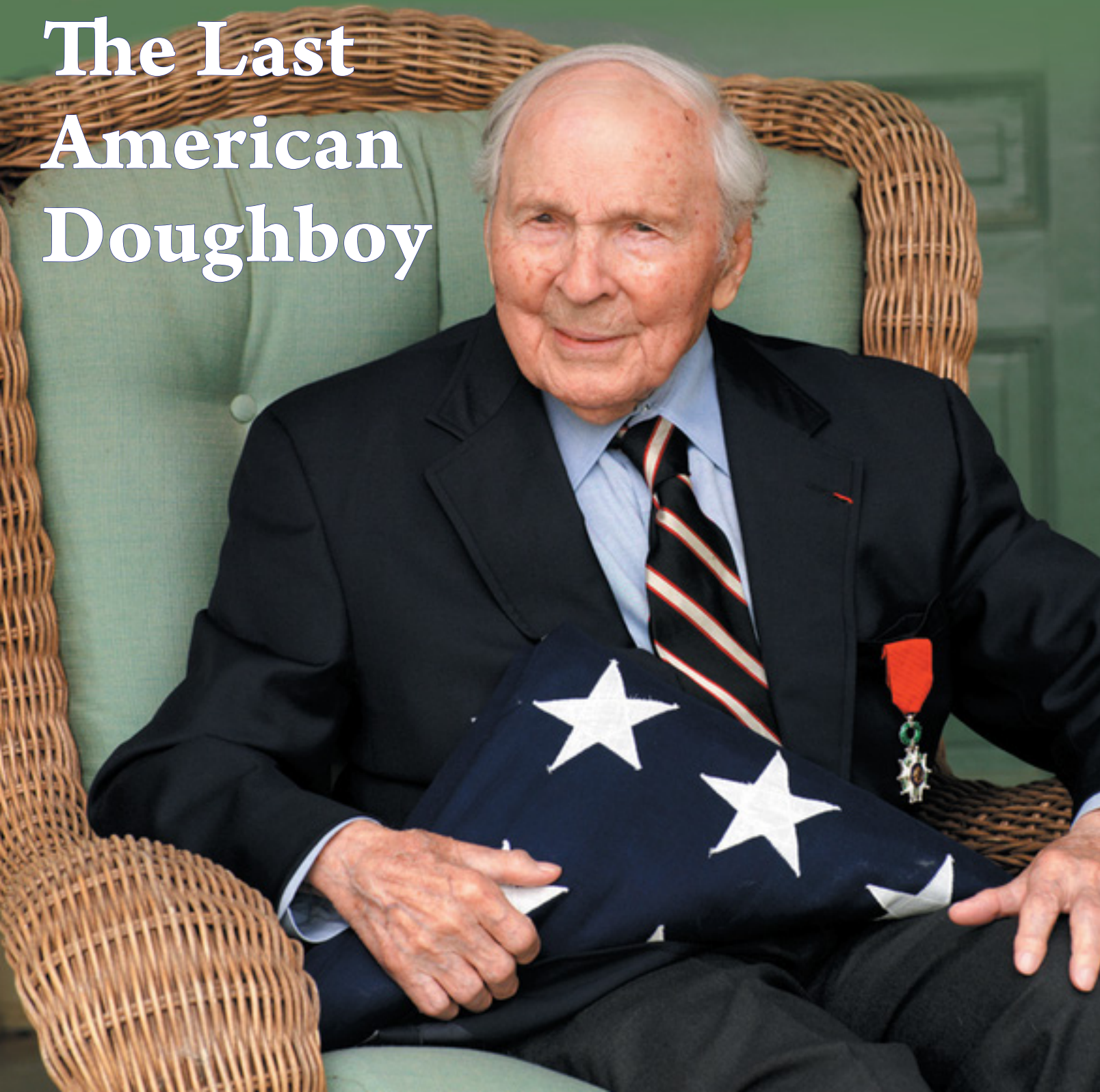


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MOWW || CINC's Perspective

BY CINC COL CLIFFORD D. WAY, JR., USAF (RETIRED)

Your Military Order has been busy! In January, the MOWW Executive Committee (EXCOM) met in Dallas to review the status of MOWW programs and consider the progress outlined in committee reports. The Chief of Staff updated us on our operating expenses and revenue. The 2015 Strategic Plan was approved with some minor updates from the presentation at the 2010 MOWW National Convention. It will be on the national website so you can use it as your guide.

The Veteran's Administration asked MOWW to be the host Veterans Service Organization (VSO) for the National Veterans Reception and during the Veterans Day observances at the Arlington National Cemetery--both on 11 Nov 11. The EXCOM approved the Order serving in that role. In November the EXCOM will meet in Washington to assist DC-area MOWW chapters in that effort, but it will also require some assistance from chapters nationwide. It is a great opportunity to celebrate the service of all veterans—and showcase our Order. Be a volunteer!

LTC Victor G. Pierson, USA (Ret), Commander of the CPT Dilworth (241), Texas Chapter, invited me to attend the Chapter's tenth anniversary celebration where I spoke and inducted two new Companions. The Chapter has an excellent program in which they work with a local group and assist wounded veterans by using horses as a therapeutic healing measure. Next, I visited the Apache Trail (and Phoenix Chapters (Arizona). Good news—I inducted four new Companions! I ask all chapters to follow their lead; let's redouble our efforts and reach our membership goal by June 2011!

In February, Jackie and I visited the San Diego (100), California Chapter; I also attended the Southern California Department meetings where I spoke to Commanders from the Joseph H. Pendleton (190), General J. P. Holland (103) and Saddleback Valley (221) Chapters. I presented a Gold Patrick Henry Award to elected GSO-at-Large, Capt Debbie Kash of the San Diego Chapter. Her contributions to the Membership Committee, to her Chapter and Department, and to the Order have been outstanding. Speaking of recognition, I ask commanders at all levels, please submit someone for a National Citation from your chapter, staff or oversight area this year. It does not take much effort, and it makes a big difference to a lot of deserving people.

In March, Jackie and I visited Maj Ralph Mitchell (Chapter Commander) and the El Paso (070) Chapter, Texas, for their Massing of Colors (MOC)—a very impressive ceremony. They had a pre-MOC dinner the night before to review final plans, and I was impressed with the local media coverage and attendance at the event. This is another strong chapter in Region XIII under CDR John Lopez III's leadership and GSO Col Roy E. Gray's oversight. In between trips, I have presented two Eagle Scouts their certificates and my coins of excellence at their Courts of Honor. I always speak about MOWW so parents and visitors remember us fondly. The troop leaders already have us on their books.

Let me close by saying Jackie and I have made our reservations at the Holiday Inn for the 18-24 Jul 11 MOWW National Convention in Bozeman, Montana. I have my boots, but Jackie told me my jeans would not do, so I will buy new ones. My hat may not make it either—stains of work (not cattle, our lawn). So do not wait! Call to reserve your room and sign up for the tours so the National Convention Committee can make the necessary arrangements. Most importantly, make your hotel and airline reservations now!

Here is the 2011 Convention link: <http://www.orgsites.com/md/meade026/BETA.htm> ★



Chapter Commander CW3 Marvin Murry with four new Chapter members inducted by CINC at Apache Trail and Phoenix Chapter meeting.



Presentation of Gold Patrick Henry to Capt Deborah A Kash by CINC Col Clifford Way at the Southern Department meeting in San Diego, California.

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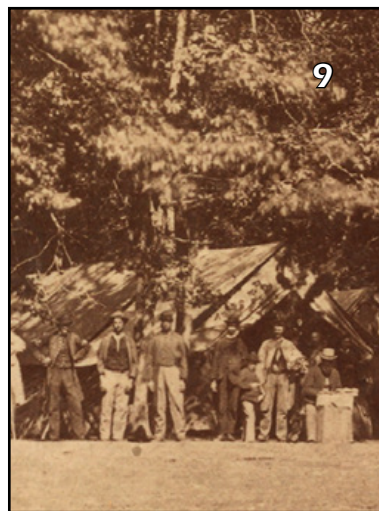
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Photograph of Frank Buckles taken by Mr. David DeJonge at the Buckles' farm in West Virginia in 2007.



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The Last American Doughboy

Last World War I Veteran Dies At 110

By Richard Goldstein, NYTimes.com (Reprinted by Permission), February 28, 2011

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — Frank Buckles, who lied about his age to get into uniform during World War I and lived to be the last surviving U.S. veteran of that war, has died. He was 110. Buckles, who also survived being a civilian POW in the Philippines in World War II, died peacefully of natural causes early Sunday at his home in Charles Town, biographer and family spokesman David DeJonge said in a statement. Buckles turned 110 on Feb. 1 and had been advocating for a national memorial honoring veterans of the Great War in Washington, D.C. When asked in February 2008 how it felt to be the last of his kind, he said simply, “I realized that somebody had to be, and it was me.” And he told The Associated Press he would have done it all over again, “without a doubt.”



On Nov. 11, 2008, the 90th anniversary of the end of the war, Buckles attended a ceremony at the grave of World War I Gen John Pershing in Arlington National Cemetery. “I can see what they’re honoring, the veterans of World War I,” he told CNN. [This annual ceremony is hosted by the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW). Buckles, a Companion of the Order, received the Order’s highest honor, the gold Patrick Henry Award.]

He was back in Washington a year later to endorse a proposal to rededicate the existing World War I [District of Columbia war] memorial on the National Mall as the official National World War I Memorial. He told

a Senate panel it was “an excellent idea.” The memorial was originally built to honor District of Columbia’s war dead.

Born in Missouri in 1901 and raised in Oklahoma, Buckles visited a string of military recruiters after the United States entered the “war to end all wars” in April 1917. He was repeatedly rejected before convincing an Army captain he was 18. He was 16½. “A boy of (that age), he’s not afraid of anything. He wants to get in there,” Buckles said.

The family asks that donations be made to the National World War One Legacy Project. The project is managed by the non-profit Survivor Quest and will educate students by the non-profit Survivor Quest and will educate students about Buckles and WWI through a documentary and traveling educational exhibition.

More than 4.7 million people joined the U.S. military from 1917-18. As of spring 2007, only three were still alive, according to a tally by the Department of Veterans Affairs: Buckles, J. Russell Coffey of Ohio and Harry Richard Landis of Florida.

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

February 28, 2011

DEATH OF ARMY CORPORAL FRANK W. BUCKLES, THE LAST SURVIVING AMERICAN VETERAN OF WORLD WAR I

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

As a mark of respect for the memory of Army Corporal Frank W. Buckles, the last surviving American veteran of World War I, and in remembrance of the generation of American veterans of World War I, I hereby order, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, that, on the day of his internment, the Flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff at the White House and upon all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government, in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions until sunset on such day. I further direct that the flag shall be flown at half-staff for the same period at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-eighth day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fifth.


