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It is Nobler to Serve...

April has arrived and I think most of us are thankful to see an end to the unusually harsh winter that we experienced. We now need to think about how we can serve the MOWW in a leadership position. Elections and appointments for the coming year will be conducted soon.

Please "step up to the plate" to serve our Order in a leadership position.

Becoming an elected officer in the Order, or accepting a committee or another appointed leadership position, is not just personally rewarding. It is also something that directly benefits the Order and, most importantly, those we serve.

Fellow Companions will help you learn about the duties of your new position.

Many years ago when I became a new Companion, I greatly enjoyed the programs and luncheon speakers. The speakers' topics included law and order, patriotism, military affairs, leadership, youth programs, etc. I had many contacts in these areas. I decided to seek the position of my chapter's Junior Vice-Commander, and was elected. My duties included the monthly program and speaker selection. I was "hooked." I was motivated. I was learning. I was also having a great time getting to know the community leaders and bringing them to our chapter meetings to speak.

I was contributing to MOWW while being enriched from my involvement.

One speaker, an FBI agent supervisor, gave a great program about National Security. I recruited him to be one of my TWU YLC speakers on law enforcement and national security. He later became my sponsor for the Dallas FBI Citizens Academy course. This kind of involvement in a chapter position, supported by fellow Companions, and reinforced with a strong desire to promote the precepts of the Preamble of our Order led to other leadership positions. Each brings joy.

Companions, the Order has positions which are or will be vacant. We need you to "step forward," and by your involvement, help MOWW continue its great and much appreciated outreach programs.

Thank you for your willingness to serve.

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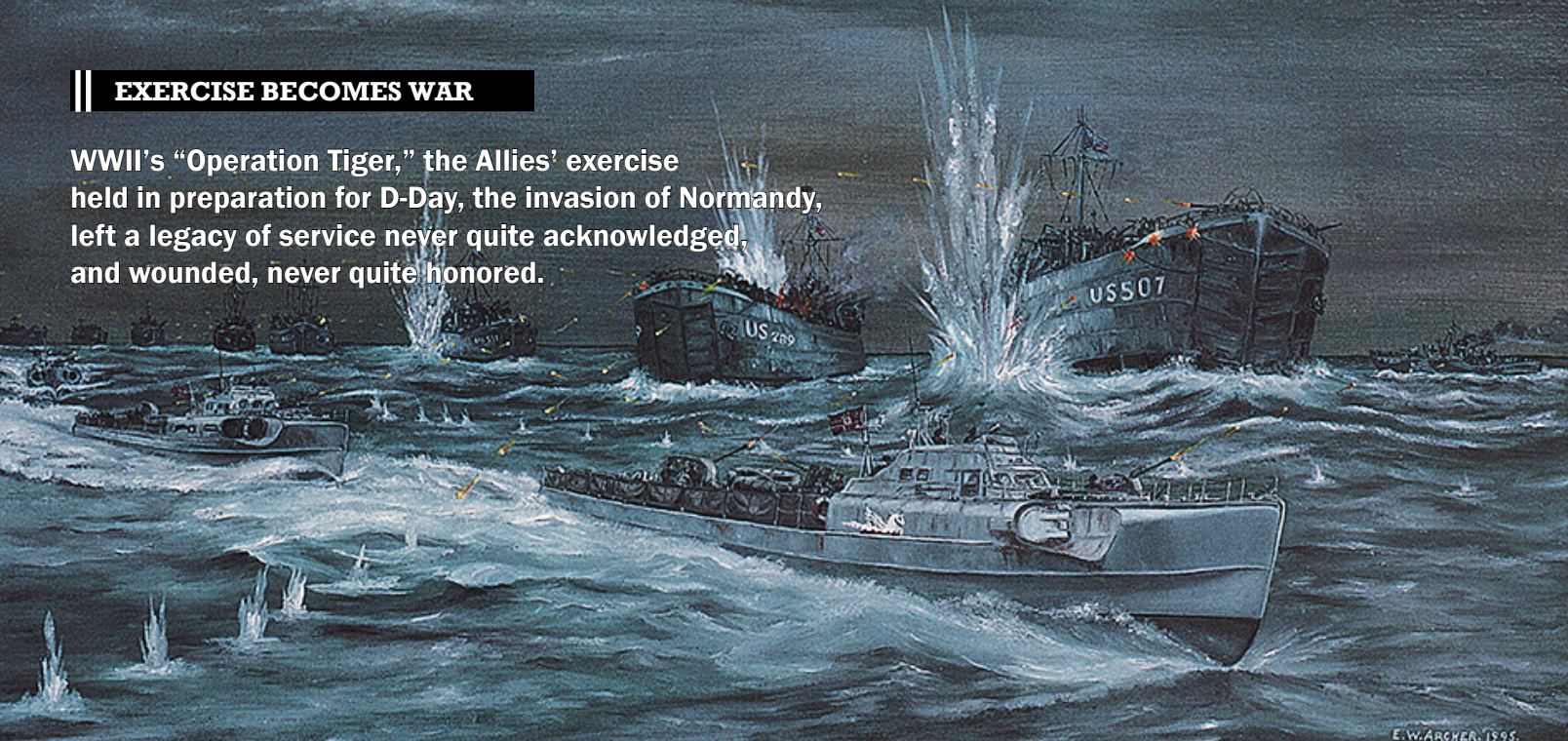
ON THE COVER

Slapton Sands, April 1944

Source: Dartmouth Museum, England



WWII's "Operation Tiger," the Allies' exercise held in preparation for D-Day, the invasion of Normandy, left a legacy of service never quite acknowledged, and wounded, never quite honored.



The Forgotten Wounded

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**Ted Archer's
1995 painting
depicting the
action of 28
April, 1944.**

Source: <http://www.exercisetiger.org.uk/>

In preparing for the Normandy Invasion, the US Army and Navy conducted various training exercises at Slapton Sands, in Start Bay, on the coast of Devon, England. Slapton Sands was an unspoiled beach of coarse gravel, fronting a shallow lagoon that was backed by bluffs that resembled Utah Beach. After the people in the nearby villages were evacuated, a six week task, it was an almost perfect place to simulate the Normandy landings. The training was long and thorough. The culmination of the joint training program was a full-scale rehearsal in late April, 1944. The May rehearsal had no casualties. Live ammo was to be used in the April 22-30 exercises.

Tiger was the code name of the top secret training exercise for Utah Beach assault forces under Admiral Don P. Moon. It was held from 22-30 April 1944. Troops and equipment embarked on the same ships and for the most part from the same ports from which they would later leave for France.

The six days of the exercise were taken up by marshaling the troops and embarking landing craft. During the night of 26-27 April 1944, the main force proceeded through Lyme Bay with mine craft sweeping ahead of them as if crossing the channel. Since German E-boats, which were high speed torpedo boats capable of operating at speeds of 34-36 knots, sometimes patrolled the channel

at night, the British Commander-in-Chief, Plymouth, who was responsible for protecting the rehearsal, threw patrols across the mouth of Lyme Bay. These patrols consisted of two British destroyers (one of which had a mechanical problem and was disabled), three motor torpedo boats and two motor gun-boats. Operation Tiger included support ships, nine large tanks ships (LSTs) and 30,000 Allied and US troops.

In the early morning hours of 28 April 1944, nine German torpedo boats (E-boats) moved into the area. Drawn in by heavier than normal radio traffic, the torpedo boats found themselves caught up in the midst of Operation Tiger. The German torpedoes hit their mark. One LST (landing ship tank) was seriously crippled. Another burst into flames, trapping many of the victims below deck. Finally, a third sank immediately, sending hundreds of US soldiers and sailors to their watery grave.

The casualties from Operation Tiger are difficult to pin down because of incomplete information. The major numbers in the operation came from the sinking of LST 531 and LST 507. There were 290 survivors out of a contingent of 744 soldiers and 282 sailors on LST 531, and 13 dead and 22 wounded on LST 507. The total estimate, and the US Army records are possibly not complete, is there were 749 killed and more than

300 wounded. However, estimates go as high as nearly 1,000 men killed and 500 wounded. In addition, some casualties may not have been counted.

In addition to the ships being torpedoed, the E-boats fired their weapons (rockets) toward the landing area, on the beach, inflicting casualties on the landing troops. John P. Roza had left his ship in a landing craft (LCVP) in the early morning hours of 28 April 1944 and was in the process of landing his craft when the barrage began. His coxswain, Charles Sena and he were both wounded by the incoming bombardment. The coxswain suffered a wound to the throat and Roza was wounded in the leg and torso.

Roza administered first aid to the coxswain by wrapping a shirt around his exposed vocal cords and then drove the landing craft back to their ship. Upon arrival at the ship, Charles Sena was helped to sick bay by other crew members and Roza followed. The medics then attended to Roza's wounds, his right shoulder was bleeding due to a gash from shrapnel. The medics clamped the wound to stop the bleeding. The right shin area was not bleeding but he had a great deal of soreness in the leg. His left leg, two days later was very sore and he returned to sick bay. The medics said he had a large hematoma in the thigh area. The medics removed the liquid from the hematoma and Roza went back to duty. To this day, John Roza has a four inch scar on his right shoulder and the damage to his right leg has an area that never healed. Roza says that you can see the impression of where the object hit his leg. His right shoulder and right shin have given him pain since the day he was wounded.

