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# **Serving Through** Involvement

Traveling throughout our Military Order this year has given me a great opportunity to meet so many

dedicated Companions. I am impressed with the work that each of you do and your commitment to the work of our Preamble. You are reaching to achieve the five MOWW Strategic Goals in creative and renewed ways. It is exciting to hear your plans and activities.

For example, the Sun City Center Chapter is planning their first Benefit Golf Tournament to raise funds to send even more students to the Tallahassee YLC. In another initiative, Region XIV Commander and Law & Order Committee Chair, LtCol Bill Byrne, represented MOWW for the first time at the Memorial Wake Dinner hosted by the San Diego Sheriff's Department.



Companions, you so freely give of your time and talent that we have made a difference in America for the past 95 years. Thank you and keep up the great work!

In this issue, you will see the MOWW Nominating Committee is busy gathering candidates for next year's slate of elected officers. I encourage each of you to consider running for an elected office or volunteering for an appointed office. It is not too late! Serving on the national level is an opportunity that I highly recommend—and we need your leadership influence!

We have been working hard this year to accomplish our goals, and we will highlight our progress during the MOWW National Convention from 5-9 August 2014 at the BWI Airport Marriott Hotel, Linthicum, MD. Please plan to attend the convention. Commanders at all levels, your presence there is especially vital.

Attending the annual national convention is the perfect opportunity to meet new Companions, renew friendships, learn more about our outreach programs, network with other chapters, guide our Military Order, celebrate our accomplishments, and have fun. Be a part of that, and please make your arrangements to attend today!

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A US Air Force Douglas EC-4 Skytrain (S/N 43-49013) from the 360th Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron taking off in Vietnam.

Source: National Museum of the US Air Force



# **Love You Honey**

LT COL FREDERICK H. CLEVELAND, USAF (RET) FORT WORTH CHAPTER (133), TX

n today's world of electronic mail, Facebook and video conferencing, military troops stationed in war zones have instant communication with their families back home. However, it was not like that 50 years ago during the Vietnam War.

Of course, there was V-mail, such as was used in WWII, but that took almost a week in transit. Although official and Red Cross calls took precedence, telephone calls were possible at the Officers' and NCO's clubs, but they were very expensive—up to \$5 a minute.

That left only a program known as MARS—the Military Amateur Radio System. Troops could talk with their families back home via radiotelephone patches, provided by thousands of volunteer MARS operators and HAM (amateur radio) operators. The MARS operator would connect a combat Soldier or Airman with a HAM operator, who would place a collect call to their family in the States.

This procedure worked well but usually took a long time. The caller would get up around 0200 and wait in line for several hours while the MARS operator contacted a HAM operator. Then the caller would wait until his family got on the telephone. If they did not answer, he lost his turn and had to go back to the end of the line. If they did answer, the conversations and connections had to be monitored and transferred after each transmission with, "Over." Because of the high demand for this service, calls were limited to three minutes.

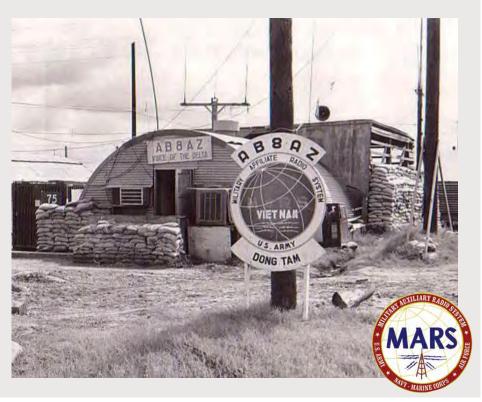
During my tour in Vietnam from 1970-1971, I managed to try to call home once a week. In spite of all the rigmarole, I got to talk to Betty, my wife, our two sons, Ricky and Jimmy, and my three-year-old daughter, Kristina. Even Baby Karla said a few goo-goos for me. At the end of the calls, I would say, "Love you honey, out here."

The 9th Infantry Division had two base camp MARS radio station locations, plus a roaming mobile unit.

The two fixed MARS locations were at the 9th Infantry Division Headquarters, Camp Bearcat, just north of Saigon, and Camp Dong Tam, just outside the City Of My Tho, approximately 41 miles south of Saigon along the My Tho River.

The Bearcat MARS radio call sign was AB8AU and was housed in the 9th Signal Battalion area of the compound. The Dong Tam MARS call sign was AB8AZ, and was housed in the US Navy area of the compound where armored US Navy MRF (Mobile Riverine Force) gunboats were repaired.

The MARS mobile unit traveled around the 9th Infantry Division theater of operations. This mobile MARS unit provided the capability of telephone calls home for the soldiers located in the smaller front-line field and artillery fire support bases.









Preparations for survival in the Vietnam War were much better organized than either the Korean War or World War II. We went through three different survival courses. The first took place before we ever left the US at Fairchild AFB (Spokane, WA). It consisted of a ten-mile trek, living off the land with minimal equipment, and more. Most of the squad I was in lost weight during this phase, but a friend, COL George "Hank" Henry, and I, who were former Boy Scouts, managed to gain several pounds.

During the second phase of "Escape and Evasion" (E&E), Hank and I managed to avoid capture longer than the rest of the squad. However, eventually we too were captured and placed in a "Prisoner-of-War" camp. We were told that the interrogation reply of "Name, Rank, and Serial Number" of Korea and WWII did not work, so we were taught to tell the truth, but be evasive. Since most of my AF duties were unclassified, this part was easy. What was difficult was being cramped in an 18"X18"X36" box for hours before being released.

The second course in jungle survival took place at Clark AB in the Philippines. We were treated to jungle camping by Filipino guides, who later let us "escape" and went looking for us. I was lucky and was able to hide on a cliff side ledge. Although I was the only one not captured, I almost broke a leg emerging from my hiding place after the exercise was over.

The final course in water survival took place at Kadena AB in Okinawa. It consisted of parachute training and included para-sailing and parachuting from 1000 feet into the water. I was having so much fun para-sailing, I did not want to release my line, but eventually did so and fell into the water right on top of my life raft.



My Vietnam assignment was to the 361st Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron at Phu Cat AB, leading airborne electronic reconnaissance missions. We navigators were called "mission commanders" (the pilots

were still the aircraft commanders). The aircraft we flew in were called "electric goons," i.e., EC-47s, which were converted DC-3s. They were built during WWII and were about 30 years old even then. However, they still provided great service to the war effort. Much like today, most of the pilots were younger than the aircraft they were flying!

In WWII, the C-47 Skytrain was also called the "Gooney Bird," because of its slow take-off and climb speeds. It was used for cargo transport, air-sea rescue, navigation aids monitoring, and as a general troop carrier. Alone, unarmed and unafraid, it monitored and pinpointed enemy radios. It was a confirmed fact that the electronics aboard the EC-47 (not to be confused with the AC-47, "Puff the Magic Dragon," gunship) cost more than the airplane itself. Although now retired from active US service, the DC-3 is still providing great help to nations throughout the world.