BARAK OBAMA



The dwindling roster prompted a flurry of public interest, and Buckles went to Washington in May 2007 to serve as grand marshal of the national Memorial Day parade. Coffey died Dec. 20, 2007, at age 109, while Landis died Feb. 4, 2008, at 108. Unlike Buckles, those two men were still in basic training in the United States when the war ended and did not make it overseas. The last known Canadian veteran of the war, John Babcock of Spokane, Wash., died in February 2010. There are no French or German veterans of the war left alive.

Buckles served in England and France, working mainly as a driver and a warehouse clerk. The fact he did not see combat didn't diminish his service, he said: "Didn't I make every effort?" An eager student of culture and language, he used his off-duty hours to learn German, visit cathedrals, museums and tombs, and bicycle in the French countryside. After Armistice Day, Buckles helped return prisoners of war to Germany. He returned to the United States in January 1920.

Buckles returned to Oklahoma for a while, then moved to Canada, where he worked a series of jobs before heading for New York City. There, he again took advantage of free museums, worked out at the YMCA, and landed jobs in banking and advertising. But it was the shipping industry that suited him best, and he worked around the world for the White Star Line Steamship Co. and W.R. Grace & Co.

In 1941, while on business in the Philippines, Buckles was captured by the Japanese. He spent 3½ years in prison camps. "I was never actually looking for adventure," Buckles once said. "It just came to me."

He married in 1946 and moved to his farm in West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle in 1954, where he and wife Audrey raised their daughter, Susannah Flanagan. Audrey Buckles died in 1999.

In spring 2007, Buckles told the AP of the trouble he went through to get into the military. "I went to the state fair up in Wichita, Kansas, and while there, went to the recruiting station for the Marine Corps," he said. "The nice Marine sergeant said I was too young when I gave my age as 18, said I had to be 21." Buckles returned a week later. "I went back to the recruiting sergeant, and this time I was 21," he said with a grin. "I passed the inspection...but he told me I just wasn't heavy enough."

Then he tried the Navy, whose recruiter told Buckles he was flat-footed. Buckles wouldn't quit. In Oklahoma City, an Army captain demanded a birth certificate. "I told him birth certificates were not made in Missouri when I was born, that the record was in a family Bible. I said, 'You don't want me to bring the family Bible down, do you?'" Buckles said with a laugh. "He said, 'OK, we'll take you.'" ★



District of Columbia War Memorial



The District of Columbia War Memorial commemorates the citizens of the District of Columbia who served in World War I.

The memorial stands in West Potomac Park slightly off of Independence Avenue in a grove of trees. Authorized by an act of Congress on June 7, 1924, funds to construct the memorial were provided by the contributions of both organizations and individual citizens of the District. Construction of the memorial began in the spring of 1931, and the memorial was dedicated by President Herbert Hoover on November 11, 1931 (Armistice Day). It was the first war memorial to be erected in West Potomac Park, part of the National Mall near the Lincoln Memorial. It remains the only local District memorial on the National Mall.

Designed by Washington architect Frederick H. Brooke, with Horace W. Peaslee and Nathan C. Wyeth as associate architects, the District of Columbia War Memorial is in the form of a 47-foot (14.3 m) tall circular, domed, peristyle Doric temple. Resting on concrete foundations, the 4 foot (1.2 m) high marble base defines a platform, 43 feet 5 inches (13.2 m) in diameter, intended for use as a bandstand. Preserved in the cornerstone of the District of Columbia World War Memorial is a list of 26,000 Washingtonians who served in the Great War. Inscribed on the base are the names of the 499 District of Columbia citizens who lost their lives in the war, together with medallions representing the branches of the armed forces. Twelve 22 foot (6.7 m) tall fluted Doric marble columns support the entablature and dome.

In September 2008, Rep. Ted Poe of Texas, with the support of Frank Buckles, the last living US veteran of World War I, proposed a bill in Congress stating the memorial should be expanded and designated the national memorial to World War I.

The memorial is administered by the National Park Service under its National Mall and Memorial Parks unit.

Source: Wikipedia

"Auld Lang Syne"

BY MRS. BONNIE CHABOT

SUBMITTED BY PAST CINC COL BRION CHABOT, USA (RET)
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To many of us the strains of "Auld Lang Syne" bring back memories of past New Year's Eve parties and the sound of merrymaking. Whenever I hear the refrain, a picture comes to my mind that is far removed from revelry of any kind. I envision a sea of faces, women and children, standing along the rails of a ship that is about to depart. The faces are anguished, many are tear-streaked, and any smiles that can be seen are forced. There is tension and the bravado of loved ones who must depart from one another. This is a scene played in Manila in the year 1941.

Almost a year and a half before Pearl Harbor, in the fall of 1940, our government had ordered the evacuation of all Navy dependents from China and the Philippines. With relations between the United States and Japan becoming more and more strained, it was decided to evacuate all of the US Army dependents as well from the Philippine Islands in late April and early May of 1941. There were about twenty-five hundred of us throughout the islands, all dependents of Army personnel.



Philippine Army troops marching during celebrations for the 4th anniversary of the Philippine Commonwealth. Manila, February 2, 1940

Source: Life Magazine

and slow because of the native's rickety, horse-drawn carts that either held you up in the narrow streets or darted in front of cars from the narrow side streets with no caution or fear of being hit.

Fort McKinley had two infantry regiments based there. These were composed of Philippine Scout soldiers and non-commissioned officers, and were commanded by US Army officers. The Philippine Scouts were the cream of the crop. They were career soldiers in every sense of the word. Their casualty figures in the fighting on Bataan attests to their loyalty to the US, their esprit, training and fighting ability.

At Fort Stotsenburg, which was north of Manila, there were some field artillery units, including a small unit of the US Army Air Corps at Clark Field. Our coastal artillery protected the entrance

At that time, there was one US infantry regiment garrisoned in the old, walled city of Manila. Most Army families lived in the city itself. We lived at Fort William McKinley—a hazardous twenty minute drive from Manila. It was hazardous



Manila during week before the war: Evacuation trains in Caloocan station taking women and children evacuees from Caloocan during trial evacuation.

Source: Photo: Carl Mydans/Time Life Pictures/Getty Images Jan 01, 1941

to Manila Bay from the island of Corregidor. The majority of Americans were on the largest island, Mindanao, but there was a sprinkling of Americans throughout some of the smaller islands, e.g., Zamboanga.

The wives, mothers and children of the men who were serving their country in various areas of the Philippine Islands were ordered evacuated to the United States many months before the Japanese attack on the United States. During normal times, a transport arrived in the Philippine Islands three times a year bringing new arrivals and it left about a week later with those who had completed their overseas tours. This was a big occasion for all of us. After meeting the transport, everyone adjourned to the Club to meet the newcomers. This was called a *Bienvenida*. The new arrivals were assigned sponsors who escorted them and gave them a helping hand for their first few days in the Islands.



Army and Navy Club, Manila

Source: corregidor.org

The following week, before the ship sailed, there would be a *Despedida* or farewell party. This was in the form of a reception and formal dinner dance at the beautiful Army-Navy Club in Manila, usually the night before sailing. Departees would

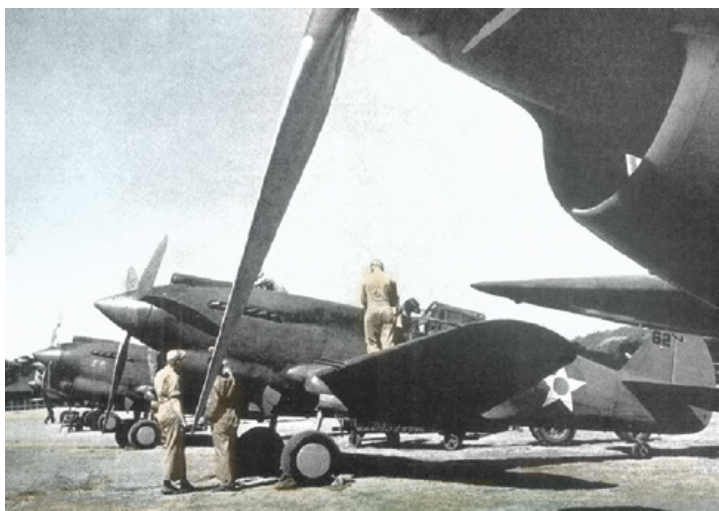
be in a receiving line, so that all could wish them *adieu*. These were generally very joyous occasions. Old and good friends might be among the new arrivals. Families were leaving together. After three years, it was always great to return to the United States. The next morning everyone would turn out for the ship's sailing.

On departure day, the setting was usually the same. The military band on the pier would be immaculate in their heavily starched uniforms and would be playing old favorites. The luxuriant tropical growth in the Philippine Islands provides many beautiful flowers, and the scent of the flowers would be heady. It was custom

to present *leis* to friends as a farewell gesture. Some of the women would appear to be utterly drowning in flowers, wearing as many strands of the *leis* as they possibly could. As the ship's whistle blew and amidst all the waving, the gangplank was pulled up and the band would start playing the haunting "*Aloha*." Then, as the ship slowly pulled away from the pier, the band would swing into the strains of "*Auld Lang Syne*."

Now, it was different. The first ship sent out from the mainland United States to evacuate US Army dependents from the Philippines was the SS *Washington*, a luxury ship of the President Lines, which had been chartered by our government to take all of the women and children who were returning to the West Coast of the United States. There were about nine hundred of them. The following week, the venerable United States Army transport, the USAT *U. S. Grant* arrived in Manila. It carried about five hundred of the evacuees to the East Coast of the US by way of the Panama Canal, directly from Hawaii.

It is the departure of these two boatloads of women and children that is etched so indelibly in my mind. As one begins to focus on the scene in depth, I remember most of the women were young, in their twenties or so, with a sprinkling of older women. Many held infants in their arms, while others held their youngest child aloft so the child could see over the rail and wave goodbye to his or her Daddy. Some of these children will be too young to remember their Daddies. There would be an interval of at least four years until his return. But for most of these fathers, there was to be no returning to the States and to their loved ones. Most of these men would spend their remaining years in Japanese prisoner-of-war camps—utterly isolated from the world and their families.



P-40Bs of the 3rd Pursuit at Clark Field just before hostilities.

Source: <http://corregidor.proboards.com>

At that time, no one could foresee the concurrent Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor in Hawaii and Clark Field in the Philippines, which completely destroyed our small air force there. All expected to have their men follow them home, with a delay of only a few months. Instead, these brave young men would be deserted by their government in time of need and all but forgotten. They would be sacrificed to the exigencies of the war in Europe. Very few died

in battle. Their tactics and training were far superior to the enemy. Nevertheless, man cannot fight without ammunition or food. With our Navy largely destroyed, it was never possible to supply them with either, so they eventually surrendered when these were finally exhausted. Starvation, malnutrition, diseases, the Bataan Death March and the brutality of their captors were contributing factors to their demise. Many who survived three years of captivity were killed by bombing while being transported to Japan on an unmarked ship—ironically by US Navy planes.