Much later, Roza remembered that officers briefed the ship's crew, who were told the ship's company could not talk about or release any information concerning any incidents that happened during Operation Tiger. If they did, they would be punished under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. From that day on, Operation Tiger was never mentioned again. Thirty nine days later the USS Thomas Jefferson (APA 30) was involved in the Normandy Invasion and Roza was one of the first boots on Blue Beach, marking the beach for the incoming troops to proceed to their assault missions.

The USS Thomas Jefferson was initially a transport, but later was designated a President Jackson-class attack transport that was built for use in World War II. Its assigned task was transporting troops to and from the battle areas. She was a storied ship, nicknamed by her valiant crew "The Lucky TJ" because of her ability

to avoid disaster during combat. During World War II, she participated in six major invasions, including North Africa, Sicily, Salerno Bay, Normandy, Southern France and Okinawa. She was preparing for her seventh invasion on the Japanese mainland when the war ended. She received six battle stars for World War II service, and four for the Korean War. The ship was decommissioned on 18 July 1955 and sold for scrap on 1 March 1973. Many valiant men, 68 officers and 1,197 enlisted, served aboard her during WWII—including Chief Motor Machinist Mate John Pereira Roza Jr.

Fast forward to June 1987. Roza was leading a group of friends and family in Lisbon, Portugal. After dinner one evening, John was arranging for a cab back to the hotel since he spoke Portuguese. John sensed someone was staring at him and he turned to see a cab driver staring at him. John was wondering what was going on, and so

Wounded are brought aboard Exercise Tiger.

Source: Dr. Eugene Eckstam

<http://www.exercisetiger.org/>



he approached the cab driver and said, "Is there was a problem?" The driver replied, "I know you." John replied, "I think you are mistaken, I have never been to Portugal before." The driver said, "I will never forget your face! On D Day, June 6, 1944, you saved my life. You were on Utah Beach and you saw me in the water lying face down. You pulled me up and revived me before I headed inland. I was in the US Army."

The cab driver told John that after the war, he moved to Lisbon, Portugal, the homeland of his parents. John said he would never forget that emotional surprise after all those years. Yes, John did remember pulling the soldier out of the water. Life is sure full of wonderful surprises, and war often imprints forever the faces of strangers in one's mind. What a blessing that after all the years, a Soldier was able to thank the man who saved him.

When Roza returned to civilian life after the war, he returned home to San Luis Obispo County. John Roza had many civilian accomplishments and belonged to many service organizations including the Brotherhood of Elks, the Veteran of Foreign Wars (VFW), the American Legion, and the California State Sheriffs Association. He also attained the second highest ranking in the Masonic Lodge, 32nd degree Mason. John was Veteran of the Year for San Luis Obispo County, November 11, 2010 in a ceremony at the Faces of Freedom War Memorial, in Atascadero, California. Roza has led by example, he has demonstrated hard work, honesty, and he has lived a life of honor.

Roza never told or spoke of his war experiences until 2009, when a family member persuaded him to tell his story to an interviewer for the Library of Congress's Living History Program. His family and military friend's, then began to make the case for awarding him the Purple Heart as a testimony to an exceptional man doing exceptional acts in an exceptional time.

Ninety-six year old Chief Motor Machinist Mate, John P. Roza, USN (Fmr) served his country with courage, honor and distinction, and was honorably discharged at the end of World War II. In the appeal process, we discovered no medical records for that time exist. Two sworn affidavits from witnesses must be obtained for consideration of the award. John is now the sole survivor of the original crew of the USS Thomas Jefferson. He has one affidavit from a former crew member. However, that crew member has since passed away and chances of getting a second witness are nil.

On 30 October 2014, MOWW's Gen Vandenberg Chapter sponsored a WWII Veterans Tribute Luncheon in San Luis Obispo, CA. One hundred and two veterans attended, and each Veteran was introduced and honored—including CMoMM Roza.

The Gen Vandenberg Chapter attempted to assist in John Roza's quest by pursuing all avenues available to secure recognition and justice for him. Unfortunately, to date the chapter has not been successful—but that will not deter it from securing this deserved recognition. ★

Left: American troops landing on Slapton Sands in England during rehearsals for the invasion of Normandy.

Source: Library of Congress

Right: Another angle of the damage done to LST 289 from the Schnellboot attack

Source: EUCOM.mil



Capt Richard B. Hathcock, USA (Former), was commissioned Second Lieutenant of Infantry in 1959 (Army ROTC, UC Berkeley). He was Airborne/Ranger qualified in 1960, earned is Army Aviator wings in 1962 and was assigned to the 11th Armored Cavalry (Germany). He was then assigned to the 173rd

Airborne Brigade (Separate), Republic of South Vietnam, from 1965-1966. His decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross w/1 OLC, the Air Medal w/10 OLCs and the Bronze Star Medal. He retired as Captain from Western and Delta Airlines in April 2001 after 34 years of service and approximately 28,000 flight hours. He is currently the Commander, Gen Vandenberg Chapter, CA.



Carpe Momentum

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As the commanding general of an Army Reserve military police brigade, I had a gifted staff. Beside fine traditional Reservists, civilian technicians and Active/Guard Reservists (AGRs), I had a core group of exceptional active duty personnel—all thoroughly integrated into the brigade staff. The Military Police branch, as usual, had assigned highly experienced, qualified and motivated personnel to the organization.

My brigade executive officer was an active duty lieutenant colonel, the epitome of a professional Army officer and an experienced military policeman. He was a Vietnam veteran who was serving his final tour of duty on the brigade staff before retirement.

In such a position he had made his presence felt not only on the brigade staff but also within the headquarters of the higher Army Reserve Command (ARCOM) and the brigade's "go to war" major command, the US Third Army. Since I was a traditional Reservist, I needed a competent, full-time representative to work with both my assigned units and higher headquarters. He thus oversaw daily activities and various command relationships while executing my directives. At the same time, he played a key role in our training for combat military police operations—the focus of the brigade.

I came to rely heavily on him. We also became good friends. I took it as a great compliment when he once told me that the last three years with the brigade were the best of his long military career. As his retirement neared, I recommended him for a Legion of Merit for his truly outstanding service. The Army approved the award, but when told of it, he asked that the presentation occur several months after his official retirement so its presentation coincided with a close military friend receiving a similar award. No problem.

Nevertheless, we recognized him at a local post retirement ceremony. Based on his desires there was no plan to present him with the Legion of Merit at that time. Yet, it did not seem quite right that he should appear at this special event unbemedaled, so before the ceremony, on impulse I had stuck the medal in my pocket.

Then suddenly I seized the moment. I called my aide over to where he and I were waiting for him to join the group



of reviewing retirees. Standing there I had my aide read the award's citation. I dug the medal out of my pocket and pinned it on his blouse. Three days later, he had a heart attack and died. I was very glad I had seized the moment when I did.

Today, we have similar opportunities to seize the moment when we recognize Companions, chapters and communities in keeping with MOWW Strategic Goal 5. It is an opportunity we should not miss! ★



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The Battle for Long Island

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The War for Independence had, and still has, a substantial impact on the lives of all Americans. It established a nation and confirmed the American identity. The War for Independence brought about a transformation of American society. It was a conflict which was both a civil war and a revolution, and which highlighted how Americans would meet the challenges of adapting to the ideals of independence and Republicanism.



"Battle of Long Island,"
by Domenick D'Andrea.

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The war effected political reconstruction and brought economic self-sufficiency and expansion, but it also brought oppression of dissenting and ethnic minorities, broadened the divide between the affluent and the poor and, some say, strengthened the institution of slavery. However, let us focus on the climate of the first battle and its key elements.

Following the withdrawal of the British Army from Boston on 17 March 1776, American General Washington expected that British Army General Howe would attack New York. Thus, Washington marched much of his army south to New York City. In fact, the British had sailed north to Halifax in Nova Scotia. It was not until the summer of 1776 that Howe launched his attack on New York. The British fleet reached the entrance to the Hudson River on 29 June 1776 and Howe landed on Staten Island on 3 July. The Congress declared independence the next day.

English reinforcements began to arrive from Britain and British Major General Clinton arrived from his abortive foray to Charleston, South Carolina. Washington had built artillery batteries on Manhattan Island and Long Island to prevent the British fleet from penetrating past New York. Of his 18,000 men, Washington had positioned around 11,000 in fortifications on Brooklyn Heights, facing the sea and inland, to defend the approach to Manhattan. Washington had split his force. Major General Israel Putnam commanded the force on Long Island. Like many officers in the Continental Army, Putnam had served through the French and Indian Wars. He was a tough and popular man, but elderly and of limited ability in a high-ranking command.

Part of the American force held the fortified area along the East River shore with their backs to the river, while the main body took up positions along the high ground inland on Long Island known as the Heights of Guan or Gowanus Heights. This ridge, approximately four miles long, was rough terrain back then, and so provided for bad communications between American forces.

