more. Price includes: transportation, Tour Guide, Meal (steak), Tax and Tip.



TOUR # 2 OLD MESILLA TOUR

Wednesday, August 4, 2010 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. \$42.25 per person

The Don Juan de Onate trail leads to the "Santa Fe" style village of Old Mesilla, New Mexico, a resting stop since 1535. It is located just outside of Las Cruces, New Mexico., on the banks of the Rio Grande. Old Mesilla is now home to specialty shops and fine art galleries. The famous trial of Billy the Kid was held here. Lunch is served at the Historic Double Eagle Restaurant. If time permits on the return trip, a stop at Stahmann Farm's County Store on Old Highway 28 will allow you to sample ice cream and shop. Miles of pecan trees line Highway 28 on the way to Stahmann's Store where you can find pecans, confections, and gifts. Price includes transportation, tour guide, and lunch.



TOUR # 3 HISTORIC MISSION TOUR

Thursday, August 5, 2010 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. \$32.50 per person

You will visit the Ysleta and Socorro Missions, which are the oldest in Texas, and view the only jail Billy the Kid ever broke into, plus tour the San Elizario Presidio Chapel. Following ancient Native American trails, Don Juan de Onate's colonists established El Paso del Norte (The Pass of the North). The close knit valley of 4 major missions has endured the test of time. Price includes transportation, tour guide, and lunch.



TOUR # 4 EL PASO SHOPPING TOUR

Saturday, August 7, 2010 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. \$31.00 per person

You will go to unique shops of El Paso. Tony Lama Factory Outlet provides an opportunity to purchase cowboy boots. El Paso Saddleblanket, a 2-acre store provides souvenirs, Mexican imports, pottery, rugs, hats, and more. Helen of Troy Outlet includes a variety of small home and personal appliances. There will also be a stop at the Texas Store. Lunch is included at Los Bandidos de Carlos & Mickey's, one of El Paso's premier Mexican restaurants. Price includes transportation, tour guide, and lunch.



Veterans' Charities and the MOWW

By LTC John H. Hollywood,
MOWW Treasurer General
General George G. Meade, Maryland, Chapter



As the Treasurer General of the MOWW, I have recently seen negative comments about some Veterans' organizations, (and police, sheriff, and fire department groups), dealing with the cost of fundraising vs. the amount provided to the Veterans they say they support. These complaints have usually been about groups that do solicitation via phone or sometimes, mass mailings. Some Companions have expressed concern that negative publicity and bad media reports about Veterans' groups will result in local folks not wanting to contribute to MOWW activities, such as the Order's Youth Leadership Conferences (YLCs).

There are Veterans' organizations that give a substantial amount of funds raised to Veterans. The American Institute of Philanthropy (www.charitywatch.org) and the Charity Navigator (www.charitynavigator.org) both provide details on which charities

do a good job with expense overhead. There are some excellent military-related charities including Fisher House Foundation and Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund, which both received an A+ rating from The American Institute of Philanthropy. So, any suggestion that all Veterans' organizations are scam artists is not correct.

I am not aware of any ranking of MOWW activities, (or similar 501(c)19 Veterans Education non-profit organizations), since most of this is done at the Chapter level. I believe that our overhead is very low, and dollars raised for YLCs, or similar activities, are spent for those events.

If a Chapter is concerned about bad publicity, my suggestion for fund raising, is to show potential donors how their dollars have been spent in the past by the Chapter, and how they will be spent in the future. We have some excellent items that showcase what the MOWW does for YLCs, including the March *Officer Review* magazine, and our "quad fold," *The Military Order of the World Wars*, that talks about who we are and what we do.

Charity Navigator has the following suggestions for giving to charities. We pass muster on all of these items, and should pass these tips to potential donors:

"Give locally. Don't trust a charity based in another state that promises that it will give money to Police, Firefighters or Veterans in your state. If you want to support your local or state police, fire station, or military unit contact them directly and find out where they prefer to have donations given."

"Never give over the phone. Of the charities with high fundraising expenses, much of their money is spent on for-profit telemarketing companies. These companies often charge the charity 20 to 90 cents of each dollar raised. That's more of your money not going to those protecting you."

"Look at the charity's finances for yourself. Ask to see a copy of the charity's annual report or a brochure describing its mission, accomplishments and a current financial statement. You can also request a copy of the organization's IRS Form 990. Federal law requires nonprofit organizations to provide their last three IRS Form 990s (tax returns) within 30 days of your request."

The MOWW has an exceptional story to tell regarding what we do with the funds we raise to support YLCs and other charitable efforts. Being aware of negative publicity about some Veterans' organizations will help all of us have quick and satisfying answers for potential donors.

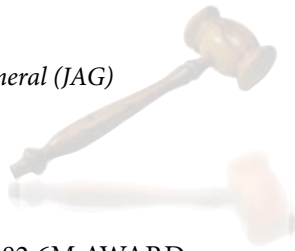
Publicity Now!

