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Building on Our Great History



As MOWW's CINC, I visit many great chapters and meet wonderful Companions. Last month I spoke at a Region XIII meeting in Arizona hosted by the Santa Cruz Chapter. There I presented Silver Patrick Henry Awards to two JROTC instructors for their many contributions. I also spoke to Huntsville (AL) YLC students. Kudos to YLC Director Lt Col Dave Dunlap, PCINC COL Bri Chabot and chapter Companions for getting student leaders totally involved in the running of this highly successful YLC. Wow!

On another vital topic, I previously outlined the five CINC Goals. In the next few months, I will discuss each one of these goals and encourage chapters to achieve them by 30 Jun 13.

This month's topic is membership. Our membership goal is for each chapter to achieve a net increase of 5% in membership by 30 Jun 13 as compared to 1 Jul 12. How is your chapter doing? your chapter discussed this during meetings and developed a plan? Is your chapter doing?

During 2012's Convention, LTC Bill Rapp (Chair, Membership Committee) encouraged chapters in attendance to "pledge" to achieve a specific net increase in membership. Many chapter Companions raised their hands with a recruiting target pledge. How is your chapter doing on achieving that pledge? Have you recruited a new member this year yet?

Past conventions and *Officer Review* articles provided many great recruiting techniques and tips. Use them! Do not be shy about telling potential members about MOWW. Carry membership applications in your car or purse. Look for opportunities with ROTC, during patriotic events, job fairs and MOAA/Rotary meetings, and with Active, Reserve and National Guard units. Invite potential members to chapter meetings. Sit with them, and stay connected to them.

After the meeting, send them a thank you letter. Include another membership application, and invite them back. Repeat as necessary! Remember, "PERSISTENCE BREAKS RESISTANCE." Once they join, assign them to a committee. Get them involved and retain them!

Lastly, take time out to have fun, relax and enjoy your family and friends. I wish you all the best for a joyful holiday season, and a healthy and happy new year.

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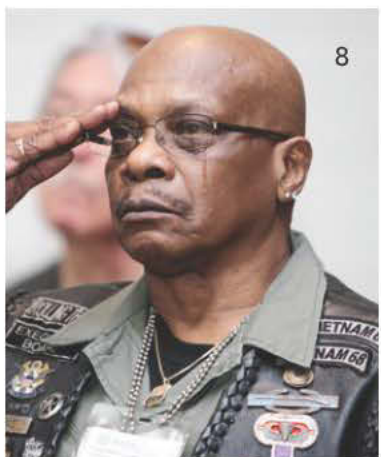
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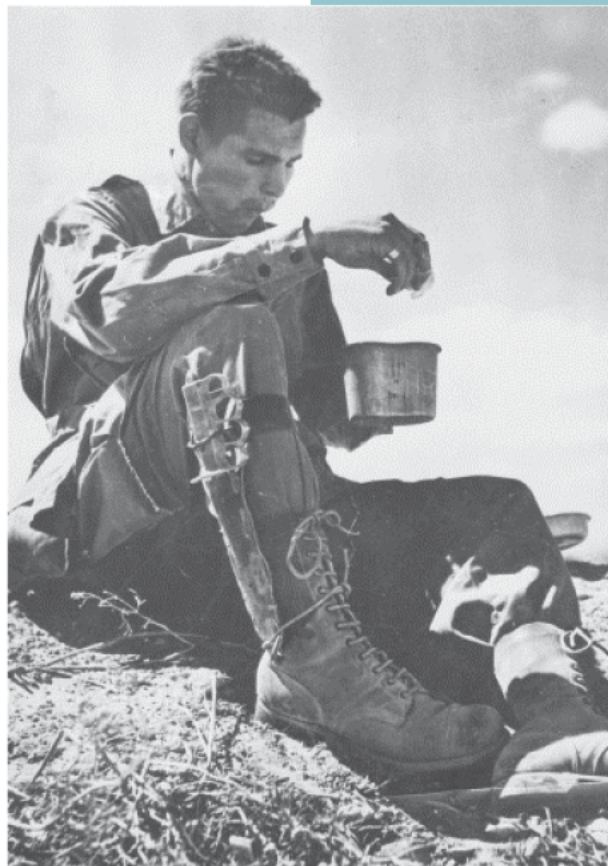
ON THE COVER

Nominated for the Medal of Honor for actions in 1944, LTC James "Maggie" Megellas, (a Perpetual Member, Dallas Chapter) is the subject of a film documenting his participation in WWII.