On 22 August, British forces landed on Long Island at Gravesend Bay to the south of the American fortifications and the Gowanus Heights. The British landed with 15,000 troops and forty cannon, and they landed quickly—within a matter of hours. One Continental Army officer remarked the landing appeared to be rehearsed.

During their nearly two months on Staten Island, The British did nothing but prepare for battle. They built flat bottom landing craft. When the time came, they crossed almost three miles of open water unopposed. As they marched, the British saw the affluence of Long Island. They saw the rich orchards, and the plentiful fields and crops. The British were even surprised to see lovely farm homes and estates. They saw all of this to be at the expense of the crown, and it only made them hold the Americans in even greater contempt. The British already considered Americans cowards and traitors.

In many ways, the British soldier then was not that much different from the Continental Army soldier. Of

course, the British troops were better trained and better equipped. They were thought to be the greatest Army on the face of the earth during this period.

However, most of the British troops were from rural areas of the British Isles, just as the American soldiers were from rural areas. The British Army had not seen combat for more than a decade prior to this action. Many of the British soldiers at the time were not combat veterans. However, the British soldier had regulations, and therefore discipline. The Americans had nothing of the sort until Valley Forge when Major General Baron von Steuben made warriors out of them. The Army was a way of life to the British soldier. Just like today, the loyalty of the British soldier to his regiment was paramount and thus, very strong. However, in the final analysis, we know the reason soldiers fight is for each other.

Because of this landing, there was great misinformation and disorder. We all know the term “rabble” was applied to the American Army at the time. In this case, the American Army was a rabble, and it was especially unprepared and unruly. The Americans had a disregard for authority (likely due in large measure to British rule) and they did not take the potential for military operations seriously. The Americans had never experienced the horrors of battle. The British, on the other hand, were professional soldiers.

In addition, Washington had no cavalry, spies or informants. The British had all of these—including loyalists. Washington’s inexperienced staff told him that the landing was a feint. He believed his staff when it told him that the main effort would be Manhattan. In addition, Washington knew the British force that was landing was only 8,000 or 9,000 troops. Washington initially dispatched 1,500 troops. As the operational

picture became clearer to the Continental Army leadership, more forces crossed the east river into Brooklyn. Suffice it to say, the American’s initial response was not decisive.

In the middle of the night, four days after the landing on 26 August, the main body of British troops began their attack by marching northeast along the line of high ground held by the Americans. The British marched their 10,000 troops more than nine miles through Jamaica Pass—a six hour forced road march with full battle gear. Their column was two miles long.

With loyalist farmers to guide them, the British assault force made its way to the pass and crept into the rear area of the American forces without detection. Information, including excellent British reconnaissance, revealed that the most northern of the three roads across the high ground was unguarded. The British even used deception in conjunction with their offensive. They left their tents and campfires in the plains to the south of the American positions so the Americans would think they were still encamped. The signal to attack was an opening volley of British artillery on American targets. The first battle of the American Revolution began at approximately 9:00 AM on 27 August 1776. The Americans were already outflanked.

Howe took his British regulars over the road and attacked the left and center of the American divisions commanded by American Major General Sullivan and Colonel Chester, respectively. In complementary maneuver, German Hessians under Lieutenant General von Heister attacked in front. Sullivan’s troops had to leave their positions in the center of the American lines with much loss and retreat behind the main Brooklyn fortifications. Chester’s troops on the American’s left flank were nearly surrounded and annihilated.



Detail from “The 33rd Regiment of Foot Guards”

Source:
grisdalefamily.wordpress.com





On 28 August, Washington brought reinforcements from New York, but with the increasing threat from the Royal Navy, he withdrew from Brooklyn on 29 August. With the help of boatmen from Massachusetts and under the cover of darkness, Washington escaped Brooklyn with approximately 9,000 troops during the night of 29 August, crossing the East River back into Manhattan.

When the British attacked the redoubts the next day, the fortifications were empty. Howe failed to interfere with the withdrawal. Severe weather may have played a role. On 15 September, Washington retreated from New York. Again, Howe failed to interfere with that withdrawal. Howe lost the opportunity to capture or destroy Washington and much of the Continental Army. Washington executed a fighting withdrawal to the Delaware River where he later wintered at Valley Forge. British casualties on Long Island were around 400 while the Americans lost around 2,000 and several cannon. The Battle of Long Island was a resounding American defeat.

The Battle of Long Island and the subsequent loss of New York was the worst period of the war for Washington and the American cause of liberty. Afterwards, morale in parts of the Continental Army collapsed and whole companies deserted. Yet, in the final analysis, it is the mark of a truly great leader, a great Army, and a strong and determined nation to recover from such a disaster ... and prevail. ★

“Battle of Long Island”

Follow link for interactive map:
http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/c/ce/Battle_of_Long_Island%2C_1776.svg

On the right of the American position, British Commanders Lieutenant General Clinton and Major General Grant had attacked with a smaller force. American Major General Lord Stirling (also known as William Alexander) and his American forces resisted for some hours until the British appeared in their rear from the other flank. His force then fell back to the fortified line as well. The situation was grim for the Americans. However, Maryland troops volunteered to stay. They not only continued to defend Long Island, they attacked headlong into the redcoats. They almost broke through. General Washington sadly and admirably remarked, “Good God, what brave fellows I must lose.”

The Marylanders covered the withdrawal of the Continental forces back to Brooklyn Heights’ revetments on Brooklyn Heights. By doing so, the Marylanders saved the day. This is why Maryland is the “Old Line State.” It was America’s first battle, The Battle of Long Island, where General Smallwood’s “Maryland Line” withstood the onslaught of the British invaders. Marylanders gave this infant nation and her fledgling Army a chance to live and fight another day.



COL Tuomey (a Citadel graduate), commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Artillery, served in a variety of active duty and Reserve assignments. He retired in 2012. His last assignment was Commander, Army Reserve Element (DLA). His prior assignment was Commander, Support Brigade, which deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan in 2009. He earlier served on the Army

War College and National Defense University faculties. Previous commands were in transportation, artillery and recruiting areas. His staff assignments include duty at HQ, US Army Recruiting Command and HQ, 85th Division (Exercise). Since retiring, he worked for the Daley Administration (Chicago) and was a consultant on nuclear non-proliferation (Department of Energy). For the last twelve years, Colonel Tuomey has worked as a civilian in force development (Army Staff (G-8), Pentagon). His education includes the Joint Forces Staff College and the Army War College. He holds a MPA/Public Policy (Illinois Institute of Technology) and a Master of Strategic Studies (Army War College).



Apache Trails' 22ND MOC

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On 5 December 2014, the Apache Trail Chapter 207 held its 22nd Annual Massing of Colors in partnership with Marcos de Niza High School's JROTC Program.

Twenty-two color guards representing all of the US Armed Forces, Senior and Junior ROTC units, and civic and patriotic organizations paraded their colors before an appreciative audience of approximately 350 people in the Marcos de Niza High School Gymnasium in Tempe, AZ.

The Marcos de Niza Wind Ensemble played martial music prior to the ceremony. They also played each Service's song during the ceremony. Musician Mason Pakshe beautifully played Taps.

Companion CW4 Robert Delker, USA (Ret), presented MOWW Certificates to SFC Peter McBroom (Army Instructor) and to the Colonial Color Guard Members (Lupita Escobedo, Devany Dellis, Jacob Harold, and William Deike) for presenting the Colors at the recent Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.



In addition, the Marcos de Niza Chamber Singers sang the National Anthem. Chaplain-Deacon Joseph Spadafino delivered the Invocation, the Blessing of the Colors, and the Benediction.

Marcos de Niza High School JROTC cadets conducted a very moving POW/MIA Remembrance Table Observance. The cadets were Amanda Villarreal, Chris Revetta, and Marcus Organek. This solemn ceremony brought a tear to everyone's eye.

Surprise attendees—COL Ricardo Morales and CSM David Osborne, the Commander and the Command Sergeant Major of the 5th Brigade, US Army Cadet Command, Ft. Sam Houston, TX, respectively—added to the pageantry of the event.

After this wonderful event, the JROTC Parent Support Group provided a reception for the cadets and guests. An anonymous Companion hosted a breakfast immediately afterwards for all organizational representatives. ★



A Chapter On The Move

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"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."
—President John Quincy Adams

1. BELIEVE YOU CAN ACHIEVE GOALS

We cannot keep doing what we did in the past and expect it to work. So let me share with you what we are doing in the Atlanta Chapter that is working. We know it is working because MOWW's Atlanta Chapter is definitely a chapter on the move!

The MOWW Atlanta Chapter's attendance was down to just 12 Companions last summer and fall. I took over in the fall as Commander. In the last two meetings, we had 27 attendees in January and 35 attendees in March! My goal as commander is to hit 100 attendees at a meeting.

2. CREATE STRONG CHAPTER PROGRAMS

A good draw to bring people to a chapter meeting is having a strong program and speaker. For the January meeting we had COL Drew Early, JAG, USA (Ret), who has been one of the most successful attorneys suing the VA. His presentation generated a lot of questions. In March, we had Dr. (LT) Amy Stevens, USN (Ret). She is a nationally recognized and a published expert on women's issues in the military and the VA.