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

Publicity is the "impact" player on your chapter membership team. We need to elevate the strength of the recruiting mission as much as possible for many reasons. Intensifying the role of publicity in your chapter should yield solid membership gains because the more that service members and retirees see and hear about us in the news or other media, the more interested they will become and decide to participate. At the very least they will appreciate what our organization represents in the community. Keep up the good work within the chapter (newsletter, etc.), but push to increase the awareness of MOWW in the area where you live. National Headquarters can only do so much (website, magazine, brochures), it is the Chapter and its members who have to promote and advertise what MOWW is doing, especially in your own area.

Gavel-to-Gavel

Submitted by Judge Advocate General (JAG)
COL Earle F. Lasseter
Columbus, Georgia, Chapter



LAW REVIEW

COURT WON'T DISTURB \$82.6M AWARD IN SUV ROLLOVER

The Supreme Court has left in place an \$82.6 million award to a woman who was paralyzed after her Ford Explorer rolled over. The justices on Monday rejected Ford Motor's challenge to the portion of the award, \$55 million, that was intended as punitive damages. Ford argued that it should not be punished because its design of the vehicle met federal safety standards.

A California state appeals court earlier rejected Ford's contention and upheld the award.

COURT WON'T REVIVE GUN LAWSUIT

The Supreme Court has turned away a new challenge to a 2005 law that gives gun manufacturers immunity from lawsuits by shooting victims.

The Justices refused to hear an appeal to revive the lawsuit against the Beretta U.S.A. Corp. over an accidental shooting death.

PUBLIC JUSTICE JOINS IMPORTANT LAWSUIT

Public Justice has joined a critically important New York case that could have a dramatic impact on consumer safety. The issue in the case (*Wallace v. York International*) is whether a product manufacturer or seller has a duty to warn about all of the dangers of its product, including the dangers of component parts that it knows will be installed on its product by others. The Defendant claims it has no duty to warn about dangerous component parts that it knows will be installed on its products. Public Justice in an amici brief says that such a duty does—and must—exist.

GOVERNMENT TO PAY 3.4 BILLION TO SETTLE INDIAN TRUST LAWSUIT

The U.S. government will pay \$3.4 billion to settle a long-running lawsuit against the Interior Department for mismanaging the revenue in Native American trust funds. As part of the settlement, the government will pay \$1.4 billion directly to members of Indian tribes and establish a \$2 billion fund to buy land from Native Americans. The settlement also creates a \$60 million federal scholarship to improve access to higher education for Indian youth.

GLAXO HAS PAID \$1 BILLION IN THE SETTLEMENT OF PAXIL SUITS

It was reported recently in Bloomberg News that GlaxoSmithKline Plc (GSK) has paid almost \$1 billion to resolve lawsuits over Paxil since it introduced the antidepressant in 1993. Included in the total are about \$390 million for suicides or attempted suicides linked to the drug.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Chief of Staff



The Chief of Staff is not only the leader of the MOWW Headquarters located in Old Town, Alexandria, Virginia, but also functions as the Editor-in-Chief of *Officer Review* magazine and MOWW website.

The Chief of Staff is responsible for the daily management of the Order and its financial solvency, and the promotion of the Order's programs.

The Chief of Staff is responsible for the maintenance of the Order's Constitution and Bylaws, National Directory, MOWW Policy Handbook, and membership data base.

The Chief of Staff must maintain external relations with Department of Defense and the military services, the Congress, the Veterans Administration and other Veteran organizations.

The Chief of Staff is also responsible for the agendas and minutes for all National Conventions and other special meetings and events held by National Headquarters.

DUTIES:

- Manage the Headquarters operations of a 10,000 member non-profit Officers Veteran organization
- Execute a \$700,000 annual budget
- Edit *Officer Review* magazine (10 issues annually), the Order's publication, and the MOWW website
- Represent the MOWW as a Veteran's Service Organization (VSO) representative with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
- Represent the MOWW in meetings, conferences, and activities with patriotic, Veterans, and military organizations throughout the National Capitol area, the Pentagon, and on Capitol Hill

QUALIFICATIONS:

- A U.S. Federal Commissioned Senior Officer, Flag Officer desired, Colonel/Captain (0-6) rank or higher required
- Reside in Washington, DC area or willing to re-locate at own expense
- Recent Pentagon and/or Washington, DC work experienced desired
- Strong writing and editing skills required
- Proficient in Microsoft (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- Available July 6, 2010

COMPENSATION: \$65,000 to \$75,000 depending on qualifications.

CONTACT: Resume and recent employment history (5 years) along with three references should be sent by email, to MOWW Headquarters at moww@comcast.net and reference "Chief of Staff" in the subject line, to be received no later than May 3, 2010.



Awards: Who, When, Where

*By Sr. VCINC Col Clifford D Way, Jr.
Chair, MOWW Chapter Activities
and Awards Committee
Dallas, Texas, Chapter*

At the National Convention in Columbus, Georgia last August, MAJ JoAnne Barton and I said we would publish a listing of all the awards and who you should send your Chapter's entry to, with address, email, and phone number. The submittal date would also be listed and what size category will be used. Please make this list available to members of your Chapter who will be working on these awards. This list will also be posted on the MOWW web site (click on file cabinet icon). All Award submittals must be received by the date listed below.