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ALL THE WAY

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LTC James “Maggie” Megellas, a Perpetual Member of MOWW’s Dallas Chapter, fought during 1943-1945 in the Italian and Western European campaigns. He was initially a platoon leader, and later he was the company commander, H Company, 3rd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

His most notable battle experiences include action in the Italian mountains near the Anzio beachhead, the Anzio landing, his combat jump into Holland as part of Operation Market Garden, crossing of the Waal River under heavy German fire in broad daylight and the Battle of the Bulge. Upon being wounded and hospitalized at Anzio, LT Megellas missed the D-Day jump with the 82nd, but returned and never missed another day of combat until the end of the war.

As Megellas’ H Company proceeded toward Berlin they came upon the Ludwigslust Concentration Camp (also known as the Wöbbelin Concentration Camp), which was established by the *Schutzstaffel* (SS) in 1945. There, H Company found stacks of prisoner’s bodies in buildings and on the grounds, most of which having starved to death. The German guards had quickly fled when they heard the company coming. H Company went into the nearby town of Wöbbelin, marched all residents to the camp and forced them to dig graves and markers for the dead.



He finished World War II in the occupation of Berlin and led his company, the only one he served with during the entire war, down 5th Avenue in New York City in the January 1946 Victory Parade.

“Megellas was originally assigned to the Signal Corps, but grew tired of the required additional schooling and volunteered to become a paratrooper in order to see combat.

He first experienced combat in the mountains outside Naples, Italy, near Venafrò, where he was wounded and hospitalized.

In October 1943, while the remainder of the 82nd Airborne departed Italy to recoup before the invasion of Normandy, the 504th PIR remained behind and took part in Operation Shingle. On January 22, 1944, the 504th took part in an amphibious assault at Anzio. The fighting took a heavy toll. Megellas was wounded again, and it wasn’t until April before the regiment was withdrawn.

Due to the losses at Anzio, the 504th did not participate in the D-Day Normandy Landings. However, they did parachute into the Netherlands as part of Operation

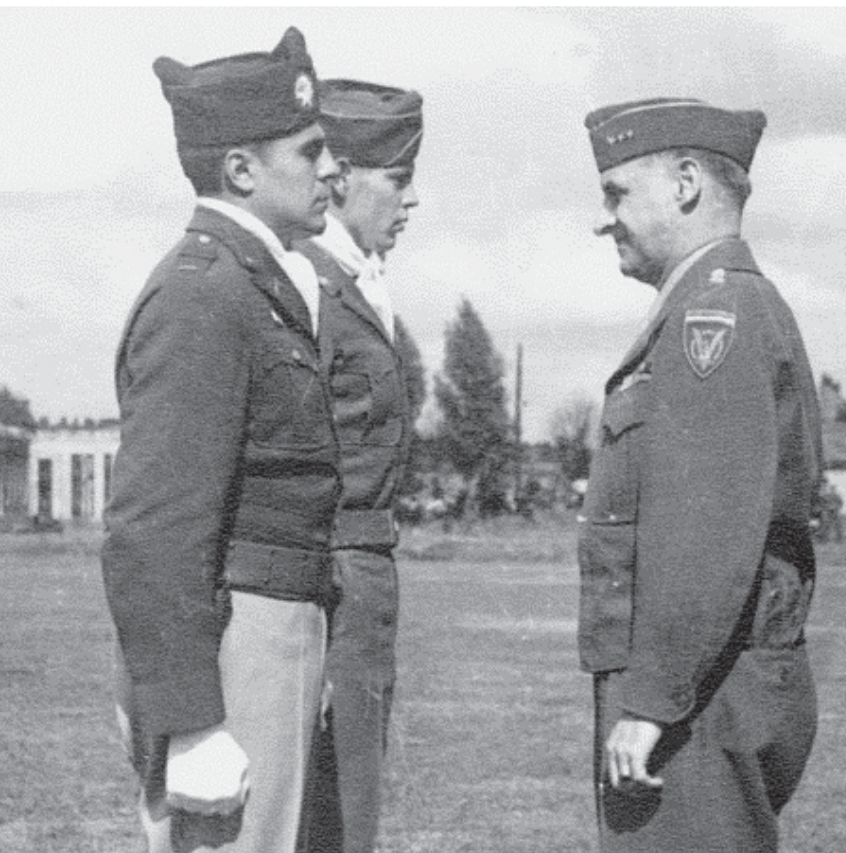
Market Garden, the airborne invasion of that country.

Megellas also took part in the [first wave] crossing of the Waal River near Nijmegen, where the American forces crossed the river in flimsy boats while under heavy machine gun fire. During the day's fighting, Megellas single-handedly attacked a German observation post and machine gun nest. For these actions, he was awarded the US military's second-highest decoration, the Distinguished Service Cross. Another member of the 504th PIR, Private John Towle, was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his part in the battle.