The EC-47 "Electric Goon" had 3-foot vertical antennas below the wings, and the cockpit that provided triangulation data of enemy radios. In Vietnam, the passenger door was taken off and left back at base because it was so hot—even at 10,000 feet (10 Angels).

Our missions were challenging, and involved hard work for all the crew members—the navigator (or "mission commander"), two pilots, crew chief, and two radio operators, who were "Vietnamesed" (i.e., converted to Vietnamese operators) toward the end of the conflict.

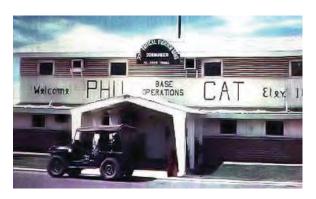


(L-R): Author underwent three survival courses preparing for his tour in Vietnam; 361st Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron patch, and (below) the EC-47 "electric goon."

There was one mission, however, that caused me to hyperventilate a little. Our aircraft was returning to Phu Cat after a tiring eight-hour mission over Laos. Suddenly, an electric short circuit caused most or our navigation radios and radars to become inoperative. The only radio left was our VHF set. Then, to complicate matters, the weather became solid under cast—and all the ground radars in central Vietnam stopped working.

Since all forms of navigation were unavailable, I asked the control tower give us direction by finding steers on my voice. Since I had to keep up a continual transmission, the tightening of my vocal chords caused my voice to rise up an octave or two. When we arrived back over the base, we thought we would have to fly out over the South China Sea, descend below the cloud layer, and return under the clouds to get back home. However, the pilot spotted a small break in the clouds, dove through the hole (I think he must have been a frustrated jet jockey), and landed us safely. What a way to end a mission.

(L-R): Phu Cat AB: Tan Son Nhut AB in Saigon



Phu Cat AB was one of the safest bases in Vietnam. It was built by a US Air Force Red Horse Civil Engineering unit, and was surrounded by one layer of barbed wire, a buffer base manned by ROK (South Korean) Marines, and a second layer of barbed wire. The Viet Cong never penetrated our base, but would occasionally lob a 105mm mortar shell inside the perimeter. On one occasion, I was riding my bicycle to morning briefing when the noise of the exploding round made me lose my balance and I fell into a ditch. I tore my flight suit and suffered several bad scratches. The medical corpsman asked me if I wanted a purple heart. He was probably kidding, but I was too embarrassed to accept it anyway.

My other "war injury" occurred when I jumped out of the aircraft and tore my left ring finger on the door hinge (remember, all the doors had been removed).

It did get me my only helicopter ride from Phu Cat to the Army MASH unit at Qui Nhon. I was strapped to one of the pontoons and got a beautiful view of the Vietnamese countryside. A heavy shot of morphine knocked me out, and when I awoke, I was on a gurney in the middle of an empty hangar (the Army battle units were not busy that day).

Looking up at a physician and four beautiful nurses, I thought I had died and gone to Heaven, but the medic sewed up my finger and I returned to earth. When my grandchildren asked me about the injury years later, they ooohed and aaahed about my jumping out of an airplane, until I had to admit it was parked on the ground.



After my R&R back to the US (most of my squadron chose to meet their wives in Hawaii or Australia), I transferred to Tan Son Nhut AB in Saigon as the 460th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing Plans Officer. My assistant was an RB-111 pilot who had been shot down twice over Cambodia, but did not want to go home. The conflict was soon to terminate in Vietnam but electronic warfare continued out of Nakhon Phanom AB in Thailand. Before going home, I had to write the operation plan that governed that move.

Finally, on 25 August 1971, I had my last mission and was soon on a Trans International Airlines (TIA) flight. That ended my year away from home, which was made a lot easier by the MARS calls. "Over and out." ★



LTC Frederick H. Cleveland, USAF (Ret), is the Past Commander of MOWW's Fort Worth Chapter (TX). His 20-year USAF career included assignments in England, Scotland, Vietnam and Germany as a Navigator, Plans Officer and Microwave Physicist. After retiring

in 1974, he worked for GD/Lockheed as a Stealth Aircraft Design & Project Engineer for 25 years. He received his PhD in 1985 and is currently an Adjunct Professor of Mathematics at Tarrant County College, TX.

# **Honoring Our Heritage**

PCINC COL JACK B. JONES, USA (RET) GEN VANDENBERG CHAPTER, CA



hom• age

noun \'ä-mij, 'hä-\

: respect or honor

: something that is done to honor someone or something

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any chapters are not aware of a part of the MOWW meeting agenda called, "Homage." Historically, Homage was at the end of the meeting agenda as part of our memorial activities referred to in the Preamble.

For years, chapters would close their meetings with the reading of the Homage and then adjourn. For some reason, it fell into disuse over the years, though a few chapters carried on the tradition.

Newer Companions learned about Homage at a National Convention around 2007, and some chapters began using it again. Our then Commander, the late HPM Joy E. Jones, introduced it to the Gen Vandenberg Chapter. It was unanimously adopted and it has been used to close our meetings ever since.

For those who are not familiar with the Homage, it consists of three powerful sentences.

#### **HOMAGE**

Let us pause and pay homage to the memories of our departed heroes, and may the memory of those men and women be enshrined in the hearts of those for whom they so willingly died.

Their hands indeed are motionless, their lips are hushed, their bodies returned to dust, but the warmth of their love for their country can never die.

Let us each, in silence, offer our own prayer. Amen.

Over time, the Homage, like many traditions, became routine rather than a special moment. However, the staff at the Vandenberg Chapter has found a way to enliven this wonderful tribute and increase participation in the ritual of honor.

Each meeting, five names from the files of deceased members are written on a small 2" x 3" card with a number on the reverse side of the card. At the beginning of the meeting, the cards are given to members of the chapter in a random manner with the #1 card given to the member who will read the Homage. When the reader gets to the last line he says, "Let us each, in silence, offer his own prayer...especially," CPT John Q. Public, US

Then the member with Card #2 reads the name on his card in the same fashion as did the first reader. "Let us each...," and so forth until all five names have been called. Then the Homage Reader adds the "Amen."

After the meeting, chapter Companions collect the cards and place them in an envelope containing the Homage script. Then, chapter Companions select a new set of five names for the next meeting. The process continues until all names are read, and then the process begins anew with the first five names.

The Homage now becomes more personalized and meaningful and gives each member a chance to participate individually at each meeting, which makes this ritual a very special part of the meeting. It also honors all deceased Chapter members who made so many contributions to the chapter over the years. \*

**Army SGT Titus** Fields of the 3rd US Infantry Regiment—The Old Guard—places an American flag in front of each gravestone in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA, on

> US Army photo by SGT Jose A. Torres, Jr.