MOWW Chapter Awards (except ROTC) use three categories for Chapter Awards: Small, Intermediate and Large. These categories are determined by: Small, 15-49 living members; Intermediate, 50-99 living members; and Large, 100 plus living members.

THE NATIONAL SECURITY AWARD

Three categories: Small, Intermediate, and Large.

Mail to: VCINC LTC Michael S. George
1006 NW Kingswood Road
Lawton, OK 73505

Phone: 580-536-4902, Email: mnbgeorge@aol.com

Must be received by June 15, 2010

THE INFORMATION PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD

Three categories: Small, Intermediate, and Large.

Mail to: The Military Order of World Wars
Attn: Mrs. Beverly Vowinkel
435 North Lee Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Phone: 703-730-7761, Email: rcv3515@aol.com

Must be received by June 15, 2010

THE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER AWARD

Three categories: Small, Intermediate, and Large.

Mail to: The Military Order of World Wars
Attn: Mrs. Beverly Vowinkel
435 North Lee Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Phone: 703-730-7761, Email: rcv3515@aol.com

Must be received by June 15, 2010

THE CHAPTER PATRIOTIC EDUCATION PROGRAM AWARD

Three categories: Small, Intermediate, and Large.

Mail to: MAJ JoAnne Barton
4724 G. V. Underwood Dr.
El Paso, TX 79924

Phone: 915-751-7076, Email: joannelp1@aol.com

Must be received by July 10, 2010

THE CHAPTER LAW AND ORDER PROGRAM AWARD

Three categories: Small, Intermediate, and Large.

Mail to: LTC Don B. Munson
1000 Basilwood Place
Coppell, TX 75019

Phone: 972-471-3499, Email: don.munson@tx.rr.com

Must be received by June 15, 2010

THE CHAPTER ACTIVITY AWARD

Three categories: Small, Intermediate, and Large.

Mail to: Sr. VCINC Col Clifford D. Way, Jr.
7618 Kilmichael Lane
Dallas, TX 75248-2341

Phone: 972-387-0021, Email: cliffway32@tx.rr.com

Must be received by July 10, 2010

THE JROTC/ROTC AWARD

Six categories, based on number of Units supported by the Chapter. The categories are determined annually by the number of units supported by the Order.

Mail to: VCINC LTC Gary O. Engen
1327 Winter Street
Augusta, GA 30904

Phone: 706-733-7682, Email: gengen@comcast.net

Must be received by June 15, 2010

THE YOUNG MEMBERS RECRUITMENT AWARD

Chapter's recruitment of young members 50 years of age or younger. Award to Chapter which achieves most significant contribution to the Order (No categories).

Mail to: COL Gorham Black, III
8739 Birkenhead Court
Laurel, MD 20723

Phone: 301-776-1807, Email: glblackiii@aol.com

Must be received by July 15, 2010

THE NATIONAL LAW AND ORDER INDIVIDUAL AWARD

Chapter submits a person as an outstanding law enforcement or criminal justice official. Winner will be announced at the National Convention and receive their award at an appropriate Chapter ceremony. (No categories).

Mail to: LTC Don B. Munson
1000 Basilwood Place
Coppell, TX 75019

Phone: 972-471-3499, Email: don.munson@tx.rr.com

Must be received by June 15, 2010

NATIONAL CITATION AWARD

Every Region, State, Department, and Chapter Commander can recommend one Companion every year to receive this award at the National Convention. The citation would be for contribution to the advancement of the patriotic ideals of the Order.

Mail to: Military Order of World Wars
National Citation Award
435 North Lee Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Phone: 703-683-4911, Email: moww@comcast.net

Must be received by June 15, 2010

This handy list is provided to encourage chapters to submit entries for these awards and be recognized at the next National Convention in El Paso, Texas.

Please consult the appropriate appendix in the *MOWW Handbook* for the correct format, and information as required for each award. If you are not clear, email or call the chairmen listed for that award. The Chapter Activities and JROTC/ROTC categories have a non-competitive form that may also be sent in for chapter credit. I would expect every Region, State, Department, and Chapter Commander to submit a National Citation for a Companion within their organization!



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National Officer Candidacy

POSITIONS OPEN FOR ELECTION:

Commander-in-Chief (CINC)

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief (Sr. VCINC)

Vice-Commanders-in-Chief (VCINC) (4 positions)

Treasurer General

Judge Advocate General (JAG)

Surgeon General

Chaplain General

Historian General

General Staff at Large-Elected (5 Positions)

Any Companion running for a National Office—elected position—may submit a resume to MOWW National Headquarters to be received by May 1, 2010. A list of all candidates who have submitted a resume by this date will be posted on the MOWW web site by May 15th and published in *Officer Review* magazine (June and July issues).