A little daughter was born to us on April 10, 1941, and it was for this reason our two-year-old son Bri and I were not drafted to sail on the first two transport ships. There was to be another transport sent out the following month for the hundred or so dependents remaining throughout the Islands. For some reason, still unknown to me, it did not arrive until July of 1941. This was why I was a witness to the aforementioned scene on two occasions, about ten days apart.

With all but a very few of the dependents gone, Fort McKinley, where we lived, was like a ghost town. Where there had been gaiety, weekly dances at the Club, dinner parties, visiting back and forth with friends, etc., there was now a pervading quietness—a



SS Washington in New York.

Source: Maritime Digital Archive Encyclopedia



Bonnie and Bri Chabot

Source: Personal collection (COL Bri Chabot)

hushed expectancy. All in all, it was not a happy time. We knew we would be parting soon. Nevertheless, we had a sense of urgency. We felt like living it up—squeezing in all the fun we could. However, there was little to do for relaxation. There was no TV then; there were no friends to visit. There was only an occasional movie on post or perhaps dinner and dining at one of Manila's nightclubs. This was not very satisfying though, as I would be one of only two or three American women present, and I felt that by my presence I reminded our friends of their loved ones. Consequently, I did not feel very comfortable.

There was no *Despedida* party in July of 1941, but there was a good turnout on the pier as this smaller group prepared to sail on the *USS Republic*. All was repeated on a smaller scale, but played in a lower key. There was a quieter, more constrained feeling. For those of us who were departing, heartbreak of leaving our loved ones was just as deeply felt, but we had known this day was coming and I think the sense of shock was gone. Perhaps we were better prepared for it. Regardless, we felt more fortunate in having had a longer period of grace.



USAT Republic (U.S. Army Transport) underway at sea, circa the 1930s.

Source: U.S. Naval Historical Center Photograph, donation of Charles R. Haberlein, Jr.

To this day, there is camaraderie among this group of women that is unmistakable. It was more than shared experience; it was shared suffering. It was almost a year before any POW lists were provided by the Japanese. Many of the men were never reported. Some were killed just before the surrender or

before arriving at the camps, and others remained in the hills as guerrillas. During the following years, there was no word out of the prison camps; the Red Cross was not allowed in. We endured together the knowledge that the war in the Pacific did not have

top priority and that our men would have to wait. We suffered with each atrocity story that was published, and we rejoiced in anyone's good news as if it were our own.

I am one of the fortunate ones. My husband was returned to me after thirty-four months of Japanese captivity. Though these many years have passed, when I hear

"Auld Lang Syne" I can still see the shimmering Manila Bay, the balmy tropical day, and those many women and children standing along the rails of a ship as it moves slowly out to sea—until their faces become undistinguishable. ★



Looking across Manila Bay from the walls of Fort Malate.

Source: Filipinas Heritage Library



Bonnie Victoria de Kiraly Chabot, was born in New York City on July 27, 1918, to Victor and Ella de Kiraly. Her father was a theatre manager to many Broadway stars, including Billie Burke and Florence Ziegfeld. She graduated from the New York City Public High School System at the age of 16 and attended business college. On December 23, 1937, she married the late COL Joseph Ludger Chabot, USMA (Class of 1937), who was a survivor of the Bataan Death March and spent 34 months as a Japanese POW in the Philippines. During World War II, she worked in advertising in New York City. After raising six children, she obtained her real estate license and worked as a realtor in McLean, VA, before retiring with her husband to summer in Whitefield, NH, and winter in FL. She is adept at rug hooking, needlepoint and various other arts and crafts. She resides at Pointe West in Vero Beach, FL, since 2006, coming from Melbourne, FL.

MOWW || CINC Schedule—2011 (as of 1 April 2011)

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9 Jun 11
21 – 23 Jun 11
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LOCATION

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Lubbock TX
Baton Rouge LA
Tallahassee FL
Ft Knox & Louisville KY
Jackson MS
Philadelphia PA
Dallas TX
Fort Worth TX
San Antonio TX
Simi Valley CA
Parkland WA
Fort Worth TX

FUNCTION

Region VII Meeting
Region V Meeting
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Texas Tech University ROTC Awards
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Kentucky Area YLCs
LTG Walker (063) Chapter
Install Philadelphia (017) Chapter Officers/Speaker
Install Dallas (069) Chapter Officers
Install Fort Worth (133) Chapter Officers
Trinity University/YLC Speaker
Red, White & Blue Ball
Northwest YLC
Texas Wesleyan University YLC Speaker

Calculated Risk

"All inspections began at the main entrance and worked their way to the ends of the building.... I took advantage of that time to have a last-minute cigarette.... One Saturday morning they came in via the fire exit...and went to my room first.... I did the only thing I could do: I put my lit cigarette in my pocket."

BY LT COL BRUCE M. BAILEY
FORT WORTH (133), TEXAS CHAPTER

As a cadet in Navigator Training, I was fortunate enough to have an end room on the barracks' bottom floor. I say fortunate because the entry was in the center front of the building. We lived two cadets to a room and shared a bathroom with the adjoining room.

All inspections began at the main entrance and worked their way to the ends of the building. Consequently, we at the ends always had some warning when the building was called to attention. We knew it would take at least several minutes before the inspecting party reached the end rooms. I took advantage of that time to have a last-minute cigarette. I had the timing down perfect...I thought.

I could hear each room being called to attention as the inspectors worked their way down the hall. I knew just when to take a last puff and flush the butt down the toilet. The water would settle and the smoke would dissipate before they entered our room. I knew all would be in inspection order.

Unaccountably, the routine changed one Saturday morning when they came in via the fire exit at the end of the building and went to my room first. I was caught completely off guard and had no time to ditch the lit cigarette. I did the only thing I could do: I put my lit cigarette in my pocket.

We had to stand at the foot of our bunks and face the room's center. This placed my roommate and me about six feet apart, facing each other. The inspection party usually had four members. Typically, two would go over everything in the room with white gloves while the other two inspected the cadets and grilled them on "Cadet Knowledge," i.e., the "vital" trivial things we had to commit to memory.

On this day two inspectors thoroughly inspected the room and a third inspected the bathroom. The fourth



inspector was grilling my roommate on trivia while I was trying to put out the growing fire in my pocket. I subtly tried to pat the outside of my pocket—while standing at attention—in a vain effort to mash the cigarette enough to snuff it out.

Suddenly, my roommate began giggling uncontrollably during his questioning. That was the worst time to show any emotion, let alone giggle. A cadet was expected to display strict military bearing at all times, especially in the presence of an officer. The officer doing the grilling noticed my roommate couldn't keep from glancing in my direction—another discipline breach.

The officer turned to face me but then quickly looked away so I wouldn't see him lose his composure as he started laughing. He called to the other officers to take a look. My leg was burning up and I couldn't resist another pat on the pocket. What I didn't know was that each time I patted the pocket, a perfect smoke ring blew out of it and slowly floated to the ceiling behind me. The head of the inspection party regained his composure enough to put his face into mine and growl, "Mister, that is not even a calculated risk."

The rest of the story is I burned a hole my uniform trousers, I burned my leg and I had to spend six hours marching punishment tours for my discrepancies. To top it all off, the cost of the uniform was deducted from my pay, which left me almost nothing. Needless to say, my perfect timing... wasn't. ★



Lt Col Bruce M. Bailey was an Air Force Electronic Officer (EWO). After receiving his wings and completing Electronic Warfare School, the young lieutenant learned of a weird outfit flying secretive missions in strange-looking aircraft. It was a perfect match. He was assigned to the 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing and the next 20 years was involved in what is commonly referred to as "Spy Flights." Wherever his group went, they were isolated from all others and were referred to as "Brand X."

We Stand On The Shoulders Of Giants

BY CPT (DR) ROBERT E. MALLIN, USA (FORMER)
COL WILLIAM E. FIELDS (209), NEW MEXICO CHAPTER



Major (Doctor) Jonathan K. Letterman, U.S. Army, (December 1824–15 March 1872) is credited as originating modern methods for medical organization in armies. Dr. Letterman, known as the “Father of Battlefield Medicine,” created a system that enabled thousands of wounded men to be recovered and treated during the American Civil War. He’s a role-model to military surgeons—whether they know it or not.



View of soldiers in front of the tents at Camp Letterman General Hospital.

Source: New York Public Library, Robert N. Dennis collection.

If you were ever at San Francisco’s Presidio before 2002, you might have noticed the now-demolished Letterman Hospital, named after Dr. Jonathan K. Letterman, the “father of battlefield surgery.”

Letterman was the Chief Surgeon of the Army of the Potomac under MG George B. McClellan (all military doctors are called surgeons). Letterman’s frustration with the needless loss of life due to poor medical practices prompted him to institute the “Letterman System,” later adopted by the US Army. It was also adopted throughout the Confederate States Army through the influence of Hunter Holmes McGuire, M.D., the Chief Surgeon of LTG Thomas J. “Stonewall” Jackson’s corps.

Letterman developed a system of forward aid stations. He also shared patients among the various regiments according to surgeon availability and patient load, where before each regiment treated only their own wounded. If a regiment was not engaged its surgeons were idle while other regiments were over-worked. He made all surgeons available to treat any wounded soldier—whether or not the soldier was in the surgeon’s unit. Triage (dividing the seriousness of wounds into orderly priorities of treatment) determined division

and regimental evacuation needs. One of the first things Letterman did was to put the ambulances at the disposal of doctors rather than quartermasters.

It was often obvious where battles would be fought. By pre-planning treatment areas and stocking supplies ahead of need (things taken for granted today), Letterman reduced the carnage at Antietam and Fredericksburg. Some of these hospitals were somewhat mobile. These and other innovations of his were eventually made official army medical procedures by Act of Congress. Thus, the 14,000-plus Gettysburg wounded were transported from the field within 24 hours, and a huge hospital city called “Camp Letterman” was established along the York Pike to take care of them.

Fast forwarding 100 years, troops in Vietnam were often told not to do much until the medic got there. Using Letterman as a model, today we are using what can be called “immediate positive triage.” Every trooper assumes every soldier will survive and acts accordingly. He/she can establish an airway, stop most bleeding, do some pain control and even activate on-board tourniquets.

Helicopters have replaced 19th Century ambulances without shock absorbers.

We now tie off bleeders at amputation sites, place suture lines (future scar lines) away from pressure bearing interfaces, isolate infections, wear masks and use continuously controlled anesthesia. We also try to have as empty patient stomachs as possible, do regular follow-up care, evacuate wounded to higher levels of skill as needed, limit addicting substances, and value rehabilitation. All these things were started during the American Civil War—including acknowledgement of the effects of mental stress.