23 May 13.



PCINC COL Jack B. Jones, USA (Ret), served forty years active and reserve duty with the Army. He also had careers in law enforcement where he served as detective and detective sergeant with the Santa Barbara Police Department. COL Jones is a retired Professor Emeritus of

California Polytechnic State University where he taught for over 22 years. He has been a member of the Order for over 15 years, rising from local Chapter Commander to Department of Central California Commander, to Region XIV Commander until his election as the Order's 75th Commander-in-Chief serving 2005-2006.



# **Unbroken Bonds**

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



The bonds of service and friendship endure without breaking... even after decades.



L-R (Top): CPT Wayman Johnson (Assistant 1st **Cavalry Division** Chemical Officer); Captain Gordon (Commander, 26th Chemical Detachment).

L-R (Bottom): 1LT "Skip" Tinsley (Chemical Staff Officer, 1st Cavalry Division); LTC Templeton (1st Cavalry **Division Chemical** Officer) and: 2LT Mike Everhart, 26th Chemical Detachment.

Last month, VCINC LTC Wayman J. Johnson, USA (Ret), looked back over four decades and wrote of his two tours of duty in the Republic of Vietnam where he conducted Sniffer operations. A fellow Soldier from then saw his Jan-Feb 14 Officer Review<sup>™</sup> article "Sniffer Missions: Vietnam" (top right) on the "Chemical Troopers Vietnam" page on Facebook, and rushed forward through the decades to reestablish contact with him and renew an old friendship.

VCINC LTC Johnson explained, "The black and white photograph was taken with a Kodak Instamatic camera. All the pictures were taken by LT Everhart. He arrived in Vietnam at the time I was scheduled to leave. He also sent a few pictures of our living quarters and office building, and a drawing of our living area as best he remembered."



VCINC LTC Johnson's first home in Vietnam was a salvaged steel CONEX (CONtinental EXpress) shipping container covered with sandbags. As he said, "It may look ugly, but it was dry and relatively cool inside—and I didn't have to worry about incoming mortar or rocket rounds. This was actually my last home and 2LT Everhart's first home."

At that time, the Chemical Section, Headquarters, 1st Cavalry Division was located at Camp Gorvad, Phouc Vinh, Vietnam, about 40 miles north of Saigon, now Ho Chi Minh City.

LT Everhart wrote to VCINC LTC Johnson, saying, "It's a long story but seeing the article is mostly due to a Chemical Troopers webpage on Facebook. One of the members found and posted your article. I had joined the group several months ago and posted some of my photos from 1970. Then, someone made the connection between your name and the article."

LTC Johnson later explained, "He sent some pictures of me in Vietnam. The last picture was a few days before leaving the unit to return to the States showing the plaque given to remember my service with the 1st Cav. At the base camp, Camp Gorvad, we often went shirtless.



Camp Gorvad was a forward operating base for a very aggressive, air mobile cavalry division. That made Camp Gorvad a prime target for the local VC and NVA."

He continued, "We were attacked by indirect mortar and rocket fire (mostly 122 mm Katyusha rockets) on a regular basis, which caused casualties, and damaged equipment and buildings. This is where I went after spending time, 1st 6 months, at FSB Buttons. Compared to Buttons, it was a much safer place.

VCINC LTC Johnson closed by saying, "So, the MOWW name is on Chemical Trooper's Facebook web page. Thanks [to the *Officer Review*™] for publishing the article. It got me in touch with people whom I hadn't heard from in over 40 years." ★

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# LTC Hugh L. Mills, Jr.

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Right: MG

Albert E.

Milloy II

LTC Hugh L. Mills, Jr., USA (Ret), graduated from Hot Springs High School in Hot Springs, AR, in 1966, preceded in 1964 by William J. Clinton, the former President of the United States. In fact, LTC Mills has a place on the Hot Springs High School Alumni Wall of Fame, which states:

"As one of the US Army's most decorated pilots in the Vietnam conflict, Hugh Mills flew over 2,000 combat hours and was instrumental in developing many of the Army's standard air cavalry aero scout tactics."

He enlisted in the Army in 1967 as a paratrooper, then attended Officer Candidate School later that year. After commanding a reconnaissance platoon, Mills attended flight training and received the silver wings of an Army aviator in 1968. In Vietnam, he commanded the Aero Scouts Platoon, the Outcasts of D Troop.

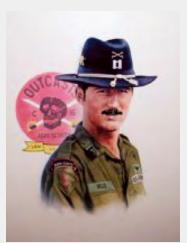
MG Albert E. Milloy II, a veteran of World War II, and the Korean and Vietnam Wars, and then the Commander, 1st Infantry Division, described Lt Mills as, "the most courageous small unit leader in the division with the highest kill



ratio of any combat unit in the Big Red One." LTC Mills was credited by the Army Safety Center with developing a pilot technique to correct the OH-6 Cayuse "Hughes Tail Spin," which had killed numerous aviators.

After a tour in Germany, LTC Mills attended the instructor pilot's course for the AH-1G Cobra gunship in 1971 and deployed to Vietnam again, this time as commander of an aero weapons platoon operating along the DMZ. Assigned to a then-classified component and mission, Mills led air cavalry raids into Laos, Cambodia and North Vietnam. He participated in the rescue of over 100 covert operations teams, and personally survived a two-day escape and evasion in Laos while rescuing his wounded co-pilot.

# I was invisible, bulletproof....



"I was a 20-year-old 1st Lieutenant. I was invisible, bulletproof, and could come to no harm, that's why 20-year-old guys fly attack helicopters.

Our job was to move over the top of the ground, 4 to 6 feet above the highest obstacle, and find the enemy wherever they were and we found them with monotonous regularity," Mills said.

I was shot three times, I was shot down 16 times in the course of three tours.,"

"We could smell the enemy, we were close enough to smell the accumulated body odor of large numbers of enemy troops," he said.

Source: KCTV "5" News (Kansas City, MO), Laura McCallister (Multimedia Producer), Brad Stephens (Anchor); Posted 20 Jan 12, Updated 31 Mar 12

In February 1972, he once again commanded the Outcasts Aero Scouts. They operated in the U Minh Forest area and along the Saigon River into Cambodia. He applied revolutionary formation techniques to overcome the North Vietnamese 9K32 "Strela-2" (NATO reporting name SA-7 Grail), a man-portable, shoulderfired, low-altitude surface-to-air missile system with a high explosive warhead and passive infrared homing guidance.

In 1975, he commanded the Army's first night-attack helicopter unit, deploying it to Europe as the basis for the Army's first combat aviation battalion equipped with the AH-1S Cobra anti-tank helicopter. In 1978, he served as a member of the task force, which was to become the Army's only Special Operations aviator regiment. Finally, he served as the senior Army representative to the FAA for the Central and Great Lakes Regions.