In addition, if you request and pay the appropriate fees, MOWW Headquarters will mail a copy of your resume to all Past CINCs and Region, Department and Chapter Commanders. To participate in this MOWW Headquarters mailing, candidates must do the following:

- 1) Prepare a resume on an 8½" x 11" sheet of paper (one side only) which must include the position you seek and information about what you have done for the Order. No Pictures!
- 2) Issue a check payable to MOWW for \$75 (to cover all costs); and
- 3) Send the resume and check to MOWW Headquarters to be received not later than May 1, 2010.

This is a one-time mailing. Candidates are not obligated to participate in the Headquarters mailing and are free to mail campaign material at their own expense as often as they desire.

This process will not preclude individual candidates from being nominated from the floor during the Nominating Committee process or from the Convention floor.

Please encourage Companions of the Order to run for one of the 16 National Officer elected positions. The future of the Order depends on strong leadership. All Companions interested in serving as an elected National Officer should submit their resume to MOWW National Headquarters by May 1, 2010.

It is your Order and your participation is important for the MOWW.

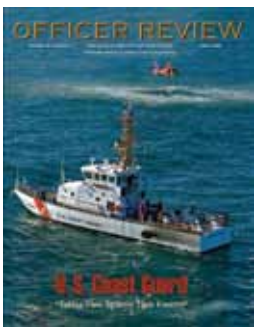
Officer Review 2009 Admiral Dyer Awards

The 2009 MOWW Magazine Committee met December 15, 2009, at MOWW National Headquarters.

This Committee selected Companions of the Order who wrote outstanding articles that were published in *Officer Review* magazine during calendar year 2009. The Committee selects a first and second place winner and three honorable mention recipients for the Vice Admiral George C. Dyer Awards. The late Admiral Dyer and his wife, Adaline, made these awards possible through a generous bequest which allows the Order to reward the winners with a cash prize.

The Vice Admiral George C. Dyer magazine award winners for 2009 are:

FIRST PLACE:

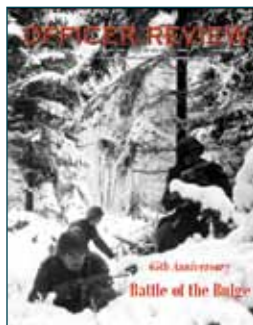


CAPT LeRoy Reinburg, Jr., of the Bethesda, Maryland, Chapter, for his article titled “Coast Guard Seagoing Justice” published on page 4 in the April, 2009 issue.

Capt Reinburg recounts how he dealt with a crewman who was insubordinate and lacked discipline while he was a Lieutenant, assigned as Commanding Officer of the

USCGC MAGNOLIA. Then-Lieutenant Reinburg worries about the severity of the punishment and gets his answer many years later. For the year 2009, the amount of the Vice Admiral George C. Dyer Award for first place was \$3, 863.

SECOND PLACE:



BG Raymond Bell, Jr., of the Headquarters Chapter, for his article “Military Police and Stability Operations” published on page 12 in the December, 2009 issue. BG Bell demonstrates how the U.S. Army’s Military Police Corps could have facilitated the situation in Bagdad in the spring and summer of 2003, when restoring

law and order quickly assumed critical importance. For the year 2009, the amount of the Vice Admiral George C. Dyer Award for second place was \$2,897.

THREE HONORABLE MENTION:

- Past CINC COL Jack B. Jones, of the General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, California, Chapter, for his article “General Douglas MacArthur, The Consummate Patriot and CINC!” published on page 8 in the November, 2009 issue.

Many are unaware that General MacArthur was the third Commander-in-Chief (CINC) of the Military Order of the World Wars. COL Jones brings General MacArthur’s service to life using little-known anecdotes which help us to see his strength of character.

- Capt Michael B. Connolly, of the Virginia Piedmont, Virginia, Chapter, for his article “Unconventional Warfare on Unconventional Boats” published on page 10 in the January, 2009 issue. Vietnam was an unconventional war, which also proved to be the case for the men of River Assault Squadrons 9, 11, 13 and 15. Capt Connolly depicts some of the efforts needed to make riverine operations a success.

- COL Hall Barr, of the General Leigh Wade, Washington, DC, Chapter, for his article “Operation Livestock” published on page 14 in the January, 2009 issue. In 1966, COL Barr was a CH-47 (Chinook) pilot in the 1st Cav, moving cargo and resupplying the artillery, until one day his mission called for the liberation of some pretty interesting livestock.

For the year 2009, the amount of the Vice Admiral George C. Dyer Award for the three Honorable Mentions was \$965 each.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Capt Deborah A. “Debbie” Kash, of the San Diego, California, Chapter, for her contributions of numerous well-crafted membership articles published in *Officer Review* magazine over the past few years.

MOWW congratulates these Companions and thanks them for contributing to the success of *Officer Review* magazine. This magazine is very important to all Companions and the Order’s goal is to keep your magazine interesting and personal. MOWW and your fellow Companions want you to share your stories and *Officer Review* is a great place to do it.

Call for Articles

We need your funny, serious or everyday military 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! Vignettes, short stories or in-depth accounts of your military experiences or MOWW activities are needed, photos with explanations help!