We are lining up Senator Johnny Isakson (Chairman, Senate Veteran Affairs Committee) and Ambassador Andrew Young (a former mayor of Atlanta). Strong programs organized and promoted by the leadership group draws people to the meetings. We publicize the meetings in the newsletter, with other veteran service organizations and through our personal networks.

3. BUILD A DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP TEAM

After assuming the job as Commander of the Chapter, I reviewed who we had in leadership positions. As with any volunteer organization, some were not really committed or willing to do the things needed. Consequently, I gave them a sterling opportunity to seek alternative forms of volunteerism and put in people willing to work. The

Atlanta Chapter now has a good core group of leaders working as a team—and they are driving results.

A Commander cannot do all the work. The Commander needs to organize, delegate and assign work, then follow up to ensure things are done as required, on time. If someone is not doing their job, the Commander is obligated to replace the individual with someone who will do the job.

4. KNOW YOUR CHAPTER'S COMPANIONS

After taking over as Commander, we began working on our existing membership list. Bonnie Jones (wife of Companion CAPT Harley Jones) is verifying all the information. Some had passed away; others had moved. The good news: we are now working off a membership list with current emails. (She is also providing HQ MOWW that information using the MOWW website's online MOWW Form 5 ("Membership Update") so HQ MOWW can update the MOWW Membership Database.) That is the basis of our direct Chapter outreach.

Next, through our newsletter and phone calls, we encouraged every member to bring a guest. Guests do not pay for their lunches on their first visit. Through this "bring a guest effort," in the last two meetings we inducted three new Companions: CDR Jim Rogers (Navy), and LTC Dave Hofstetter, USA (Ret), and COL Lee Pence (Army). We now have five potential members in the pipeline. We will expand this. *I want to get to where we are inducting three new members at each meeting. More would be better!*



5. RECRUIT ANY ELIGIBLE PERSON

In our recruiting efforts, the leadership group is encouraging every Companion to talk up MOWW with any eligible person they meet. As an example, I ran into



a retired Army colonel at a Wendy's Restaurant. He will attend our next meeting—and he is a strong potential member.

6. GIVE EVERY COMPANION A REAL JOB

To keep people involved, the leadership group assigns jobs to each member who will accept the responsibility.

A classic example is COL Bill Coleman who we moved to Junior Vice but who also runs the Girl Scout outreach program. Through his efforts, we have awarded 125 Girl Scout Gold Award Certificates! Another Companion is working the Boy Scout side and will be delivering over a hundred Eagle Scout awards.

As the Chapter grows, we will be able to eliminate dual hatting of responsibilities.



7. BUILD BROAD PARTICIPATION

We are also getting every member of the Chapter to participate in the high school ROTC Award of Merit Program. Companion Linda Ebert is doing an outstanding job of coordinating presentations to nearly 100 high schools—with more schools signing up every week. The presentations run from April through May, giving every Companion many opportunities to participate and serve.

By the way, JROTC instructors are a great pool of potential members. CDR Jim Rogers is a NROTC high school instructor who joined due to our outreach.

8. BE CONNECTED TO SENIOR LEADERSHIP

The Atlanta Chapter is fortunate to have the Region V Commander and Vice-Commander as Companions in our Chapter. Staying in close contact with a chapter's Region Commander is important to a Chapter Commander for support, ideas and communications. It is good to have COL Beasley (Commander, Region V) and COL Buchanan (Vice-Commander) ... they have both been of great assistance to me as a Chapter commander.

COL Brad Beasley proved going after active duty officers—especially young active duty officers—can

work. Due to COL Beasley's efforts, MOWW now has a new chapter in the Fayetteville, NC, area!

If you wonder how he did it, he visited the base, started talking to a bunch of officers, found some good leaders and developed a team, and they organized the chapter. *He displayed great operational leadership and initiative.*

9. WANT IT, AND YOU WILL ACHIEVE IT

Here's the point: Companions CAN grow their chapters. It bothers me when I read emails from people talking about how hard it is to get new members. In reality, it is not hard. Getting new members is basic sales. The reason sales people fail is fear of rejection. Get over it.

Go ask people to join. Give them a reason to join. Give them a responsibility once they join.

Following this prescription, all chapters should be able to grow. As we are demonstrating in Atlanta, it works. Region V Commander COL Beasley made it work in NC. We can make it work everywhere else. If we all get out there and talk-up MOWW, if we ASK people to attend and join, and we follow-through, MOWW will have a very secure future.

10. GO FOR IT!

As I have pointed out in earlier emails to many, there are plenty of qualified officers and hereditary members available in the United States population. However, Companions must go to them, and talk to them, and bring them to the meetings. Let's go for it! ★



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Newsletters in the Cloud

LTC DON B. MUNSON, USA (RET)

CHAIR, INFORMATION & PUBLICITY COMMITTEE | MOWW

Chapter newsletters are now stored in the “Cloud,” and are linked to MOWW’s website!

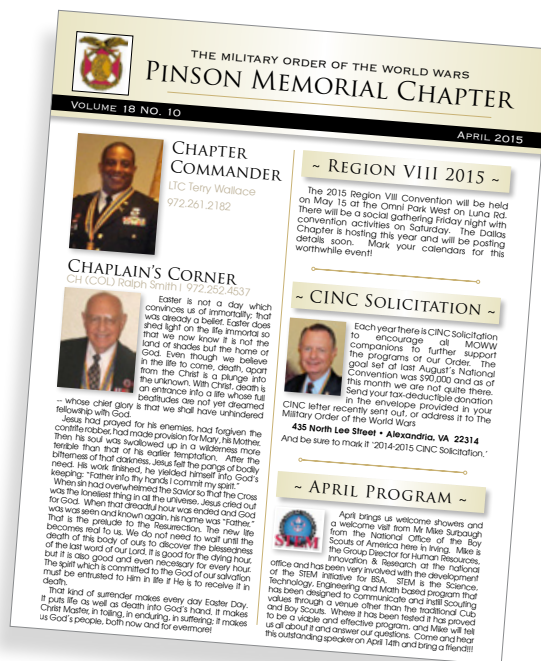
Welcome to the 21st Century, where everyone is “on the Net.” OK ... I am still not sure about Facebook™. However, I readily admit it has allowed millions of people to “reconnect” with former classmates, comrades, friends, and yes, even family. Likewise, I know LinkedIn™ is great for professional networking.

That led me to think how the internet is used as a source of information for groups and individuals, including for organizations with common goals and ideals—MOWW, for example. Then, a friend showed me how to load files into a Dropbox™ account. Immediately, the light went on! Here was the vehicle I was searching for!

As national Chair, Information & Publicity Committee, fellow committee members and I oversee the Order’s information and activities efforts (e.g., the “MOWW News Release Guide”), including the chapter newsletter program, and sharing those things with the membership. Sharing ideas on ways to improve our communications with the most valuable targets of our Order—chapter Companions and community members—directly supports MOWW Strategic Goal 3, “Raise MOWW’s national and local visibility.” Newsletters are an invaluable informational, advertising and recruiting tool.

Dropbox™ provides an opportunity (and a place) where we can collect newsletters from every MOWW chapter and make them available for any Companion to read.

Brig Gen Art Morrill, our Chief-of-Staff, is a champion of exchanging ideas, best practices and more. Accordingly, he collaborated with me and so we now have a hyperlink on the MOWW website (www.moww.org, “Companions Only”) that allows all Companions to quickly access the collection of chapter newsletters participating to date.



Simply go to the MOWW website, scroll down to the bottom of the home page, click on “Companions Only,” log in, and you will see the newsletter link on the left: “CHAPTER NEWSLETTERS.” If your chapter’s Newsletter Editor is not sharing your newsletter with the Chief of Staff and me, please ask your editor to do so. My email is don.munson@tx.rr.com, and the Chief’s email is chiefstaff@moww.org.

Try it. You will enjoy seeing photos in “Chapters in Action,” and learn what is happening in chapters from Maine to Hawaii and from Puerto Rico to Oregon. ★



LTC Don Munson, USA (Ret), is a graduate of Tulane University. His assignments included Commander, US Army Airborne School (1st Battalion, 507th Infantry); Director, Army Ranger Department, and; Political-Military Analyst (OJCS). His awards include the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross (V), 2 Bronze Stars (V), and the Purple Heart. In retirement, he has been an Advisor to the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia; to the Ministry of Defense, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and; to the US Ambassador, Baghdad.



Serve in a National Office

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

The 2015 MOWW Convention is coming in August 2015. 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 an elected leadership role or by volunteering for an appointed position.