His honors include: three Silver Stars; the Legion of Merit; six Distinguished Flying Crosses; three Bronze Stars; three Purple Hearts; three Meritorious Service Medals; two Air Medals for combat hours and six Air Medals for personal valor; six Army Commendation Medals for valor; and the National Defense Service Medal. The Government of Vietnam awarded him the Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star and Palm, the Vietnamese Honor Medal First Class, and the Civic Action Honor Medal First Class."

Hugh Mills graduated from the Kansas City Regional Police Academy in 1982 and became a patrol officer. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 1986. He flew the police helicopter throughout his career, which happened to be the same model as the scout OH-6 helicopter he flew in Vietnam. He received numerous awards while with the Kansas City, MO, Police Department, to include the Lifesaving Award in 2007 for rescuing a young boy from a swimming pool at Worlds of Fun. He also received the Certificate of Commendation in 2008 for the night rescue of two kayakers who had been swept away in a storm. Using his helicopter's landing light, LTC Mills found the boaters clinging to a tree stump and guided ground rescuers to them.

After retiring from 26 years of military service and one year as a full-time Defensive Tactics and Firearms instructor at the Kansas City Regional Police Academy, Colonel Mills was hired by Worlds of Fun. It was then owned by Lamar Hunt. Mills was initially the Director of Security and shortly thereafter was promoted to Director of General Services. He was able to work with the Kansas City Police department as a Reserve Sergeant and pilot while in the military and at Worlds of Fun, which was a unique endeavor. He left Worlds of Fun and his reserve status with KCPD to join Sheriff Mike Sharp, who took command of the Jackson County Sheriff's Office in 2009. Mills was appointed as one of the two Undersheriffs/Colonels.

In 1991, the Harry S. Truman Good Neighbor Award Foundation awarded COL Mills with the "Philip Pistilli Silver Veterans Medal" as a "military veteran who performed extraordinary service in defending American principals during wartime."

In 2009, the "Significant Sig Award" was bestowed upon COL Mills by the Sigma Chi Fraternity. The Significant Sig Award is the highest award given by this organization.



Then CPT Hugh L. Mills, Jr., with CPT Rod Willis Photo by Gary Brewer

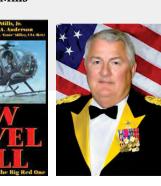
Then CPT Hugh Mills' OH-6A "Miss Clawd IV." After her tour in Vietnam Miss Clawd (17340) served with the army's precision helicopter team, the Silver Eagles. Sometime afterwards she was donated to the army aviation Museum at Fort Rucker. It was there, by total coincidence, Mills

discovered his old bird. Soon 17340 was restored to her Vietnam configuration and reinstated in the Museums exhibit. -Hugh Mills

In 2010, COL Mills received "The Order of Saint Michael" military award, given to him at Fort Riley, KS, by the Army Aviation Association of America.

In 2011, COL Mills was inducted into the Army Aviation Hall of Fame at a ceremony in Nashville, TN.

In 2012, COL Mills was twice honored by his home state of Arkansas. First, he was asked to be the keynote speaker at the Memorial Day ceremony at the Garland County Veterans Memorial where sixteen men from Hot Springs who died in Vietnam, and Chief Petty Officer Adam Lee Brown, a former member of US Navy SEAL Team 6 who was killed in Afghanistan in March 2010, were honored. Second, he was given his own niche for an exhibit of his personal uniforms, medals and equipment from his Vietnam era service at the MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History. Housed in the historic Tower Building of the Little Rock Arsenal, this museum commemorates the state's military history from the territorial period to the present. \*



Cover for "Low Level Hell" penned by the LTC Mills; the author today.

# The State of Your Museums



The National Museum of the United States Army will be built to preserve and promote the history of our nation's oldest military service. To be constructed at Fort Belvoir, VA, the museum will display selections from among 30,000 artifacts, documents and images, and the 15,000-piece Army Art Collection. Outside the facility will be a memorial garden, amphitheater, and parade ground.

The Army Historical Foundation serves as the official fundraising entity for the Museum. The Foundation's campaign includes a brick program that allows individuals to remember their service, or the service of another, with a personalized brick embedded on the Museum grounds.



For more information, visit www.ArmyHistory.org.



The National Museum of the Marine Corps, outside Quantico, VA, is a lasting tribute to US Marines. Since its dedication in 2006, more than three million visitors have immersed themselves in the world-class, interactive exhibits that bring the sights and sounds of the Marine Corps to life. Semper Fidelis Memorial Park, home to Marine Corps monuments and the Semper Fidelis Memorial Chapel, is located just outside the Museum.

Current galleries tell the stories of Marines from 1775–1975. The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation is now leading the campaign to add two galleries that commemorate those who served from 1975 through today.



For more information, visit www.MarineHeritage.org



The National Museum of the United States Navy is devoted to the display of naval artifacts, models, documents and fine art. The museum chronicles the history of the US Navy from the American Revolution to present day conflicts. Interactive exhibits commemorate the Navy's wartime heroes and battles as well as peacetime contributions in exploration, diplomacy, navigation and humanitarian service.

The Cold War Gallery examines the conflict from all angles—economic, scientific, political, military, and ideological. For nearly half a century, the US Navy played a crucial role in the high-stakes Cold War conflict.



For more information, visit www.usnavymuseum.org

The National Museum of the United States Air Force is located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, OH. The museum is the world's largest and oldest military aviation museum featuring more than 360 aerospace vehicles and missiles on display amid more than 17 acres of indoor exhibit space.

Thousands of personal artifacts, photographs and documents from the Wright brothers to today's stealth aircraft comprise the Air Force storyline. Particularly noteworthy aircraft from the early years, including a rare SPAD XIII, Caproni CA 36 bomber and an MB-2 bomber. The World War II collection includes the B-29 Bockscar that dropped the atomic bomb on Nagasaki. The museum houses the world's only permanent public exhibit of a B-2 stealth bomber.

For more information, visit www.nationalmuseum.af.mil

A museum dedicated to the history of the Coast Guard will be built on the waterfront of New London, CT. The city in southeastern Connecticut has ties to the maritime service dating back more than two centuries. Currently, the US Coast Guard Museum is tucked away on the grounds of the picturesque US Coast Guard Academy and contains the holdings awaiting their new home..

The 50,000-square-foot museum will be located adjacent to a new high-speed ferry terminal.

New London is also home to the US Coast Guard Academy, and one of the 10 cutters that George Washington approved in 1790 to enforce federal tariff and trade laws was built in New London.

For more information, visit www.coastguardmuseum.org





#### **USPHS**

Overseen by the Surgeon General, the US Public Health Service Commissioned Corps is an elite team of more than 6,500 highly qualified, public health professionals.