Send your story by e-mail to MOWW National Headquarters to officerreview@gmail.com

Your fellow Companions need to hear from you! The MOWW magazine is very important to all Companions. As your editor my goal is to keep your magazine interesting and personal. Please consider contributing!

YLC Activities Present Great Publicity Potential

By LTC Harry Lascola
Sun City Center, Florida, Chapter

One of the best ways to increase chapter and MOWW visibility is to incorporate YLC activities into chapter news releases that you send to newspapers. The photo opportunities begin with a photo and caption of the students selected at each school. Counselors will gladly pose with their YLC selected students and will forward the photo to the schools' newspapers.

The next opportunity will be the departure of the students attending YLC. Then, at YLC, there are many events that are worthy of press releases. Provide a student with a throw away camera for photos or arrange for the YLC staff to send you photos of members of your group. Brief information can be written on the back of the photo. You can then write the captions and forward the photo with captions to the appropriate newspaper.

Perhaps the best photo caption opportunity is when the students have completed YLC and are about to leave or are returning as a group to their pick-up point. The chapter's group will be wearing YLC T-shirts and can display their certificates. Newspapers, especially the weeklies, are always seeking positive news of students in their communities who have been selected for special events or are honored at meetings.. YLC is perfect for these..

Chapters should also submit pictures about awarding their Boy Scout, (Eagle), and Girl Scout, (Gold), certificates presented at appropriate ceremonies. Photos of awards presented by chapter members to our youth at chapter meetings and ROTC and JROTC ceremonies are readily accepted by newspapers.

Pose the photos if possible. Photos taken (on the fly) usually turn out poorly. Also, asking for a second photo should be gladly accepted. The photo for this article illustrates a posed picture. Tell your communities what you do and a picture is worth a thousand words.



The students who attended this year's YLC at Tallahassee, FL, received their Bronze Patrick Henry Medallions at the chapter's December meeting. Shown with their counselors are YLC attendees from East Bay, Riverview and Leonard High Schools. At the far right is COL Roy Conklin, the Chapter's YLC Coordinator.

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MOWW Membership Scholarship Program

Graduation season is almost here!

By Capt Debbie Kash
Former Chair, MOWW Membership Committee
San Diego, California, Chapter

MOWW membership scholarships can be awarded to newly commissioned Officers. Past CINC Col Jim Elmer started this program and the scholarships are still available. Col Elmer splits the cost of the annual membership (\$40) with you or your chapter. He pays \$20 and you, or the Chapter (or individual Companion), pays the other \$20.

The requirements are:

1. Award the graduating ROTC cadets a MOWW membership.
2. Send only \$20 to MOWW HQ with each application.
3. Present a packet to each recipient. Make it special! Include a chapter newsletter, the MOWW brochure, your contact information, and a personal invite to them to attend your next chapter event.

As an example, CDR Bob Gillen, Cape Cod, Massachusetts, Chapter, obtains the selected cadet's contact information and mails them a letter explaining they have been selected, and provides instructions on how to properly accept the scholarship membership in the MOWW. CDR Gillen then writes a personal note explaining the advantages available to them by upgrading their current annual membership to a Perpetual Membership (PM). Let me explain to you some facts about this great DEAL. Consider that a regular Perpetual Membership (PM) costs \$350, however:

For a newly Commissioned O1, their cost of a PM is: \$200

The membership scholarship provides forty dollars: - \$40

So their total cost for a PM is only: \$160

And they will never pay dues again ... forever ... this value: "Priceless"

Let's all say "Great Job and Hats Off" to Commander Bob Gillen for his approach for bringing newly commissioned Officers into our Order. You can also have a great success, just go out and do it. Need help getting started on that letter to the newly commissioned Officer? Here is a suggestion (I use it):

Dear Graduate (Rank & Last Name):

It is my great pleasure to congratulate you for having successfully completed the ROTC program at (name of college or university) and your Commissioning in the United States (name of service).

Accordingly, the (name of) Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) has selected you to be awarded a membership for one year in our Order. You have been selected because you have shown exceptional love-of-country and have exemplified the precepts of our Preamble.

The MOWW was established in 1919 and is a non-profit Veterans National service organization dedicated to sustaining our great Nation and its principles. It is a patriotic, nonpartisan organization that holds, "It is nobler to serve than to be served." You can find out much more about the Order by visiting our website at www.militaryorder.net.

To accept this award, please fill out the attached application for membership and return it to (your name and address). If you have any questions, please contact me at (your email and phone number).

Welcome aboard, we are pleased to have you as a new member.



LTC Michael Wilgen presents 2LT Meaghan Locke, USA with a certificate from the Wilmington, Delaware Chapter congratulating her on commissioning. LT Locke was the Cadet Battalion commander for the Fighting Blue Hen Battalion this past spring semester. Meaghan is a nurse. The MOWW pin is on her upper lapel.

National Security WebSite
www.mowwnationalsecurity.com

Companions should check this website periodically for articles, information, and recommended books on National Security issues. The website has a listing page called Speakers Bureau. Any MOWW Companion willing to be a guest speaker is invited to be added to the Speakers Bureau listing by contacting **VCINC LTC Michael S. "Mike" George** by email at mnbgeorge@aol.com 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.