"It is Nobler to Serve" | Become a candidate for national office

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

ELECTED POSITION CANDIDATES (TO DATE)

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:
LTC Ruth L. Hamilton, USA (Ret)

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:
COL Clay C. Le Grande, Jr., USA (Ret)

VICE COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF (4):
LTC John H. Hollywood, Jr., USA (Ret)
Col David R. Gibson, USAF (Ret)
MG Donald L. Jacka, USA (Ret)
COL Brad Beasley, USA (Ret)

TREASURER GENERAL:
Brig Gen Andrew M. Veronis, USAF (Ret)

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL:
COL Earle R. Lasseter, USA (Ret)

SURGEON GENERAL:
CPT (DR) Robert E. Mallin, USA (Fmr)

CHAPLAIN GENERAL:
COL William K. Brock, USA (Ret)

HISTORIAN GENERAL:
LTC Arthur B. Fowler, USA (Ret)

GENERAL STAFF OFFICERS—ELECTED (AT-LARGE, 5):
LTC William E. Rapp, USA (Ret)
LTC Don B. Munson, USA (Ret)
Lt Col Sheldon A. Goldberg, USAF (Ret)
Col Clark J. Kholos, USAF (Ret)
Maj Robert J. Williams, USAF (Ret)

APPOINTED POSITION CANDIDATES (TO DATE)

ASSISTANT TREASURER GENERAL:
CDR Robert F. Hartman, Jr., USN (Ret)

ASSISTANT JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL:
MAJ Andrew J. Rodnite, USA (Fmr)

ASSISTANT SURGEON GENERAL:
COL S. John Widden, MD, PhD, USA (Ret)

ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN GENERAL:
VACANT

ASSISTANT HISTORIAN GENERAL:
PCINC COL Jack Jones, USA (Ret)

GENERAL STAFF OFFICERS—APPOINTED (AT LARGE, 5):
LTC Jorge L. Mas, USA (Ret)
MAJ Ronald W. Jones, USA (Ret)
COL Arthur N. Tulak, USA (Ret)
Sheila G. Turpin, HPM
Maj Robert J. Williams, USAF (Ret)

See you at the 2015 MOWW Convention!





2015 MOWW CONVENTION | AGENDA

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PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY, 4 AUGUST 2015

TIME	EVENT	ATTENDEES
0800-1050	PRE-CONVENTION EXCOM	EXCOM MEMBERS
1100-1120	BOARD OF TRUSTEES	TRUSTEES/TG/CS
1200-1250	LUNCH AS DESIRED	
1300-1350	BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING	COMMITTEE MEMBERS
1400-1650	COUNCIL OF AREA COMMANDERS (CAC)	CAC MEMBERS
1500-1650	PATRIOTIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE (PEI)	PEI MEMBERS

WEDNESDAY, 5 AUGUST 2015

TIME	EVENT	ATTENDEES
0900-TBD	TOUR 1: MOWW GOLF TOURNEY ROGERS PARK G. C. (0900 TEE-OFF)	ALL CONFEREES
0900-1200	TOUR 2: THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM	ALL CONFEREES
1300-1600	TOUR 3: TAMPA MUSEUM OF ART + TAMPA BAY HISTORY CENTER	ALL CONFEREES
1630-1720	HANN-BUSWELL MEMORIAL CHAPTER MEETING	CHAPTER MEMBERS
1800-2100	WELCOME BUFFET (HOST: COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF)	ALL CONFEREES

CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY, 6 AUGUST 2015

TIME	EVENT	ATTENDEES
0930-1200	TOUR 4: THE HENRY B. PLANT MUSEUM	SPOUSES/GUESTS
0630-0830	PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF COUNCIL	PAST CINCS & GUESTS
0800-0930	WORKSHOP NATIONAL & HOMELAND SECURITY, AND LAW & ORDER	ALL CONFEREES
1000-1130	WORKSHOP RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS	ALL CONFEREES
1200-1250	LUNCH AS DESIRED	
1300-1430	WORKSHOP CHAPTER COMMANDER COURSE	ALL CONFEREES
1500-1630	WORKSHOP SCOUTING (BSA & GS-USA)	ALL CONFEREES
1700-1830	COMMANDERS' CALL (HOST: CINC)	ALL CONFEREES

FRIDAY, 7 AUGUST 2015

TIME	EVENT	ATTENDEES
0800-0840	WORKSHOP PATRIOTIC EDUCATION	ALL CONFEREES
0900-1030	WORKSHOP MEMBERSHIP	ALL CONFEREES
1130-1320	MOWW AWARDS LUNCHEON	ALL CONFEREES
1430-1500	TELLER ORIENTATION (NOM CMTE)	TELLERS
1430-1510	NATIONAL CANDIDATE PRESENTATIONS	ALL CONFEREES
1520-1700	TELLER SUPPORT MEETING (NOM CMTE)	TELLERS
1520-1700	DELEGATE VOTING (NOM CMTE)	NOM CMTE DEL
1800-1900	HANN-BUSWELL CHAPTER COCKTAILS	MEMBERS/GUESTS
1900-2100	HANN-BUSWELL CHAPTER DINNER	MEMBERS/GUESTS

SATURDAY, 8 AUGUST 2015

TIME	EVENT	ATTENDEES
1000-1400	TOUR 5: INTERNATIONAL PLAZA & BAY STREET	SPOUSES/GUESTS
0730-0830	MEMORIAL SERVICE	ALL CONFEREES
0900-1150	CONVENTION BUSINESS SESSION	ALL CONFEREES
1200-1250	LUNCH AS DESIRED	
1300-1530	CONVENTION GENERAL STAFF MEETING	ALL CONFEREES
1600-1650	NON-DENOMINATIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE	AS DESIRED
1800-1850	CINC RECEIVING LINE & RECEPTION	ALL CONFEREES
1900-2100	CINC BANQUET	ALL CONFEREES

POST-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, 9 AUGUST 2015

TIME	EVENT	ATTENDEES
0800-1150	POST-CONVENTION EXCOM	EXCOM MEMBERS
0800-0950	EXCOM SPOUSE/GUEST BREAKFAST	EXCOM SPOUSE/GUEST

NOTE 1 | CORE ACTIVITIES

NOTE 2 | WORKSHOP ALL CONFEREES ATTEND

NOTE 3 | ALL COMMANDERS ATTEND

➔ Hospitality Room: 248

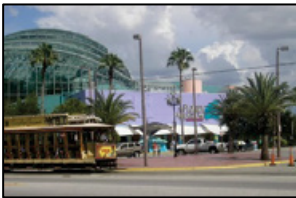
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TOUR 1 (Wed, 5 Aug 15, Tee-Off 0900)

Rogers Park Golf Club. Rogers Park Golf Course is only 20 minutes from downtown Tampa. The Hillsborough River surrounds the 160-acre golf facility on three sides, which offers isolation from the area's hustle and bustle. Built in 1952, this beautiful 18-hole golf course offers a serene adventure and a great golfing experience for golfers of all skill levels. Dress Code: Proper golf attire. **Cost/person: \$50.00**



TOUR 2 (Wed, 5 Aug 15, 0900-1200)

The Florida Aquarium. The aquarium is a large scale, 250K square-foot aquarium having 20,000 aquatic plants and animals. Exhibits include a large simulated wetlands exhibit under a tall glass atrium, a simulated beach, a coral reef community in a 500K gallon tank, and a new exhibit, Ocean Commotion. **Cost/person: \$30.00**



TOUR 3 (Wed, 5 Aug, 0900-1200)

Tampa Museum of Art & Tampa Bay History Center. The Museum offers modern & contemporary art, and Greek, Roman & Etruscan antiquities. The History Center depicts the area's first inhabitants, historical figures, and a 1920s cigar store. **Cost/person: \$30.00**



TOUR 4 (Sat, 8 Aug, 0900-1200)

The Henry B. Plant Museum. The museum was formerly the Tampa Bay Hotel) was a 500+ room resort hotel opened in 1891 by Henry B. Plant. The museum's exhibits focus on Gilded Age tourism, the elite lifestyle of the hotel's guests, and the building's use during the Spanish-American War. **Cost/person: \$30.00**



Tour 5 (Sun, 9 Aug, 0900-1200)

International Plaza and Bay Street. This popular attraction is a large upscale shopping mall and a vibrant open-air extension of the International Plaza shopping center, respectively. It offers a many diverse restaurants, bars, jazz clubs and boutique shops targeted at the more mature consumer. **Cost/person: 20.00**



MOWW BYLAWS: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

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

Proposed Amendments

The Constitution & Bylaws Committee received two proposed amendments to the MOWW Constitution and Bylaws. After deliberation and coordination with the submitters and other MOWW committees, etc., the Committee voted to forward both proposals to the General Staff for its consideration and vote during the 2015 MOWW Convention Business Session.

1. *Proposed Bylaws Amendment:* *Establish a standing, national* *Veterans Affairs Committee.*

Submitter. MG Donald L. Jacka, Jr., USAR (Ret);
Commander, Kansas Department (Region XI)

Current language. None.

Proposed Language. Add “Veterans Affairs Committee” to the list of standing national committees in Article VII (Committees and Councils), Section 1 (Standing National Committees).

Rational. PCINC Deborah Kash established the ad hoc Veterans Outreach Committee in 2013 to determine the level of involvement of chapters, state, department and regions activities in veterans outreach. Data was collected and collated via questionnaires as to activities done in the veteran's affair and outreach area. CINC John Hayes directed MG Jacka to submit the proposal to add a new standing committee. Additionally, MG Jacka compiled substantial background information, which supports this proposal. The complete background, including a reference to MOWW's Preamble, is available from the Constitution & Bylaws Committee.