While the US Public Health Service has no formal museum, it involves itself extensively with many medical museums throughtout the nation. Of all the uniformed services, the USPHS gets the least recognition. The reason for this is that Commissioned Corps officers work for Federal agencies and are absorbed into the organizations they join. USPHS personnel include First Responders, physicians and other health and medical professionals.

For more information, visit www.usphs.gov

#### **NOAA**

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration does not have a "museum" per se; there are exhibits at their headquarters in Silver Spring, MD, with multiple collections on display throughout the country, notably within the Smithsonian.

Responsible for the National Weather Service, NOAA's online prescence offers sophisticated inter-active sites forcasting and monitoring weather events.

"Science On a Sphere" contains 400 searchable data sets about the earth and is seen by 33 million people annually. To learn more visit http://sos.noaa.gov/

For more information, visit www.noaa.org

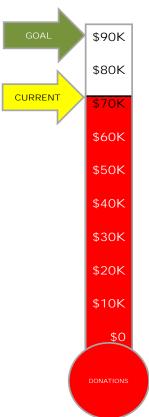
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# For The Good Of The Order

PCINC CAPT RUSSELL C. VOWINKEL, USN (RET) CHAIR, MOWW NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The 2014 MOWW Convention is coming in August 2014. Every Companion has the opportunity to fulfill the promise of MOWW's motto, "It is nobler to serve than to be served," by running for elected leadership role, or by volunteering for appointed national positions.

#### **RUN FOR AN ELECTED LEADERSHIP ROLE**

Elected national positions are essential to the health, service and future of the Military Order. Running for election in one of these positions is a great way to serve as a Companion.

- Please email the following Companions with your candidacy preference (remember, you also need a nominating official):
  - o PCINC CAPT Russell C. Vowinkel, USN (Ret), Chair, Nominating Committee, at: rcv3515@aol.com
  - o IPCINC LTC Gary O. Engen, USA (Ret), Vice Chair, Nominating Committee, at: gengen8@comcast.net

#### COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:

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#### **VOLUNTEER FOR AN APPOINTED POSITION**

Appointed positions are also important, and are a terrific way to serve "for the good of the Order." Please let Chief of Staff Brig Gen Morrill know of your interest to serve in a key appointed position at: chiefofstaff@moww.org

#### APPOINTED POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**Assistant Treasurer General Assistant Judge Advocate General Assistant Surgeon General Assistant Chaplain General Assistant Historian General** General Staff Officers | At-Large—Appointed (5) **Committee Chairs, Vice Chairs and Members** 

### See you at the 2014 Convention!



# 2014 CONVENTION AGENDA



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#### PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

#### **TUESDAY, 5 AUGUST 2014**

0800-0950 PRE-CONVENTION EXCOM MEETING 1000-1050 BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING 1100-1250 COUNCIL OF REGION COMMANDERS (CRC) MEETING LUNCH AS DESIRED

1230-0850 **HQ MOWW & HOST CHAPTER MEETING** 1300-1350 PATRIOTIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE 1400-1420 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

1500-1550 HANN-BUSWELL MEMORIAL CHAPTER MEETING

#### **WEDNESDAY, 6 AUGUST 2014**

1000-1500 Tour 1: TBD Golf Club (0900 Tee-Off) 1000-1500 Tour 2: Ft McHenry; Baltimore Inner Harbor Tour 3: Baltimore & Ohio RR Museum; Balt. Inner Harb. 1000-1500 COMMANDERS' CALL (HOST: CINC) 1800-1850

#### **CONVENTION ACTIVITIES**

#### THURSDAY, 7 AUGUST 2014

EVENT 1000-1500 Tour 4: Baltimore Inner Harbor 1000-1500 Tour 5: Annapolis 0700-0850 COUNCIL OF PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF

0800-0850 SEMINAR HOMELAND SECURITY

0900-0950 SEMINAR LAW & ORDER

1000-1050 SEMINAR INFORMATION & PUBLICITY 1100-1150 SEMINAR NATIONAL SECURITY

1200-1250 NATIONAL SECURITY PANEL DISCUSSION

LUNCH AS DESIRED

1300-1350 SEMINAR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS SEMINAR PATRIOTIC EDUCATION 1400-1450

1500-1550 SEMINAR CHAPTER ACTIVITIES & AWARDS

1600-1650 SEMINAR CHAPTER OPERATIONS SEMINAR FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT 1700-1750

1800-2100 CINC WELCOME BUFFET





#### FRIDAY, 8 AUGUST 2014

TIME 0800-0950 Seminar Membership 1000-1050 SEMINAR SCOUTING MOWW AWARDS LUNCHEON 1130-1415 1430-1500 **TELLER ORIENTATION** 1430-1510 NATIONAL CANDIDATE PRESENTATIONS 1520-1700 TELLER SUPPORT MEETING **DELEGATE VOTING (NOMINATING COMMITTEE)** 1520-1700 1800-1900 HANN-BUSWELL CHAPTER COCKTAILS 1900-2100 HANN-BUSWELL CHAPTER DINNER

#### **SATURDAY, 9 AUGUST 2014**

TIME 1000-1500 Tour 6: Walters Art Museum; Baltimore Inner Harbor 0730-0830 MEMORIAL SERVICE 0900-1150 CONVENTION | BUSINESS SESSION 1200-1250 LUNCH AS DESIRED 1300-1530 CONVENTION | GENERAL STAFF MEETING 1600-1650 Non-Denominational Worship Service 1800-1850 CINC RECEPTION 1900-2100 MOWW INSTALLATION BANQUET

### **POST-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES**

#### **SUNDAY, 10 AUGUST 2014**

0800-0950 POST-CONVENTION EXCOM MEETING 0800-0950 **EXCOM SPOUSE/GUEST BREAKFAST** 

NOTE 1 | CORR ACTIVITIES | NOTE 2 | SEMINAR ALL ATTEND | NOTE 3 | COMMANDERS' CALL ALL COMMANDERS ATTEND | NOTE 4 | ALL EVENT DETAILS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

# **CONVENTION TOURS**



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# TOUR 1

#### MOWW GOLF TOURNEY

Cost TBD Wed, 6 Aug 14, 1000-1500 Eisenhower Golf Club,



## TOUR 2

#### FORT MCHENRY; BALTIMORE INNER **HARBOR**

\$30/Person (Includes admission) Wed, 6 Aug 14, 1000-1500

Visit this coastal star-shaped fort best known for its role in the War of 1812, when it successfully defended Baltimore Harbor from an attack by the British navy in Chesapeake Bay 13-14 September 1814. It was during the bombardment of the fort that Francis Scott Key was inspired to write "The Star-Spangled Banner." Complete the day with lunch at the world famous Baltimore Inner Harbor.