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NEW MEMBERS

CHAPTER	RANK/NAME/(SERVICE)	SPONSOR
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Augusta GA	1LT William M. Williams (A)	Herdegen, R. LT
Augusta GA	MAJ Timothy M. McKean (A)	Engen, G. LTC
Austin TX	LT Paul E. Barker (A)	Rudy, R. Maj
Austin TX	CAPT William J. Connors, Jr. (N)	Rudy, R. Maj
Baton Rouge LA	LTC Edward H. McGehee (A)	St. Amant II, P. COL
Baton Rouge LA	LTC Albert N. Cameron, Sr. (A)	McGarry, S. LTC
Bradenton-Sarasota FL	ENS Brandon A. Porthouse (N)	Graves, F. Col
Bradenton-Sarasota FL	1LT John A. Weldon (A) *	Willis, H. CWO
Bradenton-Sarasota FL	Lt Col Harold E. Skipper (AF) *	Graves, F. Col
Catalina Mountains AZ	Lt Elizabeth J. Oxnam (MC) *	Kadous, C. LTC
Chicago IL	CW3 Bernard J. Voit (A)	Peck, M. COL
Chicago IL	Col Janet M. Kamer (AF)	Peck, M. COL
Clearwater FL	LTC Paul S. Hodges (A)	Patton, C. LTC
COL William E. Fields NM	CAPT Peter D. Murphy (N)	Shrecengost, W. LTC
Conejo Valley CA	Catherine Williams (M) *	Shuttleworth, E. Capt
Dallas TX	Col Jon L. Allen (AF)	Website
Dallas TX	VADM David B. Robinson (N)	Clark, A. CPT
Dallas TX	COL Virgil Williams (A)	Gross, W. 1LT
Dallas TX	Maj Cedric M. Ingram, Sr (MC)	Way, C. Col
Dallas TX	Lt Col Bruce M. Bailey (AF)	Gross, W. 1LT
Frankfort KY	COL Philip K. Miller (A)	Self
Gen George G. Meade MD	LTC Arthur J. Albert (A)	Burtnick, E. COL
Gen George G. Meade MD	1LT Ian Phillips Preece (A)	Shehab, A. LTC
Gen George G. Meade MD	LTC Francis L. Chalk (A)	Burtnick, E. COL
Gen George G. Meade MD	CH (LTC) Lawrence E. Haworth (A)	Self
Gen Hoyt Vandenberg CA	2LT Graham L. Wintzer (A)	Murphy, J. MAJ
Gen Hoyt Vandenberg CA	2LT Ryan Nugent Smith (A)	Murphy, J. MAJ
Gen Wade DC	Janice V. Whidden (H) *	Whidden, S COL
Gen Wade DC	LTC Stephen H. Harmon, Jr (A)	Whidden, S COL
Greater Kansas City	Taylor H. McMaster (E)	Borserine, M. MAJ
Hampton Roads VA	Maj Charles E. Sloan (AF)	Townsley, W. Col
Hampton Roads VA	Wivi Pelt Detlie (H) *	Townsley, W. Col
Headquarters	LTC John H. Hawkins (A)	Bultman, R. BG
Headquarters	MAJ Conrado E. Notyce (A)	Bultman, R. BG
Headquarters	Lt Col Robert H. Bynes (AF)	Self

Membership Update

NEW MEMBERS

CHAPTER	RANK/NAME/(SERVICE)	SPONSOR
Hill Country TX	CDR Ralph D. Lewis (CG)	Hayman, R. LTC
Huntsville AL	LTC Steve F. Pierce (A)	St. Amant II, P. COL
Joseph H. Pendleton CA	LtCol Frank L. Kebelman III (MC)	Bernier, M. LtCol
Joseph H. Pendleton CA	William G. Byrne III (H) *	Byrne, W. LtCol
LTG E. H. Walker MS	LCDR Samuel M. Richardson (N)	St. Amant II, P. COL
Mesilla Valley NM	1LT Andrew A. Taylor (A)	Baker, W. CAPT
Mesilla Valley NM	2nd Lt Eric C. Dayton II (AF)	Baker, W. CAPT
MG Frank E. Miles NM	William E. Phillips (E)	Giesler, G. LTC
North Texas	MAJ John Napoli Jr., (A)	Bullock, E. Lt Col
Oklahoma City OK	COL Harold A. Yocum (A)	Peters, O. LTC
PG County MD	2LT Adam H. Elborn (A)	Ferguson, L. Col
Puget Sound WA	Maj Keith R. Warren (AF)	Gibson, D. Col
Richmond VA	Lt Col Daniel H. Drejza (AF)	Tarantino, J. LTC
Saddleback Valley CA	MAJ John H. Henage (A)	Wandke, R. LTC
Savannah GA	CWO4 Harry R. Prince, Jr. (AF)	Thompson, R. CDR
Sun Cities AZ	CPT Frederick J. Ramsay (A)	Kain, Jr. J. LT
Sun Cities AZ	Lt Col Dale E. McNeil (AF)	Lawrence, B.
Sun City Center FL	Maj James H. Haney (MC)	Bassett, G. Lt Col
Sun City Center FL	Lt Col Tommy Wardlow (AF)	Zahrobsky, F. Lt Col
Sun City Center FL	COL Terrell E. Parker (A) *	Russell, Jr. R.
Sun City Center FL	Ruby S. Webber (E)	Shatzer, D. COL
Sun City Center FL	BG Clifford G. Ryan (A)	Halm, S. MAJ
Topeka KS	Maj Gregg A. Moser (AF)	Entz, S. Capt
Virginia Beach VA	ENS Brain D. O'Campo (N)	Rawls, R. CDR
Virginia Piedmont	LTC Brian H. M. Bowen (A)	Connolly, M. CAPT
Virginia Piedmont VA	LT David M. Cox (N)	Current, T. COL
Worcester MA	1LT Stephen M. Reardon (A)	Christo, D. LTC