Committee Recommendation. The Constitution & Bylaws Committee supports the proposed amendment. Consequently, it will forward the proposed amendment to the General Staff for its consideration and vote during the Business Session of the 2015 MOWW Convention.

The Constitution & Bylaws Committee also notes approval of this proposed amendment will require the Chief of Staff to adjust the MOWW Policy Manual.

2. *Proposed Bylaws Amendment:* *Update IRS Filing & HQ MOWW* *Certification guidance.*

Submitter. LTC Michael L. Wilgen, USA (Ret);
Commander, Region III

Current language. MOWW Bylaws, Article I (Finances), Section 10 (IRS Tax Filing and HQ MOWW Certification), Paragraphs A.-B.

- A. “Each “subordinate organization” or “sub-element” (in IRS parlance) of The Military Order (the “parent organization”) with an Employer Identification Number (EIN) or Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) shall conform to the requirements for tax-exempt status under the provisions of Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Code 501(c)(19). Commanders will ensure all chapters and other applicable sub-elements will have an Employer Identification Number (EIN), and will annually file with the IRS and certify with HQ MOWW. Such subordinate organizations shall annually report their compliance (e.g., their successful IRS Form 990-N, e-Postcard filing) to MOWW Headquarters MOWW in accordance with MOWW Policy between the end of the National MOWW's tax year and 60 days later.
- B. The Headquarters MOWW of The Military Order of the World Wars will not remit funds to any chapter, etc., unless receiving proof NLT 60 days after the tax year ended that the sub-element successfully filed with the IRS, and annually certified online with HQ MOWW (www.moww.org, MOWW Form 9).



- 1) Any subordinate organization's failure to file before 60 days after the end of any just-concluded MOWW tax year will result in the delinquent MOWW sub-element forfeiting all funds due and payable in the subsequent MOWW fiscal year.
- 2) Payments shall not be made after the last day of the sub-element's fiscal year in which the payment was due. The Chief of Staff will deposit non-distributed funds into the MOWW Endowment Fund.
- 3) In certain circumstances, e.g., severe medical illnesses, death, or resignation or transfer of the chapter commander and treasurer, the Treasurer General may consider an extension request submitted in writing. The Treasurer General may approve or disapprove such requests on a case-by-case basis."

Proposed Language. Replace MOWW Bylaws, Article I, Section 10, Paragraphs A.-B., with the following:

A. "The Military Order of the World Wars (i.e., the "Parent Organization") and all chapters (AKA "sub-elements") shall have an Employer Identification Number (EIN). Other MOWW sub-elements, e.g., Regions, may also have an EIN.

- 1) Each "sub-element" (in IRS parlance) of the Military Order (the "parent organization") with an EIN or Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) shall conform to the requirements for tax-exempt status under the provisions of Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Code 501(c) (19).
- 2) All chapters and other sub-element having an EIN shall successfully file annually with the IRS using online IRS Form 990-N (e-Postcard), or using other IRS Forms, as appropriate. If e-Postcards are used, sub-elements must email a copy of the IRS email saying the IRS sub-element successfully filed to the MOWW Treasurer General NLT 60 days after the end of their respective tax year.
- 3) All chapters and each sub-element with an EIN shall annually conduct an internal Annual Financial Review and submit an online MOWW Form 9 ("IRS Reporting Certification") using the MOWW website NLT 60 days after the conclusion of each sub-element tax year.

B. Headquarters MOWW will not send funds to any chapter until receiving proof the subordinate organization has successfully filed with the IRS and annually certified with HQ MOWW as outlined above, NLT 60 days after the end of each respective sub-elements tax year.

- 1) Any subordinate organization's failure to file annually before 60 days after the end of any just-concluded tax year will result in the delinquent MOWW sub-element forfeiting all funds due and payable in the subsequent MOWW fiscal year. Payments shall not be made after the last day of the MOWW Fiscal Year in which the payment was due.
- 2) The sub-element's tax year will be the MOWW tax year (i.e., 1 July through 30 June of the following year, unless otherwise notified in writing by the respective sub-element.
- 3) The Chief of Staff shall deposit non-distributed funds into the MOWW Endowment Fund."

Rational. Regarding changes to Paragraph A, the amendment should eliminate any misunderstanding that filing with IRS Form 990-N is an IRS requirement and should be completed NLT 60 days after the end of their tax year. Some sub elements have a different tax year and are to file after the end of their tax year. MOWW Form 9 "IRS Reporting Certification requires other compliance items to maintain non-profit status. Regarding the rationale for amending Paragraph B., amending the lead sentence in paragraph B clarifies that both filing with the IRS and certifying with HQ MOWW are required before subordinate organizations are eligible to be remitted funds.

Committee Recommendation. The Constitution & Bylaws Committee and the Finance Committee supports the proposed amendment. Consequently, the Constitution & Bylaws Committees will forward the proposed amendment to the General Staff for its consideration and vote during the Business Session of the 2015 MOWW Convention.

The Constitution & Bylaws Committee also notes approval of this proposed amendment will require the Chief of Staff to adjust the MOWW Policy Manual.



IRS Filing: Prepare Now

BRIG GEN ANDREW M. VERONIS, USAF (RET)
TREASURER GENERAL, MOWW

The Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) is a 501c(19) tax-exempt organization. Its Regions, Departments, States and Chapters are sub-elements.

Command Responsibility

- Timely, annual Federal income tax filing and certification with HQ MOWW/TG of the same is a command responsibility assigned to all levels of command in MOWW.
- Commanders may delegate the authority to file and certify to their respective treasurer, for example, however commanders always retain the responsibility for this requirement's timely accomplishment.

PREPARATION

- *TO FILE ONLINE WITH THE IRS, FILERS NEED TWO THINGS—AN ACTIVE SUB-ELEMENT EIN AND AN IRS WEBSITE PASSWORD:*
 - *IRS WEBSITE UserID. YOUR SUB-ELEMENT'S EIN IS YOUR UserID WHEN YOU FILE ONLINE WITH THE IRS.*
 - *IRS WEBSITE PASSWORD. SUB-ELEMENT FILERS CREATE THEIR PASSWORD. FILERS SHOULD MAINTAIN THEIR PASSWORD (AND UserID) IN THE SUB-ELEMENT'S PERMANENT RECORDS).*
- *NOTE: THE IRS ASSIGNS ALL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS (EINS). THEY CAN BECOME INACTIVE IF SUB-ELEMENTS DO NOT FILE IN THREE OR MORE YEARS. IN SUCH CASES, SUB-ELEMENTS ARE NOT TAX-FREE UNTIL THEY WORK WITH THE IRS TO RESTORE THEIR EIN TO ACTIVE STATUS.*

BYLAWS Requirements

- All MOWW chapters are MOWW, Inc., sub-elements and so must have active EINs and annually file with the IRS and certify with MOWW/TG.
- Other non-chapter MOWW sub-elements, e.g., regions, having an EIN must also file and certify to maintain their tax-exempt status as a MOWW organization (sub-element).
- The MOWW Bylaws (Article I, Section 10) says MOWW sub-elements (e.g., chapters, others) that fail to successfully file with the IRS and certify with HQ MOWW from 1 Jul-30 Sep annually will result in the applicable MOWW sub-element not being eligible to receive an annual PM Fund dividend.

Command Oversight

- Each chapter and region commander should oversee and track IRS reporting, and the HQ MOWW certification annually to ensure full compliance within their respective chapter or region, as outlined above.
- As part of this responsibility, region commanders will ensure all commanders within their respective region receive, understand and comply with MOWW's filing and certification policy.





We Make a Difference

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

The Military Order of the World Wars has over 8,300 Companions. However, we do not contact many Companions on a regular basis, personally invite them to attend chapter meetings, or personally help them to be active in chapter activities.

By changing this paradigm, i.e., by increasing our personal contact with fellow Companions, we can tangibly support each other ... and we directly help MOWW achieve Strategic Goal 1: increase new membership by increasing involvement of current members. If we do that, we serve communities and youth better.

BACKGROUND

Remember when you recruited a wonderful Companion? What did you do or say to attract them, and motivate them to be Companions?

When they showed interest in becoming a Companion, did you talk with them? Did you ask about their background and accomplishments? Did you ask what they hoped to gain from membership in MOWW?

Were you concerned about how you might best support them to learn, grow, and excel in our Military Order? Did you engage them in conversations about their volunteering goals, and help them achieve those goals?

RE-RECRUITING

Re-recruitment is a similar process, conducted with Companions who are already MOWW members, but who either do not have a chapter job or are not involved at all. Old hands and relatively new Companions all deserve our attention and a re-check of their relationship with MOWW. Everyone wants to feel valued.

Ask about their experiences within MOWW. "What was learned?" "What was accomplished?" Talk about expectations not yet met. Explore interests in learning new skills, or assuming new and different responsibilities. You just may discover opportunities to strengthen bonds with a fellow Companion.

GETTING TO CARNEGIE HALL

Remember the old joke:

- A visitor to New York City asks a resident, "How do I get to Carnegie Hall"
- The NYC resident replies, "Practice, practice, practice."

It is the same for increasing involvement, i.e., just re-recruit, re-recruit, re-recruit.