In civilian life, the mid-19th century surgeon may have done a couple of amputations a year, rarely saw some diseases and depended mostly on their personal resources. During wars, massive casualties give rise to knowledge not available to the isolated practitioner. Consequently, the “War of the Rebellion” included medical meetings, autopsies and published journals. The very nature of mass casualties demanded that surgeons from both sides treated all, in order of triage priorities, with little or no consideration of rank or color of uniform. In turn, this led to sharing of knowledge, ideas, supplies and respect, and today’s tremendous medical capabilities. ★



Captain (Dr.) Robert E. Mallin, USA (Former) is a graduate of Adelphi University and New York Medical College. He is certified with the American Board of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. In private practice from 1975-94, he was the Alaskan State Physician of the Year. While in the US Army (1966-1968) he earned a Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Air Medal, and a Combat Medical Badge.

Remembrance Through Monuments, Memorials and Plaques

BY MG JACK STRUKEL, JR., USA (RET)
CHAIRMAN, MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

The practice of openly honoring admirable people, actions and events represents the best in people. The Military Order of World Wars has long-promoted using monuments, memorials and plaques that are appropriately designed and worded with sensitivity to recognize individuals and organizations for their selfless contributions over the years.

In particular, the MOWW Memorials Committee "...is responsible for reviewing all requests for financial or other support designed to establish or upgrade memorials or monuments related to military service. All requests for funds must be submitted to the Executive Committee and National General Staff for appropriate action. Matters of historical implications shall be reported to the Historian General. The Chairperson shall establish and maintain liaison with the American Battle Monuments Commission and interested veteran groups for the purpose of monitoring memorial activities."

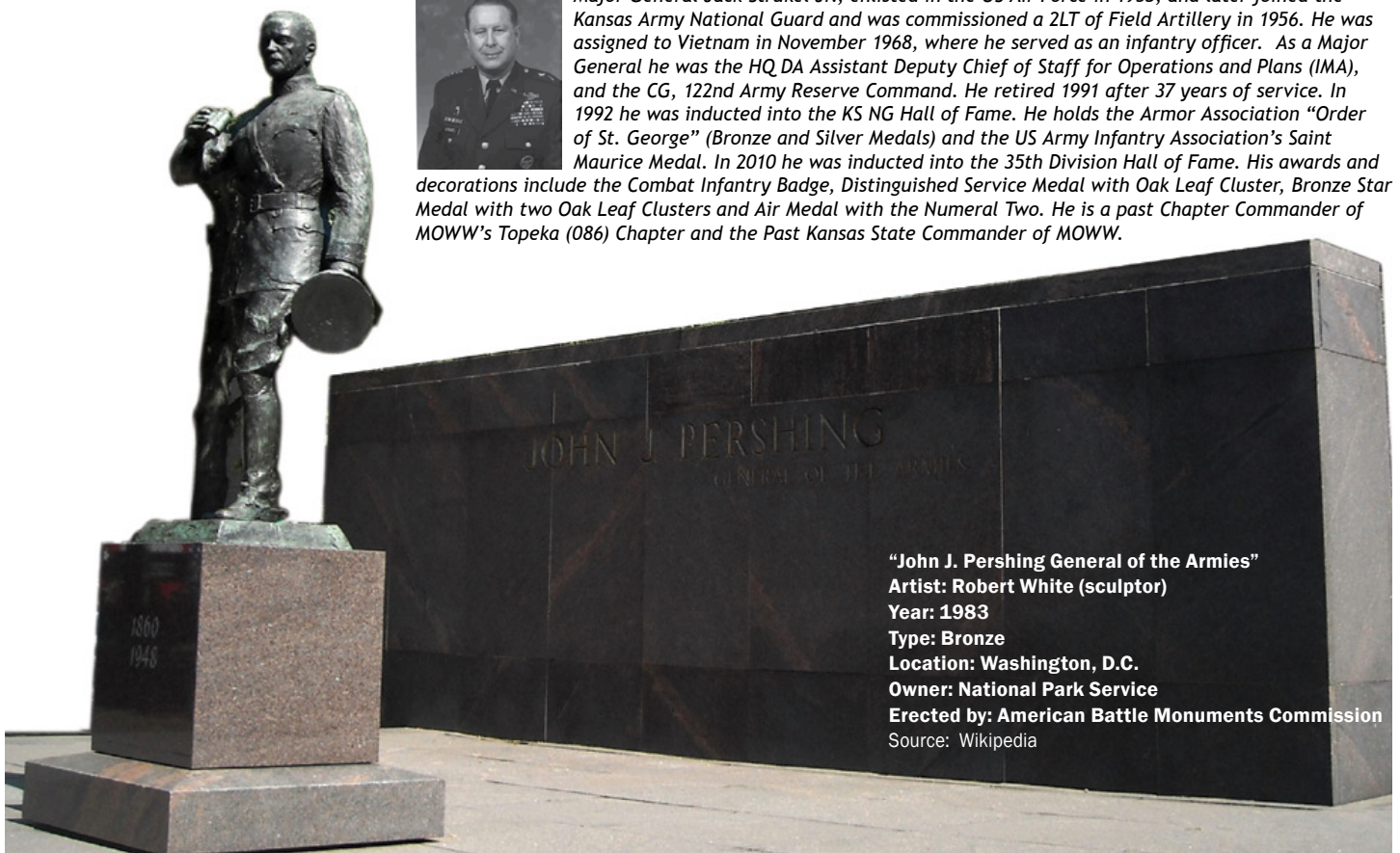
CINC Colonel Clifford D. Way, Jr., USAF (Ret), strongly supports our organizational desires to so recognize individuals and organizations for good work. In support of our CINC's emphasis on remembrance as an honor to the past and an inspiration for the future:

- Each MOWW Chapter Commander and/or Chapter Chair for Memorials should develop a chapter program resulting in the creation and dedication of a monument, memorial or a plaque. Such programs should be developed around the opportunities existing in the geographical area of each Chapter. (Reference: MOWW Policy Handbook, Chapter XXIV.)
- Such a chapter project should be addressed with a sense of urgency and receive maximum publicity. Properly addressed, MOWW Chapters involved in such efforts can become more visible as advocates of patriotism and can help MOWW become more visible to eligible individuals who might then become Chapter members.

There is no single way to approach this challenge, though leadership is the key and a "will to win" attitude a must. Please share details of your plans and completed actions with me—whether the project is strictly Chapter project or it is done in conjunction with other organizations—so your good work may be emulated in other MOWW Chapters. Please send me a narrative description and photographs of your efforts to: MG Jack Strukel, USA (Ret); 5125 SE 10th, Tecumseh, KS 66542; Phone: 785-379-5616; Email: jstrukel@cox.net. ★



Major General Jack Strukel Jr., enlisted in the US Air Force in 1953, and later joined the Kansas Army National Guard and was commissioned a 2LT of Field Artillery in 1956. He was assigned to Vietnam in November 1968, where he served as an infantry officer. As a Major General he was the HQ DA Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans (IMA), and the CG, 122nd Army Reserve Command. He retired 1991 after 37 years of service. In 1992 he was inducted into the KS NG Hall of Fame. He holds the Armor Association "Order of St. George" (Bronze and Silver Medals) and the US Army Infantry Association's Saint Maurice Medal. In 2010 he was inducted into the 35th Division Hall of Fame. His awards and decorations include the Combat Infantry Badge, Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters and Air Medal with the Numeral Two. He is a past Chapter Commander of MOWW's Topeka (086) Chapter and the Past Kansas State Commander of MOWW.



"John J. Pershing General of the Armies"
Artist: Robert White (sculptor)
Year: 1983
Type: Bronze
Location: Washington, D.C.
Owner: National Park Service
Erected by: American Battle Monuments Commission
Source: Wikipedia



Awards—Their Time Has Come!

“When we do the best that we can, we never know what miracle is wrought in our life, or in the life of another.”

—Helen Keller

BY CAPT DEBBIE KASH, USAF (RET)
CHAIRPERSON, CHAPTER ACTIVITIES & AWARDS COMMITTEE

We are only a few months away from MOWW's annual National Convention...and we all ought to be thinking about if not preparing various award nominations to honor chapters, individuals, etc. The following information is not all inclusive, but it is provided to assist you in that effort.

Award submissions for the following must be submitted by the date listed. In the main, MOWW chapter awards use three categories for Chapter Awards: Small (15-49 living members); Intermediate (50-99 living members); Large (100 plus living members).

CHAPTER PATRIOTIC EDUCATION PROGRAM AWARDS

Categories: Small, Intermediate, and Large. Not later than 15 June 2011, mail submissions to:

COL Richard E. Minor
8300 E. Dixileta Drive, #276; Scottsdale, AZ 85262
Ph: 480-595-8089; Email: danddminor@aol.com

JROTC/ROTC AWARDS

Categories: determined annually by the number of units supported by the Order. Not later than 15 June 2011, mail submissions to:

VCINC LTC Gary O. Engen
1327 Winter Street; Augusta, GA 30904
Ph: 706-733-7682, Email: gengen@comcast.net

Note: JROTC/ROTC Awards also have a non-competitive form that may also be sent in for chapter credit.

NATIONAL SECURITY AWARDS

Three categories: Small, Intermediate and Large. Not later than 15 June 2011, mail submissions to:

LTC Michael S. George
1006 NW Kingswood Road; Lawton, OK 73505
Ph: 580-536-4902, Email: mnbgorge@aol.com

NATIONAL LAW AND ORDER INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

There are no categories. Chapters submit a person as an outstanding law enforcement or criminal justice official. The national winner is announced at the National Convention but they are presented their award at an appropriate chapter ceremony. Not later than 15 June 2011, mail submissions to:

Col Roy E. Gray
6333 La Posta Drive; El Paso, TX 79912
Ph: 915-842-0737; Email: roygr0619@aol.com

CHAPTER LAW AND ORDER PROGRAM AWARDS

Categories: Small, Intermediate and Large. Not later than 15 June 2011, mail submissions to:

Col Roy E. Gray
6333 La Posta Drive; El Paso, TX 79912
Ph: 915-842-0737; Email: roygr0619@aol.com

THE CHAPTER ACTIVITY AWARDS

Categories: Small, Intermediate and Large. Not later than 15 June 2011, mail submissions to:

Capt Debbie Kash
1667 Reflection Street; San Marcos, CA 92078
Ph: 760-494-0709; Email: debbie.kash@gmail.com

Note: Chapter Activities Awards also have a non-competitive form that may also be sent in for chapter credit.