New Members—December 1, 2009 through February 28, 2010

*Denotes Perpetual Member

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF SOLICITATION UPDATE

By now, all Companions should have received the third CINC solicitation letter. As you know, the Order is a self-sustaining organization and the CINC solicitation helps with the overall annual operation of the Order. Currently, the Order is behind schedule to meet this year's goal of raising \$90,000 from the CINC solicitation. To date, we have received \$75,000. We are still short of the goal by \$15,000, so we have a ways to go. The Order approved mailing the third CINC solicitation letter to all Companions of the Order, even those who have already given.

Thanks to all Companions who have contributed thus far; however, if you haven't done so, you are encouraged to give as generously as possible, for the Order will proudly accept whatever you can afford to give. Thanks for your support of our beloved Order!

Remember, "It is more noble to serve than be served." So lets all work to "Help spread the fire!"

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 Dallas TX
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 Fort Worth TX
 Fort Worth TX
 Frankfort KY
 G/A Omar N Bradley CA
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 Gen Hoyt S Vandenberg CA
 Gen J P Holland CA
 Gen J P Holland CA
 Gen Joshua Chamberlain ME
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 LTC Richard Curran (A) *
 LCDR Harold A. Morlock (N) *
 LTC Howard M. Thompson (A)



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.

In Memoriam



DECEASED MEMBERS

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PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

BRIGADIER GENERAL ALBERT R. BROWNFIELD, JR.

U. S. ARMY (RETIRED)

1915–2009

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, Brigadier General Albert R. Brownfield, Jr., (“Ray” or “Brownie”), passed away on December 13, 2009, in Liberty, Mo.

General Brownfield was born on March 29, 1915, the son of Albert Ray and Allie Dee Brownfield.

He was delivered by midwife who arrived in horse and buggy to the ranch house six miles from the nearest town in Terry County, Texas.

When he was nine, the family moved to the town of Brownfield, where he attended public schools. He completed high school and junior college at the New Mexico Military Institute.

He entered the U.S. Military Academy in 1935 as then-freshman Congressman George Mahon’s first West Point appointment. He graduated in 1939, and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant, Field Artillery, in the U.S. Army.

He married Virginia Edgerly Goodwin in 1939, and over the next 15 years they had four children, Barbara, Ray, Bill and Betsy.

With the United States’ entry into the Second World War, then-Captain Brownfield was assigned to the newly formed 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion. He became its Commanding Officer in 1943, led it to Europe in 1944 and fought it continuously across France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Germany and Austria from September 1944 to May 1945.

The 811th held the southern hinge of the U.S. Army during the Battle of the Bulge, mounted the only two major counter-attacks in the first day of fighting, held its position during eight days of continuous German attacks, destroyed an estimated 100 German tanks, and on December 26 held the left flank of the U.S. armored column that broke through to and relieved the 101st Airborne Division in Bastogne.

The 811th spearheaded two attacks that penetrated

the German Siegfried Line, liberated a POW and concentration camp in Germany and accepted the surrender of a German field army at the end of the war. The 811th was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for its war service.

Following the War, Ray Brownfield commanded units in Japan, Alaska and North Carolina. He was promoted to Brigadier General in 1966 and served more than two years in the Vietnam War as Chief of Operations, Military Assistance Command, Viet Nam; and later, Assistant Division Commander of the 4th Infantry Division.

He retired in 1969 as Deputy The Inspector General of the U.S. Army.

Following retirement, he served as Chief of Staff and later Commander in Chief of the Military Order of the World Wars.

In 1972, his wife Virginia died. In 1974, he married Naomi “Cissy” Campbell Amick and returned to his native Terry County, Texas. There, for the next 30 years, he ran the Red Onion Farm that his father and grandfather had run before him. He

played a prominent role in his community, supported local Veterans and was active in the Texas Masons. There is a statue dedicated to him in the City of Brownfield’s memorial park.