Re-recruiting means maintaining personal contact with every Companion in the chapter, every month. To hard? Nope. Take a little work? Yep. Here is how the MG Critz Chapter does it:



CALL CAPTAIN LIST

FROM-TO	CALL CAPTAIN	TELEPHONE
A thru B	Call Captain Name	CC Phone #
C thru F	Call Captain Name	CC Phone #
G thru H	Call Captain Name	CC Phone #
I thru K	Call Captain Name	CC Phone #
L thru M	Call Captain Name	CC Phone #
N thru Sc	Call Captain Name	CC Phone #
Sd thru Z	Call Captain Name	CC Phone #

RE-RECRUITING

To instigate personal contact and camaraderie. To engage. To renew interest and restore involvement. To promote contact and companionship among all Companions.



Water, Water, All Around

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

One of the most common but poorly distributed things on earth is water. Yet ... water is an irreplaceable part of us—about 60 percent of us. In fact, water reflects our salt-water origins. We cannot do without water for long (plus or minus 10 days), especially since there is no back up on which we can draw. The Mayo Clinic says men should consume three liters a day and women should consume 2.2 liters a day. This corrects for average height, medium climate etc.

It seems wise to regulate our intake by just drinking when we are thirsty! Without food, we last around a month, using fat and muscle tissue as a backup. Not only does water keep us from dehydration, it also makes up blood—with some red blood cells. Water replacement from sweating should involve salt or electrolyte water (Gatorade™) to sustain us. Scientists corrected a Peanuts cartoon when Charlie Brown encouraged his team to drink water vs. an electrolyte-fortified solution.

WATER IS OUR FRIEND

To say water is our friend is an understatement. Nature reminds us of our need with thirst. Ingested fluids supply most needs, although soups, vegetables etc., support other needs. Eat tomatoes, melons etc. Water lubricates your joints, controls body temperature, and protects the spine and brain. Water carries off waste products in urine, sweat, breathing and bowel functions. More water is needed with a fever, in hot climates (in Vietnam, 5 gallons a day was need until troopers acclimated to the heat.), and when exercising. You should swill down 16-17 ounces of H₂O before starting exercising and frequently during your session.

DRINK WATER INSTEAD OF SUGAR BEVERAGES

Drinking water instead of sugar beverages can save 240 calories a day—although soft drinks are more popular than water. Water however, is second. Water with meals is more healthful, saves money, aids weight loss (3500 calories saved equals a lost pound)

and tastes good. Bottled water is usually as pure as that from your tap. Check it out. These days water is quite portable even though it is more expensive than gas. Flavorings and added "flavorizers" are OK, but they may introduce more foreign substances into your system than needed.

Note "clear spring water" consumed outdoors may have several parasites floating along. In Vietnam, we hated the iodine tablets we added, although they kept us healthy. They combated the water buffalo in the waters up stream.

Cosmetically, hydrated skin looks better. Pinching up a bit of skin is a good test. If it remains standing, you are dehydrated. Skin should flatten out rapidly. My doctor says the best way to avoid kidney disease is by drinking more water. Adequate amounts yield clear looking urine. Urine that is in lesser amounts and dark is not as good. Lots of urine floats out lots of toxins. Enough water avoids constipation, as does consuming some fiber.

TIPS TO REMEMBER

First, have some form of water with every snack or meal. This a good time to mention that coffee and alcohol are diuretics, that is they empty you of water at a rate above what your body wants.

Second, keep some water at desk or in car. When my young kids and family were in Italy many years ago, they wondered why people carried water around with them and paid for it instead of using a free fountain. Still a good question...eh? ★



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Don't Forget to Remember

REV (CPT) FREDERICK J. RAMSAY, USA (RET)
CHAPLAIN GENERAL, MOWW

Recently, my wife and I moved from one house to another. The operation involved buying a house fifteen miles to the east of the present one, selling the old house and moving. Moving! That's packing (the easy bit), switching utilities while maintaining those on the old house until it sold, finding ways to fit furniture bought for a large house into a small one.

Then there was the mix-up on the mortgage and, well, you get the idea. Both of us were under a great deal of stress, and our behavior and health showed it. There is nothing quite like sleepless nights, enduring aching muscles, accommodating to the strangeness of a new neighborhood, and all the while watching your bank balance dwindle.

Before I feel too sorry for myself, I remembered the men and women still in harm's way in the Middle East, or standing watch somewhere in the night keeping me safe so that I can have the luxury of choosing where and how I live. That is the way it is. It is easy to forget we are the most privileged nation in the world, and that we can choose where to live or how we spend our time. We are as free to waste our lives watching reality TV, as we are to make a difference by volunteering for a charity. We take all of this for granted ... most of the time.

In February, the West Valley Chapter (AZ), my chapter, held its Massing of the Colors and Service of Remembrance. I also recently attended the Santa Cruz Chapter's Massing of Colors (MOC). If ever there was a reminder that the freedoms we accept as entitlements were purchased at great cost, it is the MOC. It also reminds us of how easy it is to forget, i.e., to forget to remember.

The war in the Middle East is always in the news, wedged in there somewhere between the latest news and a human interest story. Veterans return home daily; troops deploy daily. Yet, unless we confront evidence to the contrary, we might easily believe that nothing has occurred. The economy is generally OK; goods are readily available. One only needs a sufficiency of funds to take possession of nearly anything—from a personal drone to the latest cell phone. Want a steak? Help yourself. Take two!

Military service only touches us when it stares us in the face. Not so for the families, of course, but for the general populace, military strife might as well not exist.

It was not always so. Those old enough to remember the Second World War, will recall that back then, one way or another, everyone went to war. It was a constant part of your waking and sleeping. Food was rationed. Gasoline, tires, clothing were rationed. "Lucky Strike went to war." That is, the green dye used to print that cigarette's package was in short supply and so the wrapper was now colored white. There were metal and paper drives, and nearly everything was recycled. You could not buy a new car, a radio or telephone.

I mention this because then it was impossible to forget. Now ... what if because of the conflicts we find ourselves engaged in, we could not buy a new car, or the next iPhone. What if we had to get by on ten gallons of gasoline a month, or one pound of coffee and sugar and three pounds of meat per month? What if we had no sliced bread? Yep, bread slicers went to war too. If we had to sacrifice ... and remember ... in ways comparable to those serving, do you suppose we'd pay closer attention to the struggles that engage our young men and women? It is so easy to forget, or not to remember?

When waging war involves sacrifices only by those engaged directly in it, it is too easy to forget to remember. On Fridays, people are beginning to wear red shirts to remember those still deployed. "Red Friday," it's called. It's a start. ★



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PUERTO RICO (121)

Companion MG Felix A. Santoni, USA (Ret), Honored

Recent articles on the Army's online website www.army.mil inform of the US Armed Forces Reserve Center at Fort Buchanan, (PR), renamed for Companion MG Felix A. Santoni, USA (Ret), and additionally, the creation of a ROTC medal of excellence in his honor. Below are excerpts from army.mil:

"Hundreds of Soldiers, civilians and family members from different branches of the Armed Forces in Puerto Rico gathered at Fort Buchanan on March 14 to witness the historic dedication of an Armed Forces Reserve Center after a living person, in honor to retired MG Felix A. Santoni, whose distinguished career spans more than five decades.

Military structures are normally named after deceased persons, who have made important contributions to an organization, but in recent years John McHugh, Secretary of the Army, granted an exception to that rule.

BG Jose R. Burgos, 1st Mission Support Command, US Army Reserve-Puerto Rico Commanding General, hosted the dedication ceremony. "Thanks to MG Santoni's resolute support and tireless efforts, the US Army Reserve in Puerto Rico have become an essential part of the total force, with streamlined deployable troops and citizen-Soldiers, who embody the warrior mindset and spirit," added Burgos, who is also the senior US Army officer in the Caribbean.

Puerto Rico's resident commissioner in Washington, Pedro Pierluisi, also attended the ceremony. "Santoni is the true figure and a living example of the quality of men that our beautiful island had produced to serve our nation. On behalf of all the Puerto Rican American citizens, whom I proudly represent, I thank the US Armed Forces for honoring MG Santoni in this way. He truly deserves it," said Pierluisi, who also presented a special congressional recognition to the retired general.

"I felt it was very important that we recognized the most outstanding leader in the group. Primarily the young men and women that serve in the academy. I recognized in all of them the ability of becoming leaders. That's the main reason why we wanted to present this leadership award," MG Santoni said.

Above left: MG Santoni observes the first medal presentation of the MG Santoni Leadership Award (center). CSM Harry Munoz, observes how BG Jose R. Burgos, commanding general 1st MSC and MG Felix A. Santoni, accompanied by his wife, Carmen Sein, reveal the bronze plaque with Santoni's image, as part of the dedication ceremony of a Reserve Center (pictured top) located at Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico, 14 March 2015. Photo Credit: Sgt. 1st Class Lymari Sanchez



LOUISVILLE (077), KY

Celebrating America

BY COL CHARLES E. FISHER, USA (RET)

On 25 Jan 2015, the US flag, the Army ROTC OSU (Ohio State University) flag and the Navy flag were present for this MOWW event which included four career military officers: Army ROTC OSU Professor LTC James M. Bunyak, USA; Companion LTC Donald J. Hulslander, USA (Ret), Alumni President Army ROTC, the Ohio State University; CAPT Herbert M. Goetz, Jr. CHC USN (Ret), National Chaplain, Navy League of the United States; and Companion COL Charles E. Fisher, USA (Ret).