#### **TOUR 3**

#### **BALTIMORE & OHIO RR** MUSEUM: BALTIMORE **INNER HARBOR**

\$30/Person (Includes admission) Wed, 6 Aug 14, 1000-1500

The B&O Railroad Museum exhibit of historic railroad equipment is one of the most significant collections of railroad treasures in the world. It has the largest collection of 19thcentury locomotives in the U.S. With a magnificent roundhouse, rail-car repair shop, gift shop and restaurant, this is not your typical museum. Complete the day with lunch at the world famous Baltimore Inner Harbor.



#### **TOUR 4**

#### ANNAPOLIS, MD

\$30/Person Thu, 7 Aug 14, 1000-1500

Walk through the streets of one of America's finest

historic towns. Visit the Naval Academy, our nation's oldest State Capitol Building, and the city dock. Shop on Main Street and dine on Chesapeake Bay's tastiest bounty.



### **TOUR 5**

#### WALTERS ART MUSEUM; **BALTIMORE INNER** HARBOR

\$30/Person Sat, 9 Aug 14, 1000-1500

The Walters Art Museum is internationally renowned for its collection of art. The collection presents an overview of world art from pre-dynastic Egypt to 20th-century Europe, and counts among its many treasures Greek sculpture and Roman sarcophagi; medieval ivories and Old Master paintings; Art Nouveau jewelry and 19th-century European and American masterpieces. Complete your day with lunch and sightseeing at the Baltimore Inner Harbor. (Note: this tour will also drop passengers off at the Inner Harbor on the way to the Museum.)





# CONVENTION REGISTRATION



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Delegate/Companion	NLT 1 Jul 14: P \$240 or After 1	Jul 14: \$270 /person <sup>3</sup>	\$						
Non-Companion Spouse/Guest	NLT 1 Jul 14: P \$225 or After 1	l Jul 14: \$255/person <sup>4</sup>	\$						
Awards Luncheon (8 Aug 14)	Herb Salmon (S)   Braised Ribs (R)   Herb Chick	ken (C)   Pasta Primavera (P)	Number-Type (e.g., B-1)						
Installation Banquet (9 Aug 14)	Filet Mignon & Shrimp (B)   Chicken Florentine	Number-Type							
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OPTIONAL SEMINAR	BOX LUNCHES								
OPTIONAL SEMINAR BOX LUNCHES  Lunch (8 Aug) \$18.00 Roast Beef Sandwich (B)   Ham/Swiss SW (H)   Turkey SW (T)   Veggie Wrap (V) Number-Type									
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Tour 3 – Baltimore & Ohio RR M	useum; Baltimore Inner Harbor (6 Aug)	# x \$30 x	\$						
Tour 4 –Annapolis (7 Aug)		# x \$30 x	\$						
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Make convention registration checks payable to: MOWW NC 14

Mail registration check & completed registration form to: Mrs. Dottie Masterson | 221 Ambleside Drive | Severna Park, MD 21146

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Delegate/Companion Registration Fee Registration covers: Convention Book (Delegate only), CINC Welcome Buffet, MOWW Awards Luncheon, and MOWW Installation Banquet.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Spouse/Guest Registration Fee Registration covers CINC Welcome Buffet, MOWW Awards Luncheon, and MOWW Installation Banquet.

Registration cost at the door for Delegates/Companions is \$330

<sup>4</sup> Registration cost at the door for Non-Companion Spouses/Guests is \$315



# 2014 Convention Prep

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

Companions ... we hope you will attend the 2014 National Convention and enjoy the Companionship and learning opportunities it offers. The 2014 MOWW Convention at the BWI Airport Marriott Hotel (Baltimore, MD) promises to be a great one. Here are some reminders to help prepare for it.



### **CHAPTER & INDIVIDUAL AWARDS** Due to the respective committee by 15 Jun 14

Companions, chapters, and local communities do great things and so they have earned the recognition that comes with excellence, each according to their contributions. Chapters should be preparing their annual MOWW program awards for every award (e.g., ROTC, Patriotic Education, Law & Order, Chapter Activities), National Citations, Bronze Patrick Henry Awards, etc. Please refer to the MOWW Policy Manual for guidance. Do not assume your chapter is not competitive; many award categories had no chapter submissions last year--especially in small and medium chapter categories. Chapters should coordinate with the applicable national committee in preparing their submissions. The chairs of the various committees must email their respective award selections by award name and category to the MOWW Chief of Staff by 30 Jun 14.

## ANNUAL NATIONAL OFFICER REPORTS | Due to the Chief of Staff by 15 Jun 14

For operating and historical reasons, annual National Officer Reports are required. Affected officers include the CINC, Chief of Staff, SVCINC, VCINCs, and other National Officers, Region Commanders, and committee chairs (standing and ad hoc). Annual reports should be from one to three pages in length and written in narrative style.

#### GENERAL STAFF EMERITUS APPLICATION | Due to the Chief of Staff by 15 Jun 14

Eligible Companions may apply for General Staff Emeritus status. Refer to the MOWW Policy Manual for guidance and use MOWW Form 7, "General Staff Emeritus Application."

#### MOWW RESOLUTIONS | Due to the Legislative & Resolutions Committee by 15 Jun 14

Adopted MOWW Resolutions demonstrate the Military Order's positions on issues or offer recommendations on topics of interest to the Military Order in any area encompassed by the Preamble to the MOWW Constitution. Please contact the Chair, Legislative & Resolutions Committee, for guidance on the format. NOTE: The Chair, Legislative & Resolutions Committee, must provide the accepted proposed resolutions to the MOWW Chief of Staff for publication in the *Officer Review*<sup>™</sup> magazine.

### CONVENTION CREDENTIALS | Delegates must bring credentials to the convention

Commanders at all levels must prepare Convention Delegate Appoint credentials (MOWW Form 22). Provide to Convention Registration representatives at convention. In addition, commanders at all levels must prepare Chapter Nominating Committee Member/Alternate Credentials (MOWW Form 23). Provide to Nominating Committee representatives at convention. \*

# Oh, My Achin' Back!

SURGEON GENERAL, MOWW

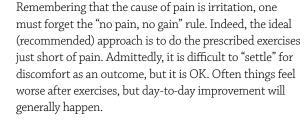
eople have asked me where I get the topics about which to write. Actually, in my Chapter, and likely in yours, we continually realize we need more information about the different things that keep turning up.

This go-round it is the sciatic nerve or as we often say, "Oh, my achin' back!" Sciatic pain is caused by irritation to the roots (nerves coming from the spinal cord) that make up the sciatic nerve. Pain can start behind the butt, down the back of the leg, to the ankle and foot. Mostly one leg is symptomatic more than the other is. Common causes include bulging or ruptured spinal disc spaces. Sometimes the pain seems unbearable—as well as debilitating.