General Brownfield is survived by his wife, Cissy; his children, Barbara Rushing, Ray Brownfield III, Bill Brownfield and Betsy Brownfield Fay; his step-children, Lon, Alice, Anne, Eugene and John; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was interned at Arlington National Cemetery on the 24th of February. He lived his life by the West Point motto—“Duty, Honor, Country” — and the West Point honor code —

*“A man does not lie, cheat, or steal,
nor tolerate those who do.”*

All Companions send their condolences to the wife and family of General Brownfield.



COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

1977–1978

MILITARY ORDER OF THE WORLD WARS

Names and Faces



GREATER KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, CHAPTER

A group of Chapter members met at the Veterans Administration Hospital on Friday, 12 February to pass out valentines and candy to hospitalized Veterans.



AUGUSTA, GEORGIA, CHAPTER

COL Harry Pund and Chapter Cdr (CH) **MAJ Charlie Beasley** presented an MOWW Certificate of Appreciation to then-Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, **COL Philemon St. Amant II** after he addressed the Chapter as Guest Speaker.



GEN MATTHEW RIDGWAY, PENNSYLVANNIA, CHAPTER

Mr. Gary Augustine, a local historian, was the featured speaker at the Chapter meeting in November 2009. His topic was the construction of Landing Ships Tanks (LSTs) at the Ambridge Plant of American Bridge during World War II. Pictured from left is Chapter Cdr **COL Robert Reese** as he presented Mr. Anderson with an MOWW Certificate of Appreciation and a book.



SUN CITY CENTER, FLORIDA, CHAPTER

Former Regular members were inducted as Perpetual Members. From left, **Captain Vern Elarth**, Companion **Mrs. Doris Glass**, Companion **Mrs. Sheila Greason**, **LTC Bob Russell** and **Col Roy Conklin**. Not pictured, Chapter Commander, **LTC Gordon Bassett**, who was the Inducting Officer.



2009 MOWW GEN PERSHING MEMORIAL SERVICE

Representing the Pershing Rifles, Chief of Staff **BG Rebecca Sholand** steps forward to place a wreath at the grave side of General of the Armies, John J. "Blackjack" Pershing during his annual Memorial Service at Arlington National Cemetery.



MG BEN BUTLER, KENTUCKY, CHAPTER

LTC Joe E. Harris Jr. (right), Executive Director, Sons of the American Revolution, was inducted into the Chapter as a new Perpetual Member with sponsor and former VCINC **CAPT William Dible Jr.**

Names and Faces



PHOENIX, ARIZONA CHAPTER

Lieutenant Tim Yuhas (second from left) is sworn in as a Perpetual Member by LTC John Finical while Chapter Cdr Companion Mrs. Debbie Kerr-Minor, and her husband, Col Dick Minor look on. Mrs Yuhas is to the right of her husband.



U. S. MILITARY ACADEMY, WEST POINT, NEW YORK

The Military Order of the World Wars Award was presented to Cadet Christopher L. Hardeman by Major General William F. Ward (above left). In his absence, Cadet Hardeman's Award was accepted by Cadet Tossapol Sakawkanokrat.



EXCOM MEETING 2010, DALLAS, TEXAS

Front row, left to right: VCINC LTC Engen, Companion Mrs. McIntosh, P-CINC Capt Stevens, CINC COL St. Amant II, VCINC LTC George, VCINC Col Graves. Second row, left to right: Col Minor, LTC Wilgen, P-CINC LTG Wetzels, VCINC CAPT Vowinkel, Sr. VCINC Col Way, COL Munson, Treasurer General LTC Hollywood. Not pictured, JAG COL Lasseter.



CPT FRANCIS B. GREVEMBERG, LOUISIANA, CHAPTER

Mr. Lubin E Mire (2nd from the left) was inducted as a Perpetual Hereditary Member by Companion Mr. Ed Douglas, Region VII Cdr (far right). His sponsor, Maj Leon Roberts (left), and Col A. N. Dioden Jr., Chapter Cdr look on.



REGION IV (DC, MD and VA)

CDR John A. Baumgarten was sworn in as Region IV Cdr at the GEN George Meade Chapter's October meeting by Past CINC COL Bert Rice.



GEN HOYT VANDENBERG, CALIFORNIA, CHAPTER

From left to right: CWO3 Gene Friis, Companion Mrs. Joy E. Jones, immediate Past Chapter Cdr, and MAJ James Murphy, current Chapter Cdr, after CWO Friis was honored with a National Citation for his many years of contributions to the Order.



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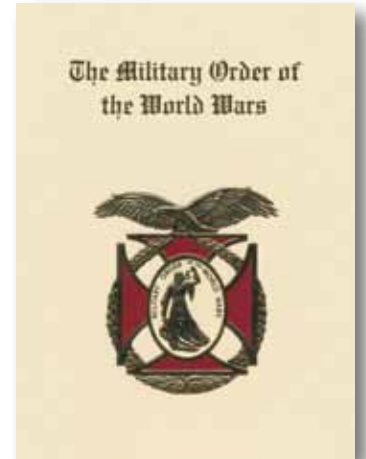
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