CHAPTER HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM AWARDS

Categories: Small, Intermediate, and Large. Not later than 15 June 2011, mail submission to:

LTC Wayman J. Johnson
1422 Sparkleberry West, Aiken, SC 29803
803-648-4378; Email: lwcwj@bellsouth.net

NATIONAL SCOUTING AWARD

Please refer to Major Robert Williams' article on scouting ("National Scouting Award Announced") found elsewhere in this issue. Not later than 1 June 2011, mail submission and reports to:

Maj Robert J. Williams
851 East Texas Street, Grapevine, TX 76051
817-488-5524; Email: rbrtwill1@verizon.net

INFORMATION PUBLICITY & PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARDS

Three categories: Small, Intermediate and Large. Not later than 15 June 2011, mail submissions to:

LTC Don B. Munson
1000 Basilwood Place; Coppel, TX 75019
Ph. 972-471-3499; Email: don.munson@tx.rr.com

CHAPTER NEWSLETTER AWARDS

Categories: Small, Intermediate and Large. Not later than 15 June 2011, mail submissions to:

LTC Don B. Munson
1000 Basilwood Place; Coppel, TX 75019
Ph. 972-471-3499; Email: don.munson@tx.rr.com

NATIONAL CITATION AWARDS

Every Region, State, Department, and Chapter Commander can recommend one Companion every year to receive this award at the National Convention. The citation is for contributions to the advancement of the patriotic ideals of the Order. Every Region, State, Department and Chapter Commander should submit a National Citation for a Companion within their organization. Not later than 15 June 2011, mail submissions to:

Military Order of World Wars
ATTN: National Citation Award
435 North Lee Street; Alexandria, VA 22314
Ph: 703-683-4911; Email: moww@comcast.net

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Please refer to VCINC John Hayes' article on membership ("*Honoring the 'Builders' Who Recruit and Retain*") found elsewhere in this issue.

WRITING AWARDS

The Magazine Committee also selects individuals to receive the VADM George C. Dyer Writing Excellence Awards and the Best Recurring Column (both for submissions to MOWW's *Officer Review*® magazine).

Please consult the "*MOWW Policy Handbook*" and contact the applicable Committee Chairperson for specific guidance. (Committee chairs are listed in the "National Directory," which is available on the MOWW website).



NATIONAL OFFICER CANDIDACY

- Commander-in-Chief (CINC)
- Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief
- Vice-Commanders-in-Chief (4)
- Treasurer General
- Judge Advocate General
- Surgeon General
- Chaplain General
- Historian General
- General Staff at Large-Elected (5)

We recommend Companions running for elected national office submit a resume (not to exceed one page in length) to HQ MOWW so the HQ MOWW receives it by 2 May 2011. Please enclose a check for \$35.00 to cover resume printing and postage to all chapter, department, state and region commanders, past CINCs and EXCOM members. This is a one-time mailing.

Resumes may be in any form, but they must include the candidate's rank, name and service, the position sought and information outlining the candidate's experience and contributions to the Order. Only digital photographs are permissible.

Candidates are not obligated to participate in this Headquarters mailing and may mail campaign material at their own expense as often as they desire. This process does not preclude candidates from being nominated from the floor during the Nominating Committee process or at any time during the Convention.

Candidates submitting their resume and check to HQ MOWW by 2 May 2011 will have their resume posted on the MOWW web site and published in *Officer Review*® magazine (June & July 2011 issues). Companions are encouraged to run for one of the 16 elected National Officer positions. Your participation is vital!

MOWW || Scouting Awards

New National Scouting Award and BSA Community Service (Square Knot) Award

BY MAJ ROBERT J. WILLIAMS, USAF (RET)
CHAIRMAN, BOY & GIRL SCOUTS COMMITTEE



Past VCINC CW4 Bob Ozier and his wife Joy are active in the Order's Scouting program. Joy is the MOWW's Girl Scouts of the USA Representative (MOWW National Scouting Committee.)

The Executive Committee (EXCOM) to the General Staff approved the creation of a National Scouting Award. This single award would be presented annually to a Companion of the Order who has made the most significant contribution to the Scouting Program within the Order.

Region, Department, State and Chapter Commanders prepare and submit nominations for this award. Nominees should be Perpetual Member Companions who have been members of the Order for a minimum of five years. The nomination letter from the appropriate commander should clearly outline how the nominee has contributed to the Order's Scouting Program. (Being a registered adult leader with either the Boy Scouts of America or the Girl Scouts of the USA is not a pre-requisite for consideration of this award.)

Nomination letters cannot exceed two typed pages in length, and they must be submitted to the Chairperson, Boy and Girl Scout Committee, not later than 1 June 2011. Nominations may be submitted electronically via e-mail, in which case the nomination should be in Adobe Acrobat PDF format. The award will be presented by the CINC at the National Convention.



The EXCOM also approved the MOWW BSA Community Service (Square Knot) Award. Companions of the Order, who are also currently registered adult leaders (Scouters) with the Boy Scouts of America, may apply for this



Girl Scouts®



Conejo Valley, California, Chapter: James R. Allen, 18, (right) and Jeffrey B. Allen, 20, (left) receiving MOWW Eagle Scout Award Certificates from their Grandfather, Past CINC 1stLT Donald G. Allen.

earned award. Award criteria and application instructions for the Square Knot Award will soon be available in the MOWW Policy Handbook. Companions receiving this award will be recognized at the National Convention.

Additionally, the *MOWW Policy Handbook* will be updated with the addition of chapter title, "MOWW Scouting Program." For the first time, the structure and purpose of the Order's Scouting Program will be clearly defined. National Boy and Girl Scout Committee responsibilities will also be clearly outlined, in addition to those of Region, Department, State and Chapter Commanders.

These guidelines will include the requirement for submitting an annual Scouting Report to the National Committee. A blank report form will be available on-line to be down-loaded, completed and submitted. The report must be received by the Boy and Girl Scout Committee not later than 1 June 2011. ★



Major Robert J. Williams, USAF (Ret) retired from the USAF in 1988 after 20 years active duty as an Aircraft Maintenance Officer, and for the last 22 years he's worked in FlightSafety International (TX). He began his scouting career in 1985 working with a British Scout Troop in the UK, then with a Scout Troop in North Dakota. For the last 22 years he's worked scout troops in various adult leader positions since retiring in TX. he joined Ft Worth Chapter in 2004, where he's been the chapter Scouting Coordinator since then. He's served as Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander and Chapter Commander. He joined MOWW's Boy and Girl Scout Committee in 2008 and became the National Chair in 2010, and was appointed to the BSA National Community Relations Task Force in 2010.



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Registration Form

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Please print legibly-clip and mail completed registration form-make a copy for your records

NAME _____ RANK _____ SERVICE _____

CHAPTER _____

Current Office(s) Held _____

Phone (_____) _____ - _____ E-Mail Address _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Spouse/Guest _____ Special Dietary Needs? _____

FEE COMPUTATION SCHEDULE (See Notes Below)

Delegate/Companion (Note 1) No Later Than June 15– **\$220** After June 15– \$250 = \$ _____

Spouse/Guest (Note 2) No Later Than June 15– **\$220** After June 15– \$235 = \$ _____

OPTIONAL EVENTS (Description of tours provided on page 18)

GOLF JUL 18 Cottonwood Golf Club NUMBER _____ X \$70.00 = \$ _____

TOUR #1 JUL 18 Yellowstone National Pk NUMBER _____ X \$65.00 = \$ _____

TOUR #2 JUL 20 Bozeman, MT NUMBER _____ X \$40.00 = \$ _____

TOUR #3 JUL 22 Virginia City NUMBER _____ X \$60.00 = \$ _____

TOUR #4 JUL 23 Bozeman, MT NUMBER _____ X \$40.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____

Note 1) Delegate fee covers: Registration, Delegate Book, Shared Convention Admin Expenses, Welcome Buffet, Awards Luncheon, Reception & Buffet (paid for by the Hann Buswell Memorial Chapter), Entertainment, Formal Reception and Convention Banquet.

Note 2) Spouse/Guest fee covers: Registration, Shared Convention Admin Expenses, Welcome Buffet, Awards Luncheon, Reception & Buffet (paid for by the Hann Buswell Memorial Chapter), Entertainment, Formal Reception and Convention Banquet.

Make check payable to: MOWW NC 11, and mail check with completed registration form to:
Mrs. Dorothy Masterson, 221 Ambleside Drive, Severna Park, MD 21146

Questions? Contact COL Bert Rice by phone (410) 672-0186 or by email bert07@comcast.net or
LTC John Hollywood by phone (301) 261-3515 or by email jhhollywood@verizon.net.
For questions about registration, contact Dorothy Masterson by phone (410) 544-7072 or by email at ledjmasterson@verizon.net.



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PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

MONDAY, 18 JULY 2011

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	ATTENDEES
0800-1400	Cottonwood Golf Club (0900 Tee-Off)	Cottonwood GC	All (OPTIONAL)
TBD-TBD	Guided Fly-Fishing Trip (depart from hotel)	TBD	All (OPTIONAL)
TBD-TBD	All meals on your own	As desired	All

TUESDAY, 19 JULY 2011

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	ATTENDEES
TBD-0755	Breakfast on your own	As desired	All
TBD-TBD	Guided Fly-Fishing Trip (depart from hotel)	TBD	All (OPTIONAL)
0800-0950	Pre-Convention Executive Committee (EXCOM) Meeting	Montana Room	EXCOM mbrs only
0900-1700	Registration	Lobby	All
1000-1150	Budget Committee Meeting	Montana Room	Cmte mbrs only
1000-1150	<u>Evaluate Awards</u> Chapter Activity & Awards Committee	University Room	Cmte mbrs only
1200-1250	Lunch on your own	As desired	All
1300-1700	MOWW® Hospitality Lounge	Board Room	All
1300-1350	<u>Evaluate Awards</u> National Security Committee	State Room	Cmte mbrs only
1300-1350	MOWW® Board of Trustees Meeting	TBD	Board mbrs only
1300-1650	Youth Enrichment Foundation (YEF) Board Meeting	University Room	YEF Board mbrs only
1400-1550	Council of Region Commanders Meeting	State Room	Council mbrs only
1700-TBD	Dinner on your own	As desired	All

WEDNESDAY, 20 JULY 2011

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	ATTENDEES
TBD-0655	Breakfast on your own	As desired	All
0700-1800	Yellowstone Park Tour (depart from hotel)	Yellowstone	All (OPTIONAL)
TBD-TBD	Guided Fly-Fishing Trip (depart from hotel)	TBD	All (OPTIONAL)
TBD-TBD	Lunch on your own	As desired	All
1200-1600	Bozeman Museum Tour (depart from hotel)	Bozeman	All (OPTIONAL)
1900-2100	CINC Welcome Reception (Chuck Wagon Buffet; casual dress)	Patio Area	All

CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY, 21 JULY 2011

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	ATTENDEES
TBD-0755	Breakfast on your own	As desired	All
TBD-TBD	Guided Fly-Fishing Trip (depart from hotel)	TBD	All (OPTIONAL)
0700-0850	Council of Past CINC's Breakfast Meeting	Montana Room	CPC mbrs only
0800-0850	Seminar Law & Order and Homeland Security	Gallatin Room	All
0800-0850	Chapter Officers Information Briefing & New Attendees Orientation	Jefferson Room	All
0900-1700	Registration	Lobby	All
0900-1700	MOWW® Hospitality Lounge	Board Room	All
0900-1150	Patriotic Education Committee (PEC) Meeting	Jefferson Room	YLC Directors/Staff
1000-1050	<u>Seminar</u> Financial Development	University Room	All
1000-1050	<u>Seminar</u> Chapter Activities & Awards	Gallatin Room	All
1100-1150	<u>Workshop</u> Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts	University Room	All
1100-1150	Hann-Buswell Memorial Chapter Meeting	Jefferson Room	Chapter mbrs only
1200-1250	Lunch on your own	As desired	All
1300-1450	Candidate Presentations and Audience Q&A	Gallatin Room	All

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1400-1450	Teller Orientation Meeting	University Room	Tellers only
1500-1650	Nominating Committee Meeting	Gallatin Room	Cmte mbrs/alts only
1700-1850	At Leisure	As desired	All
1900-2200	Dinner (buffet) and entertainment ("Ringling 5") <i>*Courtesy of the Hann-Buswell Memorial Chapter</i>	Banquet Room (Gallatin/Jefferson)	All

FRIDAY, 22 JULY 2011

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	ATTENDEES
TBD-0755	Breakfast on your own	As desired	All
0800-0820	Opening Ceremony, 2011 National Convention	Banquet Room	All
0830-1045	1st National Convention Session	Banquet Room	All
0900-1700	Registration	Lobby	All
0900-1700	MOWW® Hospitality Lounge	Board Room	All
1200-1415	Seminar MOWW® Awards Luncheon & National Speaker <i>* Guest speaker: National Security Distinguished Visitor</i>	Banquet Room	All
1430-2300	Virginia City Tour (depart from hotel) <i>*Catered meal and melodrama in Virginia City</i>	Virginia City	All (OPTIONAL)
TBD-TBD	Dinner on your own (for those not on the Virginia City Tour)	As desired	All

SATURDAY, 23 JULY 2011

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	ATTENDEES
TBD-0715	Breakfast on your own	As desired	All
0730-0850	Memorial Service	Banquet Room	All
0900-1050	2nd National Convention Session	Banquet Room	All
0900-1600	MOWW® Hospitality Lounge	Board Room	All
TBD-TBD	Guided Fly-Fishing Trip (depart from hotel)	TBD	All (OPTIONAL)
1100-1150	Post-Convention General Staff Meeting	Banquet Room	Gen Staff mbrs only
1200-1250	Lunch on your own	As desired	All
1200-1600	Bozeman Museum Tour (depart from hotel)	Bozeman	All (OPTIONAL)
1300-1350	Seminar ROTC/JROTC	Gallatin Room	All
1400-1450	Seminar Information & Publicity	Gallatin Room	All
1500-1650	Seminar Membership	Gallatin Room	All
1400-1550	Policy-Planning Committee Meeting	State Room	All
1500-1550	Marketing Committee (ad hoc) Meeting	Montana Room	All
1600-1650	Non-Denominational Service with the Chaplain General	University Room	All (OPTIONAL)
1800-1850	CINC's Formal Reception <i>*1830-1850: Receiving Line</i>	Banquet Room	All
1900-2100	Formal National Convention Banquet (with guest speaker) <i>* MOWW® Distinguished Service Award (DSA) presented during banquet</i>	Banquet Room	All

POST-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, 24 JULY 2011

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	ATTENDEES
0800-0950	Post-Convention EXCOM Breakfast Meeting	Montana Room	EXCOM mbrs only
0800-0950	EXCOM Spouse Breakfast	Board Room	Spouses
TBD	Departure	N/A	All

NOTE 1: All Companions are encouraged to attend and participate in all meetings (except those indicated "mbrs [members] only").

NOTE 2: Chapter Commanders and Adjutants are encouraged to attend all sessions indicated by **Seminar** and **Workshop** boxes.



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National Convention Tours

TOURS 1 - 4: MAKE RESERVATIONS BY 15 JUNE 2011 TOUR 5: MAKE RESERVATIONS BY 31 MAY 2011



Tour 1: Yellowstone Park (full-day bus trip & tour)

\$65.00/Person (price includes box lunch, park entrance fees and bus transportation)

When: Wed, 20 Jul 11, 0700-1800 (departs from hotel)

Activities: See Old Faithful Geyser, new visitor's center, world famous Old Faithful Inn, geyser basins, Lake Yellowstone (largest fresh water lake above 7K feet in US), Hayden Valley (Grand Canyon of Yellowstone), Upper/Lower Falls of Yellowstone River, Norris Geyser Basin, Mammoth Hot Springs.



Tour 2: Bozeman (half-day tour)

\$40.00/Person (price includes lunch & museum entrance fees)

When: Wed, 20 Jul 11, 1200-1600 (departs from hotel)

Activities: See Downtown Bozeman, Montana (pop. 30,723) looks like a town out of the 1950s. Its main street is traditional and vibrant and packed with all kinds of interesting businesses. You'll see the Museum of the Rockies, the Pioneer Museum and the campus of Montana State University.



Tour 3: Virginia City (half-day evening tour)

\$60.00/Person (price includes a catered meal at the Elks Hall and admission to an old-fashioned melodrama)

When: Fri, 22 Jul 11, 1430-2300 (departs from hotel)

Activities: Visit the West's best-preserved 1860s gold mining town. Walk the boardwalks vigilantes once patrolled when rowdy miners mingled in saloons and restaurants. View 100+ historic buildings with artifacts & furnishings.



Tour 4: Bozeman (half-day tour)

\$40.00/Person (price includes lunch & museum entrance fees)

When: Sat, 23 Jul 11, 1200-1600 (departs from hotel)

Activities: See Downtown Bozeman, Montana (pop. 30,723) looks like a town out of the 1950s. Its main street is traditional and vibrant and packed with all kinds of interesting businesses. You'll see the Museum of the Rockies, the Pioneer Museum and the campus of Montana State University.



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Are You on Board?

BY LTC MICHAEL S. GEORGE, USA (RET)
LTG HARRY H. CRITZ (155), OK CHAPTER



In my oral and written National Security Committee reports presented during the 2010 National Convention, I expressed great concern about our nation's national security. The following is extracted from the aforementioned report:

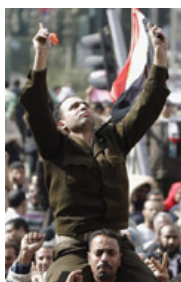
Imbedded in my mind are the words of many...emphasizing that no nation has stood alone at the top for long without being challenged by some adversary. We are currently in such a position and face perhaps more potential threats than any nation in history—internal and external.

The situation has not changed. Domestically, our lack of a thoughtful immigration policy and insufficient border security continues. Despite US Reserve military forces being posted at the US-Mexican border, they can only observe and report; they lack policing authority. Further, states face legal challenges for attempting to enforce laws that mirror Federal laws and they are under investigation for civil rights violations, e.g., Arizona.



Internationally, China continues its military modernization, including unveiling a stealth aircraft, and it has challenged its neighbors over territorial sovereignty issues. North Korea continues taking lunatic military action against South Korea. Radicalized American Islamists have added a new dimension to terrorist threats. Our economic crisis persists, and yes, that is a national security issue.

Additionally, the Middle East continues to broil. Events, events in Tunisia and Egypt and other Middle Eastern nations may foreshadow more turmoil. More could be said, but instead let me identify some actions individual Companions should consider taking to promote additional dialogue and insight on the vital topic of our national security:



- Every Companion and every chapter must become

an active voice for national security issues. The MOWW Strategic Plan calls for each chapter to have a National Security Committee and a Speakers Bureau. Have a national security update at every meeting. Compete for a National Security Award.

- Share national security issues with your neighbors, community, and national leadership.
- Write letters to the editor or opinion articles to your newspaper.
- Write your Congressional delegation. Maintain a liaison with local field offices.
- Write an article for *Officer Review*®.
- Submit proposals for National Resolutions.
- Submit book references, articles and speeches for your National Security Web Site.

What are you or your chapter doing “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?” I would like to hear from you! My contact information is online in the MOWW National Directory.

Last, we have arranged for a great National Security Seminar speaker for the upcoming National Convention: Professor Jeffrey F. Addicott. Professor Addicott is a Distinguished Professor of Law and the Director of the Center for Terrorism Law at St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, Texas. He is an exceptional speaker and well-informed on current issues regarding the War on Terrorism. You will not want to miss his presentation! ★



LTC Michael S. George is Chairman of the National Security Committee. He joined The Order in 1992. He is a past Chairman of the Policy Planning Committee and served two terms as a Vice Commander-in-Chief. He is a 1963 graduate of Texas A&M University receiving a BBA degree and a Regular Army commission in the Field Artillery. He retired in 1987 after 24 years of active duty including tours in Germany (2), Vietnam, and Korea. He holds an MA degree in Business from Webster University. After retirement he served as an Adjunct Instructor in the School of Business at Cameron University, Lawton, OK and as a Real Estate Broker for a number of years.

MOWW || Membership

Honoring The “Builders” Who Recruit and Retain

BY VCINC CAPT JOHN M. HAYES, USAF (FORMER)
DALLAS (069), TEXAS CHAPTER

Let me begin by thanking Companion Wes Gross for his excellent article in the January/February 2011 *Officer Review*®. He mentions Captain Allen Clark as his Chapter’s “pace-setter and inspirational leader.” I talked to Captain Clark, a respected veteran in our community, about his methods of recruiting new members for our Order. His formula is straightforward: To “sell” MOWW one must believe strongly in the Order’s values and enthusiastically communicate those values to prospective members.

Captain Clark believes we have a great organization with an important purpose and mission. He enjoys the Companions and the interpersonal relationships. He stated, “Everywhere I go, every meeting I attend, every person with whom I come in contact who was or is an officer in the U.S. military becomes a prospect. I discuss MOWW with all I encounter and if they show any kind of interest after I briefly describe the values of membership, they go on what I call my rolling prospect list.” He invites them to monthly chapter meetings. He keeps them on his list—until they join or indicate they are not interested.

Captain Clark is persuasive. He recruited ~20 new members in just over two years. He said, “It is ultimately a sales job, and I make the effort.” Congratulations to him for making a difference!

In just a few months we will be meeting in Bozeman, Montana for our 2011 National Convention. It is not too early to be thinking about the National Awards related to membership. The National Membership Citation is awarded to each Companion who sponsors ten or more new or reinstated members or converts regular members to perpetual members to reach a total of ten in any fiscal year. The Individual Membership Recruitment Award is awarded annually to recognize the individual who personally recruits the greatest number of new members of all classifications each fiscal year. Runners-ups are recognized. The National Unit Membership Award recognizes the Chapter, Department, and Region with the greatest percentage increase in net new members, based on an annual percentage increase of living members. There are exclusions for new chapters and certain types of members. There are also new awards for recruiting Perpetual Members. See the *MOWW Policy Handbook* for details.