Sitting, standing for long periods of time, or flexing the knee to the chest, can make it worse. Walking, lying down, and spine extension may help. Doctors asking questions

> and doing simple examinations can make the diagnosis. However, finding causes, e.g., bone spurs, bulging discs, sometimes require X-rays and MRIs.

Treatment: believe it or not, sometimes it just gets better by itself. Pain medications and directed exercises will help. Modern sports medicine and rehabilitation facilities are a Godsend. Medications include Tylenol, Advil, and Aleve. The rehabilitation routine usually involves two to three sessions a week, with manipulation exercise and electric stimulation for 20 minutes.



Exercises stretch the nerves, and limit the pressure of the pyramidal muscle. The various nerve roots join and a structured nerve comes through this muscle and easily gets irritated. The healing progress is slow.

My goal was to drive 800 miles (round trip) to the Region XIII meeting in El Paso within two weeks of starting treatment. Even with stops every half hour, it was not easy. My therapist says think in terms of two to three months, not weeks, to alleviate symptoms.

Alternatively, standing, sitting and walking help. Heat and/ or ice packs may help. One of those expensive mattresses such as I have may really help. If nothing else, relieve the pressure of a full wallet in the pocket over the nerve.

Joking aside, the wallet in the typical back pocket does cause pressure and often pain, as it is just over the sciatic nerve emergence from the pyramidal muscle. Use the shirt or jacket pocket. The ultimate treatment involves steroid injections or as a last resort surgery. Swallowing your pride and using a cane helps, if one remembers the cane is a temporary "solution," and that some pain may just be a recurring condition.

As Lincoln said in a speech before he was elected President, "This too shall pass." Perhaps he should have said, "I want patience right away!" ★



CPT (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.



# **April Brings Hope**

CH (CDR) WILLIAM J. HOUSTON, USN (RET) GEN VANDENBERG CHAPTER (213), CA

pril is a month that has something in it for everyone. Paul Revere made his ride, and one of the first battles of the American Revolution took place in Massachusetts. In 1917, the United States entered World War I, the "war to end all wars." The American Civil War began and ended in April, and the Olympics resumed in 1896 after a 1500-year lapse. For many, "April Fool's Day" brings humor and amusement.

For those observing the religious history of April, the month is equally important. Traditionally, Buddhists celebrate Buddha's birthday on the eighth. This is also the time of celebration for both Christians and Jews in our culture. Those of the Jewish tradition observe Holocaust Day on the 23rd and celebrate Passover and the hope that comes from God. For Jews, the Angel of Death Passes over and for Christians the gift of new life is given. For Christians, many observe Ash Wednesday and Lent, and then observe Easter.

These traditions affirm the continuing presence of God, affirm that He is present, and that He is involved in our

world. To those who have been in places where death is a continuing reality, this is a promise of hope, and the reality of our experiences brings God into our lives in a very real way.

In these days, it is time to pause and reflect on promises made and vows affirmed in times of danger and stress. These words of God are still: "You shall be my people and I shall be your God."

These words are as real today as they ever were. To affirm these words is to become the people of God, and in this we again place ourselves in His presence and move on to fulfill God's will for us. That promise of God is as real today as it ever was, and that makes real the promise of Passover and Easter. \*

Shalom and Happy Easter to all Companions. God bless!

Padre Bill









PHOENIX (092), ARIZONA

# The American Cemetery in Manila

BY LT TIMOTHY C. YUHAS, USN; SUBMITTED BY COL DICK MINOR, USA (RET)

The email below is from LT Tim Yuhas, USN. He is a MOWW Companion. He went to Arizona Youth Leadership Conference and was chosen as a Team Leader. He was in ROTC at the University of Arizona and was commissioned in the Navy. He is deployed now aboard ship and visited Manila. — COL Dick Minor, USA (Ret)

Greetings from Manila, We pulled in on Sunday and on Monday we went and visited and laid a wreath at the American Cemetery here. It was dedicated by General McArthur and is probably the nicest and largest of our cemeteries overseas. It was awesome to be able to go and pay our respects in an official capacity to our boys who paid the ultimate price in the Second World War. I think every US ship should pay such a visit whenever they are able. It was a very humbling and emotional experience to think about the sacrifice that our country made to the altar of freedom, especially when you consider the fact that we fought for people who we had never met. We truly are the most generous country on the face of the Earth...just look at the thousands of men who laid down their lives for a concept—for future generations. May their memory never be forgotten.



AUGUSTA (168), GEORGIA

## **Eagle Scout Honored**

BY COL STEPHEN R. AMSTER, USA (RET)

Eagle Scout Christopher Page of BSA Troop 119, Evans, GA, attained the highest rank in Scouting at his Court of Honor held 16 Dec 13. COL Stephen R. Amster, USA (Ret), presented Chris with a MOWW Eagle Scout Certificate of Recognition at the ceremony.



**PORTLAND (116), OREGON** 

### Veterans Outreach—One Fishing Rod at a Time BY VCINC COL DAVID GIBSON, USAF (RET)

Companions 1LT Jerry Hutchins, USA (Fmr), and Mary Hutchins, HPM, make a real impact on veterans from their home in Vancouver, WA, by constructing custom fishing rods for soldiers and disabled vets. In 2011 the couple began assembling by

hand fly-fishing rods and donating them to Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc. They got the idea about this worthwhile charity at the MOWW National Conference in Bozeman, MT, and had to help. The Hutchins have made 184 rods so far.



MAJ GEN WADE (020), WASHINGTON DC

# **CINC Attends Holiday Gathering**

BY COL S. JOHN WHIDDEN, USA (RET)

On 13 Dec 2013, CINC Capt Deborah A. Kash, USAF (Ret), and her husband Capt Daniel J. Kash, USAF (Fmr), joined with DC Chapter Companions to celebrate their chapter's annual holiday party. Held at the historic Army Navy Club, the fete included representatives from Congress, Veterans Administration, Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, ROTC and other Veteran's Service Organizations. CINC Kash was the evening's keynote speaker. She also presented awards and welcomed new Chapter Companions to the Order.



MG CRITZ (155), OKLAHOMA

## **Opportunities for Veterans**

BY LTC MICHAEL S. GEORGE, USA (RET)

In January, the program speaker was Debra Burch, President and CEO of Lawton-Fort Sill Chamber of Commerce and Industry. She explained how Lawton made Forbes list "Best Places for Military Retirement: Second Careers."

(L-R): Ms. Debra Burch, VCINC COL Clay C. Le Grande, Jr., USA (Ret), LTC Michael S. George, Chapter Commander.



**GREATER BOSTON (004), MASSACHUSETTS** 

# **Northeastern University Army ROTC**

BY LTC FRED MAGUIRE, USA (RET)

Guest speaker MAJ Christopher Green-Williams, USA, (Assistant Professor of Military Science, and Executive Officer, Northeastern Liberty Battalion), gave an informative talk regarding Northeastern University's role in Army ROTC. It is one of three schools that coordinate Army ROTC for 13 Boston area schools. The Northeastern University Liberty Battalion ROTC Mission is to provide resources to Army cadets through training, review, and administrate support.