Pastor Divaker Pathak, Ph.D, MDiv, and Pastor Salome Pathak, MDiv, led the opening prayer. To empower freedom's future, Attorney James Mowery, Jr. with Melissa Cohan presented "I am the US Flag" before the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance led by LTC Bunyak. Mrs. Lorena Long, Regent for the Ann Simpson Davis Chapter, Columbus, OH, Daughters of the American Revolution presented "Music & Blessings" before all sang The Star Spangled Banner. Chaplain CAPT Goetz closed with prayer.

Three MOWW Appreciation Plaques were joyfully presented to Ms. Melissa Cohen, Mr. Manuel Pace and Ms. Donna Gray Boyd. At the front of the room, all four military officers received a hearty round of applause following a Rainbow Wishes presentation to thank, honor and inspire all with military service—from 1776 forward. Cake and coffee was served for all who braved the January ice and snow.

Top: Group Photo -17 attended—only 12 in the photo; Above, right: Awards Photo with (L-R): Mr. Manuel Pace; COL Charles E. Fisher, USA (Ret); Ms. Donna Gray Boyd, and Ms. Melissa Cohen (seated); Above, left: Military Career Officers Honored (L-R): COL Charles E. Fisher, USA (Ret); CAPT Herbert M. Goetz, Jr. CHC USN (Ret); LTC James M. Bunyak, USA, and LTC Donald J. Hulslander, USA (Ret).





PUGET SOUND (120), WASHINGTON

Cadets Deliver Outstanding Performance

BY COL DAVID B. GIBSON, UASF (RET)

Cadets of Stadium High School NJROTC helped the Puget Sound Chapter present a Patriotic Education program to Companions and residents of Patriots Landing, Dupont, WA, on 11 January 2015. The patriotic program included a historic flag program showing off 12 flags of America's past, plus poetic readings from each student, to conclude the yearly effort enjoyed by spectators and parents alike.



PHOENIX (092), WEST VALLEY (131), AZ

Joint Effort Successful in Presentation of Eagle Scout Certificates

BY MAJ GLENN S. GOINS, USA (RET)

In a joint collaborative effort between the Phoenix (092) and West Valley (131) Chapters, two Eagle Scout Certificates were successfully awarded. The Phoenix Chapter printed and provided the MOWW Eagle Scout Certificates of Recognition and the presentation folders, while the West Valley Chapter Commander, Col Gerald O. Jensen, USMC (Ret), presented them to brothers Andrew and Stephen Muskatevc.



LTG MIDDLETON (056), LOUISIANA

2014 Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer Award

BY VCINC COL CLAY LE GRANDE, USA (RET)

The LTG Troy H. Middleton Chapter presented its 2014 Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer Award to Sergeant Jordan Webb of the East Baton Rouge (EBR) Parish Sheriff's Office. The speaker for the meeting was Major Bryan White, Chief of Detectives, who nominated Sergeant Webb for the chapter award. He discussed Sergeant Webb's outstanding service to the community as a stand out investigator in the Armed Robbery and Burglary Division. EBR Parish Sheriff Sid Gautreaux credited Sgt Webb's hard work and diligence in investigative work with the clearance of three bank robberies in the parish.

Top: LTC Patrick L. Widner, Chapter Commander, presents the Chapter's 2014 Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer Award to Sergeant Jordan Webb

Photo Below: Major Bryan White, Chief of Detectives, Sergeant Jordan Webb and wife Jessica Webb visit with Chapter Commander LTC Patrick L. Widner after the presentation.



GREEN MOUNTAIN (169), VERMONT

LCW-integrated YLCs Credited to Retiring LTC Collins P. Davison II

BY LTC MICHAEL JARVIS, USA (RET)

On 29 March 2015, LTC Dennis Christo, USA (Ret), Region 1 Commander, assisted by LTC Michael Jarvis, USA (Ret), NEYLC Director, BG Thomas O'Donovan, USA (Ret), Vermont State Commander, and COL Lawrence Willwerth, USAR (Ret), Boston Chapter, recognized LTC Collins P. Davison II, Vermont State Militia, Director of Recruitment and Production, Norwich University, upon his retirement for his leadership and initiative in seamlessly merging his highly successful Leadership Challenge Weekend (LCW) into the New England Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) at Norwich University.

Beginning in 2009 and continuing through 2015, this joint venture of the MOWW and the University was made possible by LTC Davison's efforts to integrate the YLC curriculum into the LCW program and assuming most of the administrative and logistical support necessary to insure a thriving program. After the success of the first three annual conferences, he recognized the need to expand patriotic education to encompass all four LCW sessions conducted each year.

Skip is primarily responsible for turning the New England YLC into the most unique, successful, and cost effective program in the Order. LTC Davison's dynamic instruction, enthusiastic support, and commitment to enriching every session with his expertise has been instrumental in exposing over 700 students to the benefits of patriotic education. By his dedication, LTC Davison has strengthened MOWW's commitment to expand patriotic education benefitting all of America.

(L-R): BG O'Donovan, COL Willwerth, LTC Christo, LTC Davison, LTC Jarvis, and BG Vanecsek, Vice President, Norwich University





VA Changes Health Care Eligibility

Effective 2015, the Department of Veterans Affairs has eliminated the use of net worth as a determining factor for both health care programs and copayment responsibilities. This change makes VA health care benefits more accessible to lower-income veterans. Instead of combining the sum of veterans' income with their assets to determine eligibility for medical care and copayment obligations, VA will now only consider a veteran's gross household income and deductible expenses from the previous year. Veterans may submit updated income information at www.1010ez.med.va.gov, or by visiting their nearby VA health care facility. For more information, visit VA's Health Benefits webpage at www.va.gov/healthbenefits or call VA toll-free at 1-877-222-VETS (8387).

Veterans
Annual Financial
Assessment (VFA)

Requirement of Standardized Claim, Appeal Forms Simplifies Application Process for Veterans



With the goal of making the application process easier and more efficient for all veterans, the VA now requires veterans seeking disability

benefits to use standardized claim and appeal forms. These standardized forms guide veterans to clearly state the symptoms or conditions for which they are seeking benefits and provide the information necessary for VA to start processing their claims and appeals.

The easiest and fastest way for a Veteran to submit an application for compensation is online through the eBenefits (www.ebenefits.va.gov) portal. VA encourages Veterans to work with representatives of Veterans Service Organization (VSO), or their state or county representatives, who can assist with filing electronically or in paper form. Standardized forms are a key component of VA's transformation, which will help achieve the Department's goal to eliminate the backlog by the end of this year.

Specific forms are designed to capture information necessary to identify and support benefit claims.

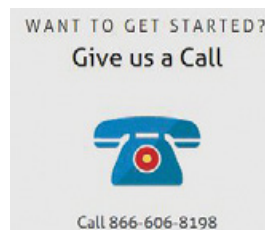
Veterans filing for disability benefits must now use VA Form 21-526EZ, Application for Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits.

Wartime Veterans filing for needs-based pension must use VA Form 21-527EZ, Application for Pension.

Survivors filing a claim for dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC), survivor's pension, and accrued benefits must complete VA Form 21-534EZ, Application for DIC, Death Pension, and/or Accrued Benefits.

Veterans Choice Program

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Many veterans will now have the option to receive non-VA health care rather than waiting for a VA appointment or traveling to a VA facility.

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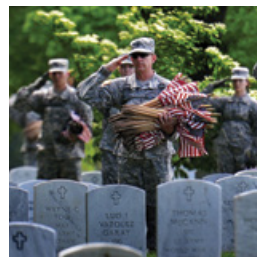
You have been told by your local VA medical facility that you will need to wait more than 30 days from your preferred date or the date medically determined by your physician

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You need to travel by plane or boat to the VA medical facility closest to your home

You face an unusual or excessive burden in traveling to a VA medical facility based on the presence of a body of water (including moving water and still water) or a geologic formation that cannot be crossed by road

The Muffled Drum's Sad Roll Has Beat...



Memorial Day, which is observed on the last Monday of May, commemorates the men and women who died while in the military service. A national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time. ★



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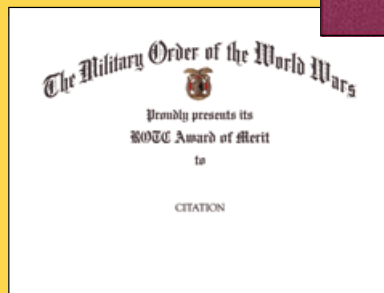
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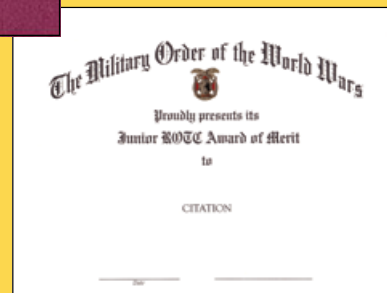


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