The final membership award is the Chapter Youth Members Recruitment Award and the associated Individual Young Member Award. This award is presented annually to the chapter that achieves the most significant contribution to the future of the Order based upon the recruitment and involvement of younger members (those 50 years of age and younger). An individual award accompanies the chapter award, and it recognizes a younger member of the winning chapter who distinguished himself or herself by involvement and leadership.



Details about and the submission form for the Chapter Youth Members Recruitment Award and the Individual Young Member Award are in Appendix F (“The Chapter ‘Youth Members’ Recruitment Award”) of the *MOWW Policy Handbook*.

The submission form, with attachments, must be sent to me at the following address:

Capt John M. Hayes, USAF (Former)
Chairperson, Membership Committee
6907 Glenbrook Lane; Dallas, TX 75252
E-mail: mjmhayes@msn.com

Since our National Convention is occurring relatively early this year (18 July-24 July), I ask that I receive your submission forms with attachments by 6 Jul 11.

In closing, I urge all Companions to make recruitment and retention a priority—and follow Captain Allen Clark’s example. Please consider the different annual membership awards. They are designed to promote our goals of a strong and vibrant Order with a growing membership of dedicated and committed Companions. ★



Capt John M. Hayes is a Vice Commander-in-Chief, and the Chairman, Membership Committee. He flew for Braniff and US Airways, retiring as a Captain with over 24,000 flying hours. While in the US Air Force, he was a C-141 “Starlifter” aircraft commander. He was also an EC-47 “Skytrain” instructor pilot at Danang AB, Republic of Vietnam, where he flew 166 combat missions and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

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|| GENERAL LEIGH-WADE (020), WASHINGTON, DC

Washington, DC Chapter Prepares for Memorial Day 2011

BY COL JOHN WHIDDEN

The Chapter had an outstanding and enthusiastic turn out for three speakers at our March dinner meeting. First, in recognition of the 20-year anniversary of Operation DESERT STORM/DESERT SHIELD, MG Hugo reviewed current Middle Eastern events. COL David S. Maxwell, from the National Defense University, updated us on the current situation in the Far East, Korea, Japan and the Middle East. Mr. Tim Burg, from the American Veterans Center, briefed the Chapter on the May 2011 Washington DC Memorial Day Parade and planning for MOWW's participation. This parade commemorates the 20th anniversary of DESERT STORM/DESERT SHIELD, and all past and current veterans. The Military Channel and the networks will carry this event live or report on it.

For more information on how you can help, please contact Companion COL John Whidden (email: SWHIDDEN@AOL.COM or phone: (703) 203-3102.)

Photo top left (L-R): Mr. Alan Sterling, LTC John H. Hollywood, MOWW National Treasurer General; Mr. John Michaels, Mrs. Mary Lou Karch, Mrs. Jan Whidden, Mrs. Thuy Hugo and MG Victor J. Hugo, Jr.

Photo lower left (L-R): Mr. Dan Brosnan, Mr. Bob Lindseth, Mr. Tim Burg, Mr. David Maxwell and LTC Mike Duggan, Jr. Vice Chapter Commander.

Photo top right (L-R): LTC Mike Duggan, Jr. Vice Commander; Ms. Kathy Wilebel, CDR Dennis Hickey, Assistant Chapter Treasurer; Ms. Rashid Chotani, Mr. Tim Burg and Mr. Dan Brosnan.

Photo lower right (L-R): CPT John Kern, LTC Lee Yarborough, Mrs. Mary Lou Karch, and Capt Kent Webber.

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|| NEW JERSEY (246)

New Jersey State Commander

FROM CHAPTER WEBSITE

LTC Michael Wilgen (left), Region III Commander of MOWW, installed LTC William Rapp as the next New Jersey State Commander during a ceremony at the Region III meeting at the Naval Support Center in Mechanicsburg, PA. LTC Rapp is also serves as the Chapter Commander.



|| PHOENIX (092), ARIZONA

Arizona YLC Director and Staff

BY COL RICHARD E. MINOR

Phoenix Chapter September 2010 Luncheon program was the "Results of the 2010 Arizona YLC." COL Richard E. Minor, Director of AZYLC, was the briefer.

(L-R): COL Richard Minor, 3 of the AZYLC 2010 graduates: Allison Gordon; Chelsey Schmid (Outstanding Essay and First Runner-up for Outstanding student); Shane Kravetz and 2 Team Leaders: Tiffany Waddell; Cynthia White; Debbie Kerr-Minor, (Chapter Commander); Companion Andrew Stephens; Stephanie Nadeau; and Brent Clark (2010 AZYLC Student.)



|| GENERAL HOYT S. VANDENBERG (226), CALIFORNIA



The Purple Heart Trail Association Recognizes Chapter's Hard Work

BY MAJ JIM MURPHY

The purpose of the Purple Heart Trail is to create a symbolic and honorary system of roads, highways, bridges, and other monuments that pay tribute to the men and women who have been awarded the Purple Heart medal.

Chapter Commander Maj James Murphy (above left) accepts a plaque from Cpl Tim Raley and Lt Chuck Ward representing the Purple Heart Trail organization. The plaque is in appreciation and recognition of the Chapter's support of the Purple Heart Trail. The Trail is now established from Monterey County through San Luis Obispo County and into Santa Barbara County. Above right, Past CINC COL Jack Jones alongside his wife Joy Jones (former Chapter Commander) received a plaque of appreciation from CPL Tim Raley who is a representative of the Purple Heart Trail Association. COL Jones, through his efforts with the Veteran's Memorial Museum, has been instrumental in ensuring the success of the development of the Purple Heart Trail. Also looking on is Lt Chuck Ward, also with the Purple Heart Trail Association and a Companion of the Order.

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|| GEN GEORGE G. MEADE (026), MARYLAND

Honored to Carry Our National Anthem

BY PAST CINC COL BERT RICE

On the evening of 1 March in Annapolis, MD, I had the rare opportunity and honor of carrying the original copy of the “Star-Spangled Banner.” The manuscript is encased in a special gas-filled metal frame that weighs about 25 pounds. The event marked the kickoff of the 80th Anniversary Celebration for when the “Star-Spangled Banner” became our National Anthem. Legislation was signed into law on 3 March 1931 by President Herbert Hoover to make it our National Anthem. In addition, this is the beginning of the War of 1812 Bicentennial Celebration, which will conclude in 2014.

Of course, Francis Scott Key was inspired to write the words to the “Star-Spangled Banner” while aboard a British ship during the Battle of Baltimore after the bombardment of Fort McHenry during the evening of 13-14 September 1812. He penned the words on 14 September 1814. It essentially his patriotic words of praise to the American flag and the defenders of Fort McHenry!

It is the very first time that the original manuscript of the “Star-Spangled Banner” has ever been out of its permanent home in the Maryland Historical Society in Baltimore, Maryland. They take very good care of this encased, special and rare document. It was carried to Annapolis from Baltimore in a large armored vehicle, escorted by 10 motorcycle police officers up front and several police cars trailing the armored vehicle. When it arrived in Annapolis, they needed someone who was able to carry it and they wanted a combat veteran. Guess I fit the requirement. I was escorted into the Miller Senate Office building by a color guard and several military personnel and some young Marines—plus others! The Governor, a Congressman, and several State-elected officials spoke! A reception followed the speeches. Then I carried the Star-Spangled Banner back out to the waiting armored vehicle!

I am still a bit awe struck by it all—this kid from Intake, MT, being involved in such a historic event! Who would have ever thought it?



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|| CLEARWATER (136), FLORIDA

Clearwater Chapter Salutes YLC Students

BY MS. SANDI FAHY

CLEARWATER GAZETTE.COM (REPRINTED BY PERMISSION), SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

Members of the Clearwater Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars gathered at Belleair Country Club on 7 September 2010 for lunch and a special program featuring graduates of the 2010 Youth Leadership Conferences (YLC), a cooperative education program sponsored by MOWW and supported by the National Sojourners, Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership and the Joe Foss Institute.

Each year the Clearwater MOWW Chapter sends high school sophomores and juniors who have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities to YLCs in Florida. The chapter's Patriotic Education Fund pays their expenses. Students attending the YLC in Tallahassee in May were Tyler Hoyer (Dixie Hollins High School), Jessica Thomas (Boca Ciega High School), Samantha Cali (Dixie Hollins High School), and Alisha Marrero (Boca Ciega High School). Tyler Hoyer was honored as Distinguished YLC Student, ranking #1 out of 42 students.

Participants in the YLC held in Melbourne in July were: Jonathan Arsenault, Kirby Cole and Rebekka Huenke (Clearwater High School); Elise Hollis (Largo High School); Robert Coggin (East Lake High School); Rosa-Felicia Baker, Sarah Mazzeo and Amanda Schmidt (Dunedin High School); Peyton Hay and Anthony Keshish (Boca Ciega High School); and Kyle Postlethwaite and Keosha Morris (Gibbs High School). Kyle Postlethwaite won the Distinguished YLC Student Award at that conference, ranking #1 of 53 students.



Pictured above, Graduates of 2010 Youth Leadership Conferences pose for a photo at the MOWW luncheon at Belleair Country Club on 7 September. They are (front row, L-R) Amanda Schmidt, Jonathan Arsenault, Rebekka Huenke, Rosa-Felicia Baker, Samantha Cali, Jessica Thomas, Anthony Keshish, Elise Hollis; back row, (L-R) Robert Coggin, Tyler Hoyer, Kirby Cole and Peyton Hay.

Pictured left are (L-R), COL Marilyn DiGirol, Elise Hollis (Largo High School), Tyler Hoyer (Dixie Hollins High School), and Companion LTC C. Currie Patton, USA (Ret). These two students were supported by our club to attend the most recent MOWW Youth Leadership Conference (YLC). LTC Patton showed a video of the kinds of leadership instruction the students receive, and Elise and Tyler each spoke about their experiences at the Conference. Tyler had been designated Distinguished Graduate of his YLC class in Tallahassee, and has also attended the YLC in Melbourne.

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|| GREATER KANSAS CITY (087), MISSOURI

BY COL JIM SNYDER

Veterans Day 2010

Chapter Commander Patricia Snyder at Meyer Circle on Veterans Day 2010. Behind her is the Center High School Color Guard.



|| CPT DILWORTH (241), TEXAS

Rewarding Community Involvement

BY CINC COL CLIFFORD WAY, JR.