(L-R): Sr. Vice Chapter Commander LTC Fred Maguire, USA (Ret), presents MAJ Christopher Green-Williams a MOWW Certificate of Appreciation as Chapter Adjutant COL Larry Willwerth, III, USA (Ret), looks on.



DALLAS (069), TEXAS

# **SVCINC Recognizes Eagle Scout Adam Coberly**

BY LT WALTER LAIDLAW, USN (FMR)

SVCINC Capt John M. Hayes, USAF (Fmr), presented the MOWW Eagle Scout Certificate of Recognition to Adam Coberly at Adam's Court of Honor held 21 Dec 13. SVCINC Hayes is the Chair of the Chapter's Scouting Committee and under his leadership the recognition of deserving Boy and Girl Scouts has become a major objective for the Chapter In 2013, the Dallas Chapter participated in over 35 Courts of Honor.



LTG MIDDLETON (056), LOUISIANA

# Chapter Welcomes Louisiana's Secretary of VA Alexander

BY VCINC COL CLAY C. LE GRANDE, JR., USA (RET)

Companions enjoyed meeting the Honorable Rodney Alexander, new Louisiana Secretary of Veteran Affairs at the January meeting. Secretary Alexander spoke to the chapter on current national and state veterans issues. He commended MOWW's efforts to pass on the nation's founding ideals to our youth.

(L-R): Chapter Commander COL Ulysses "Shelby" Hargrove, USA (Ret); Secretary Alexander, and COL Arthur Lamm, Chapter Vice Commander of Programs.



MG MEADE (026), MARYLAND

#### **National Citation**

BY LT COL SHELDON A. GOLDBERG, USAF (RET)

COL James McKnight, USA (Ret), was awarded a MOWW National Citation during the 2013 National Convention. The citation was presented to him at a recent Chapter meeting and commends COL McKnight's service over many years as the Director, National Capital Area YLC.

(L-R): Chapter Commander Lt Col Sheldon A. Goldberg, USAF (Ret), congratulates COL James McKnight, USA (Ret).



**REGION XI** 

# **Region XI Midwinter Conference**

BY VCINC COL DAVE GIBSON, USA (RET)

This year, the Topeka Chapter 86 hosted the Region XI Midwinter conference in Kansas City on 11–12 January.

(L-R): MOWW VCINC COL Dave Gibson, USA (Ret); Topeka Chapter Commander CPT Terry Harbert, USA (Fmr); MG Donald Jacka, USA (Ret); Regional Adjutant MAJ Chuck Bredahl, USA (Ret); MOWW CINC Capt Deborah Kash, USAF (Ret); Regional Commander MAJ Ron Jones, USA (Ret), and Regional Treasurer MAJ Mark Borserine, USA (Ret).



**GAYLORD-DILLINGHAM MEMORIAL (115) HAWAII** 

# **Aloha Companions!**

BY LTC JEFF TOM, USA (RET)

Chapter Commander, LTC Jeff Tom, USA (Ret), (center) and members of the Hawaii Chapter welcomed CAPT Jim Hickerson, USN (Ret), and his wife, Carol, Companions of the Conejo, CA, Chapter 195.



#### **VA Removes Annual Income Reporting Requirement**

VA is eliminating the annual requirement for most Veterans enrolled in VA's health care system to report income information beginning in March 2014. Instead, VA will automatically match income information obtained from the Internal Revenue Service and Social Security Administration.



### **New Online GI Bill Comparison Tool**

In February, VA launched an online GI Bill® Comparison Tool to make it easier for veterans, servicemembers and

dependents to calculate their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits and learn more about VA's approved colleges, universities and other education and training programs across the country. Link: http://benefits.va.gov/gibill/comparison

#### PTSD: Stuck in Time



Virtual reality technology assists combat veterans to overcome PTSD. As with other traumas, such as car accidents, rape or vio-

lent crime, the therapy re-exposes patients to traumatic events in a simulated, controlled cyber-environment.

Since 2012, one therapeutic PTSD tool, the Virtual Iraq/Afghanistan program, is in use by 50 hospitals and clinics across the US. The system offers a variety of scenarios. With the smell of gunfire and body odor in the air, troops can drive along a desert road only to have their Humvee hit an improvised explosive device. Or they can walk the town as the call to prayer rings in their ears, passing a spice market only to hear gunfire break out. It will never replicate the traumatic event a service member had in the war zone, but it doesn't have to.

"With virtual reality, you are limited by the technology," said Michael Kramer, a clinical psychologist who uses the Virtual Iraq/Afghanistan program through VA. "You can't re-create that exact occurrence, but you can help trigger a memory."

The virtual reality system builds on exposure therapy, a widely accepted method for treating PTSD. Newer versions will have increased resolution; improved

shadowing, lighting and physics within the world; greater diversity of scenarios such as caves, decaying buildings and remote outposts; and more Afghan-centric content.

For veterans suffering from PTSD-related nightmares, another virtual technology, Power Dreaming, provides a simple interface that patients use to create and populate their own worlds. By the time the veteran is done designing, he or she will have created a happy place that evokes an "epic win" feeling..

When veterans awaken from a nightmare, the therapy asks them to go through some relaxation and breathing exercises, then flip on the head-mounted display. There, they can walk or fly through their world, experiencing and interacting with a space where they are in complete control.

The technique relies on neuroplasticity, which is the brain's ability to rewire itself — in this case, in response to stress. By repeatedly teaching the body to calm down and feel in control after a nightmare, veterans can potentially reduce the chaos and fear they feel.

### **VA Initiative Shows Early Promise in Reducing Use of Opioids for Chronic Pain**



VA has initiated a multi-faceted approach to reduce the use of opioids among America's veterans using VA health care. The Opioid Safety Initiative

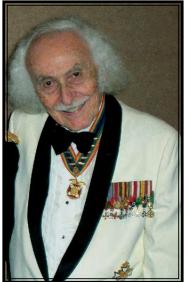
(OSI) is a comprehensive effort to improve the quality of life for the hundreds of thousands of veterans suffering from chronic pain.

Launched in October 2013 in Minneapolis, OSI is already demonstrating success in lowering dependency on the opioid class of drugs. At eight sites of care in Minnesota, OSI practices have decreased high-dose opioid use by more than 50 percent. OSI incorporates the team approach with the goal of reducing opioid use by alleviating a veterans' pain using non-prescription methods. There is an emphasis on patient education, close patient monitoring with frequent feedback and complementary and alternative medicine practices like acupuncture.

#### **Memorial Day**



A national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time.★



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