CPT Dilworth Chapter members presented CINC Col Clifford Way, Jr., USAF (Ret), the Air Force Colors that had been flying at the Veterans Memorial Plaza in Georgetown, Texas.



|| REGION VI (FLORIDA AND PUERTO RICO)

Puerto Rico Chapter Hosts Region VI Meeting

BY COL JOSE ALVAREZ

On the first weekend of December 2010 the Puerto Rico Chapter hosted several Region VI (Florida and Puerto Rico) staff and spouses. The Chapter Holiday Season Fraternization Luncheon meeting was attended by 61 Companions, spouses and guests. A highlight of the meeting honoring our Region VI Commander and his wife Companion Janice Bassett was the presentation and signing of a special edition of the book on the History of the Federal Court in Puerto Rico by Honorable Federal Judges Daniel R. Dominguez, Francisco A. Besosa and Raymond L. Acosta. All three were military officers. Judge Besosa is an inductee of the US Army Infantry School Hall of Fame and Judge Acosta participated on D-Day. Our Companion, MG Luis E. González Vales, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Historian, gave a brief historical introduction before the presentation and signing of the book.

Above left (L-R), Region VI Commander LTC Gordon Bassett is welcomed by Colonel Jose Alvarez, Puerto Rico Chapter Commander, to the Chapter's December 4, 2010, luncheon.

Above right, our Region VI and Chapter Chaplains pose for a picture after the Benediction. (L-R) CW04 Richard Wallace and Capt Mario C. Miranda who is also our Surgeon.



|| SAN ANTONIO (072), TEXAS

USO-Style Show in San Antonio

BY MAJ MARIAN "WENDY" WELLER

Chapter Companions enjoyed a pseudo "Bob Hope USO Show" put on by a talented group of four entertainers at the Randolph Air Force Base Officers' Club during the Chapter's annual Christmas Show. The photo includes both the chapter members and the entertainers.

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|| DALLAS (069), TEXAS

Another Eagle Scout for Troop 42

BY LTC CHARLES CHAMBERLIN

On 19 Dec 10, Troop 42 held a Court of Honor for one of its Scouts who has been elevated to the rank of Eagle.

VCINC Capt John Hayes (Dallas Chapter's Scout Committee Chairman) presented the MOWW certificate to Erich Seidel. He is the sixth Scout this year from Troop 42 to earn scouting's top award.



|| SUN CITY CENTER (226), FLORIDA

Scottish-Themed Meeting

BY LTC HARRY LASCOLA

Add a little spice and music to your monthly meetings! Mr. Murray demonstrated the proper way of playing the bagpipe. Guest speaker Bill Wallace gave us an overview of Scotland and its contributions to the U.S.

(L-R): Piper Charles Murray, Chapter Commander LTC Frank Zahrobky and speaker Bill Wallace.



|| EL PASO (070), TEXAS



National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

BY CPT PAULA R. MITCHELL

El Paso Police Officer Ricardo Yanez was first selected by the El Paso Chapter as the Chapter's selection for "Officer of the Year" and recognized in June for that honor. At September's Chapter Meeting, Officer Yanez returned to receive MOWW's "National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year" Award. Congratulations Officer Yanez!

Pictured above right, Chapter Commander MAJ Ralph Mitchell presents the trophy to Officer Yanez. Above left, Chapter Adjutant MAJ JoAnne Barton is pictured with Officer Yanez and Commander Chariz from the El Paso Police Department.

MOWW || VA: Have You Heard?



BY KEVIN SECOR
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO SECRETARY SHINSEKI
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Agent Orange Hurdles Overcome



The VA published their new policy that will hopefully add some peace to the recent Agent Orange strife. Previous policy concerning military members who served near the DMZ between North and South Korea was very limiting. The only thing clear about it was the dates under which a veteran could claim they were exposed.

Under previous policy, a veteran who believed that his or her illness was related to exposure to Agent Orange had to leap a few hurdles. Among the requirements was service in pre-specified units known to have served along the DMZ, and only if service was between the dates of April 1968 and July 1969. Additionally, veterans were required to prove that their health symptoms were definitely caused by exposure to Agent Orange.

The new policy is much more "veteran-friendly." Under the new policy, the list of qualifying units has been expanded. Instead of just a few units, a slightly more liberal application of those which served in or near the DMZ is used. Additionally, the dates of possible exposure have been dramatically lengthened. The beginning date remains April 1, 1968, but the end date has been push back several years, until August 31, 1971 to allow for residual contamination in addition to direct exposure.

Erik K. Shinseki, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs stated at the release of this new policy that the "VA's primary mission is to be an advocate for Veterans." The final part of the policy change gives him a good foundation upon which to make this claim. Veterans who meet the previous two requirements do not have to prove any service connection to their current health issues. From now on the VA will simply presume that every service member who meets the above qualifications was definitely exposed to Agent Orange.

Summed up, there are many health afflictions which are known to be caused by exposure to herbicides. Any veteran who served along the DMZ during this three year period and has developed one of these health conditions will be qualified to receive health care and compensation from the VA. They no longer have to prove that their affliction is specifically due to Agent Orange and not some other non-service related cause. This new regulation also covers veterans who meet all these qualifications whose children have spina bifida.

Of course, to prevent these changes from being too good to be true, the new regulation also includes the wording "unless there is affirmative evidence to establish that the veteran was not exposed to any such agent during that service."

This policy became effective on Feb 24, 2011.

Chiropractic Care to All Veterans Act



Representative Bob Filner recently introduced the Chiropractic Care to All Veterans Act to the House, which both the American Chiropractic

Association (ACA) and the Association of Chiropractic Colleges (ACC) have demonstrated strong support.

Under the new bill (H.R. 329), chiropractic care will become more readily available to veterans.

Should the Chiropractic Care to All Veterans Act pass, all major VA medical facilities will be required to have at least one chiropractic physician on staff by 2014. Chiropractic care will also be protected under the Department of Veteran Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 so that the treatment will be included in the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations and no longer denied coverage.

Only 36 VA facilities currently offer chiropractic, and over 100 VA medical facilities still don't have a chiropractor on staff.

Under the Chiropractic Health Parity for Military Beneficiaries Act, H.R. 409, the Secretary of Defense must create a plan by 31 August 2011 so that any beneficiary insured by TRICARE may receive chiropractic care. Only active duty service members are currently allowed to seek chiropractic care. ★

2011 || Membership Update

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(Stephens, B. COL)
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(Stephens, B. COL)
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(Downer, H. MG)

CATALINA MOUNTAINS AZ

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(Blankenship, J. LT)
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(Aubrey D. LTC)

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(Rice, B. COL)

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(Jones, J. COL)
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(Jones, J. COL)

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(Barton, R. COL)

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GEN J P HOLLAND CA

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“A Call to Arms”

We are presently engaged in a global war on many fronts—national security, economic and environmental. Others and we suffer from unprecedented natural disasters. Hawaii, the west coast of the continental United States, struggle. Japan (one of the wealthiest countries) is also struggling, and Haiti (one of the poorest) still struggles in our hemisphere—as does Louisiana.

Our government struggles to meet more and more demands during a time of economic recession. Our citizens are experiencing an average rate of unemployment hovering around 10% with some sections of our country experiencing more than 15%—virtually unheard of since the Great Depression. Our national debt is higher than it ever was and this year’s proposed budget is the highest ever. Our country is dependent on foreign governments to finance the continued operation of our country to the point that we have placed our national security at risk of foreign influence or demands, e.g., China. While many American citizens have their heads in the sand, failing to piece together the potential disruption our way of life is facing, others are taking up the mantle of challenge and questioning our leadership by organizing town meetings and slowly gaining the attention of others. People are beginning to take notice.

Companions, there is indeed a cause for serious concern and action. Our great country is on the brink of falling victim to all the circumstances described above. As officers, we all took an oath to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States of America. Are we doing our part to lead America out of this morass? What we are seeing are more and more challenges to the much-cherished document we have sworn to protect and defend. The only difference from the time we were in uniform and now is that we are in a better position now to influence and lead fellow citizens in the way of constructive patriotism by our good example.

We do this by renewing our spirit and participation with

others in supporting the precepts of the Preamble of the Constitution of the United States, as well as the Preamble the Military Order of World Wars. We do this by uniting together and presenting a solid front with those who share our beliefs and values. We do so by inviting others to join our Order and our cause to protect and defend. We do so by seeking opportunity to speak, write, and influence others in doing what is good and right. We do so by donning the unseen uniform of patriotism for the common good of our countrymen. We do so by coming out and actively participating in meetings and events with those who share our beliefs.

Now is the time to put away our differences, our pettiness, our selfishness and our excuses, and raise up our torch of liberty and love for all that is great about our country. I am reminded of our humble beginnings when General Washington rallied his nearly decimated army of cold and poorly clothed troops to cross the Delaware and attack the Hessian professionals who were hired to fight Great Britain’s war of suppression. Approximately 2,500 of Washington’s troops were left in his command. They rose to the challenge that Christmas Eve and disrupted the Hessian’s Christmas party. The password for the operation was “victory or death.” The resulting victory was the turning point of our war for independence. By early Spring Washington’s army had restored its strength to over 15,000 volunteers. Our mission is to brush off and polish Washington’s example.

We have enjoyed and are enjoying the comforts of life in our country. Unlike Washington’s troops who were cold and hungry, most of us are relatively comfortable, a condition that also makes it difficult to rise up and make it happen. I implore my fellow Companions to rise up and take up the challenge we have before us. What we have is too great to lose because we didn’t get off our *derriere*. Let’s just do it!

—LTC David R. Titus, USA (Ret)

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January 24, 2011

Brigadier General Arthur B. Morrill III, USAF Retired
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Dear General Morrill:

On behalf of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Veterans we serve, I salute the Military Order of the World Wars as it celebrates its 92 years of exceptional service to our Nation's Veterans.

Since 1919, members of the Military Order of the World Wars, comprised of military officers spanning every branch of the U.S. military, the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration Corps, and the Public Health Service Corps, have been a leading voice and ardent supporter for our Nation. Your advocacy for Veterans is heard and felt at every level – from your 120 community chapters, to the halls of Congress and VA.

We can never do enough for the men and women who defend and protect us, but thanks to your support and the support of the American people, VA is providing priority treatment and quality care to Veterans returning from overseas as well as Veterans from all wars and branches of service.

Today, on the Military Order of the World Wars' 92nd birthday, I congratulate the men and women of the Order, not only for your selfless service to a grateful Nation, but also for your continued service to your fellow Veterans.

Sincerely,

Eric K. Shinseki



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Winged Victory WWI Monument at the Washington State Capitol

The Winged Victory Monument, honoring those who served in World War I from the State of Washington, was first conceived in 1919. Sculptor Alonzo Victor Lewis (1886 – 1946), named the Washington Sculptor Laureate by the State Legislature, chose to include a 12-foot tall figure of the famous Greek statue of Nike of Samothrace, the goddess of victory at war, standing protectively behind the roughly life-sized figures of a sailor, soldier and a marine, and a Red Cross nurse. The monument was dedicated on Memorial Day, May 30, 1938.



Monument Inscriptions:

- East face: WA State Seal, "To the memory of the citizens of the State of Washington who lost their lives in the service of the United States during the World War 1917 – 1918"
- North face: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend"
- West face: "Their sacrifice was to vindicate the principles of peace and justice in the life of the world"
- South face: "They fought to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy."