In late December 1944, the regiment was rushed into the Battle of the Bulge.

On January 28, 1945, First Lieutenant Megellas' platoon was advancing towards Herresbach, Belgium. Struggling through heavy snow and freezing cold, they surprised 200 Germans who were advancing out of the town. Catching the Germans largely off-guard, the attack proved to be devastating, with the Americans killing and capturing a large number and causing many others to flee.

**LTG Gen John Clifford
Hodges Lee congratu-
lates 1LT Megellas on re-
ceiving the Distinguished
Service Cross**
Source Megellas Collection



However, as they prepared to assault the town, a German Mark V tank took aim at them. Megellas ran towards it, and disabled it with a single grenade. Climbing on top of it, he then dropped another grenade into the tank, eliminating the threat to his men. He then led his men as they cleared and seized the town, and not one of his men was killed or injured. He was nominated for the Medal of Honor shortly afterward, but the account of his actions was not included in the original battle reports, and he was instead awarded the Silver Star.

Throughout the war, Megellas served with Company H, 504 PIR, which he would later come to command. In January 1946, he led his company down Fifth Avenue in New York City in the Victory Parade.¹

"Maggie's" decorations and awards include the Distinguished Service Cross, two Silver Stars, two Bronze Stars, two Purple Hearts, Presidential Unit Citation w/a bronze oak cluster, the Belgium Fourragere, six Campaign Stars and the Master Parachutist badge. He and his fellow division soldiers also were awarded "Military William Order" (Dutch: Militaire Willems-Orde, abbreviation: MWO), which is the oldest and highest honor of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. In fact, MG Gavin chose Maggie to receive the Military Order of Williams, the first American decorated by the Dutch Government. The version of the Military William Order for unit members is the Orange Lanyard. Only two foreign military units have received the Military William Order. One was the 82nd Airborne Division, for gallantry during Operation Market Garden (awarded in 1944). The other was the Polish 1st Independent Parachute Brigade, for gallantry at the Battle of Arnhem during Operation Market Garden in 1944 (awarded in May 2006).

On 28 January 1945 during the Battle of the Bulge, LT James Megellas led his platoon in a surprise attack that devastated a much larger advancing German force. They killed and captured a large number of the enemy and caused others to flee ("Maggie" counted 28 kills himself). In an act of fearless courage, LT Megellas single-handedly destroyed an attacking German Mark V tank with two hand-held grenades. He then led the charge of his men and seized Herresbach, Belgium. Although LT Megellas was recommended for the Congressional Medal of Honor, he received the Silver Star Medal. Eyewitnesses to the action such as Bill Hannigan, who was a SSG and a squad leader in Maggie's platoon, and retired COL Edward Sims, the XO of H Co at the time, have developed evidence to appeal the injustice.

COL Sims has pursued this new evidence including Maggie's defense of his platoon by taking out the Mark V, to the Pentagon and four Presidents. Although the platoon suffered horrific casualties, no one knows better than eyewitnesses how many men Megellas saved with his selfless heroism at Herresbach. These witnesses call on all veteran organizations to agree and ask them to support this MOH issue.

Tim Gray of the WWII Foundation has recently completed a documentary film ("Maggie's War") on LTC Megellas filmed primarily in Europe. "Maggie" and friends went to the site for the



MG John M. Gavin, Commanding General, 82nd Airborne (back row, second from left), and 1LT James Megellas (back row, fourth from left). Source Megellas Collection

filming where his action was for Operation Market Garden and the Battle of The Bulge. The documentary is in release now. The PBS movie's trailer can be found at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?list=PLBD57861AEF436283&v=5sWicFd1Z4&feature=player_embedded

Currently at age 95, "Maggie" is contemplating a 4th visit to Afghanistan for a premier showing of the film which emphasizes "Leadership in Combat" to our troops. On three previous trips, first at the age of 89, he autographed over 5,000 of his books gratis for airborne troops. He is still serving.... ★

Author's Note: Special thanks to Tom Laney (Editor, Badger Airborne News) for contributions to this article.

1 Wikipedia, "James Megellas."



1st LT Wes Gross has served the Dallas Chapter in every command position including Chapter Commander (2009-2010) and has been Publicity and Program Chair for the last six years. He was commissioned from Texas A&M as an artillery officer and served in the 82nd Airborne Division during the mid-1950s. He received a Masters in Business from the University of Dallas in 1976, then worked in sales, marketing and public affairs. He has served as Vice President, Leukemia Society for the Detroit area and State President, Leukemia Society of Kentucky. His wife, Ginny, is a hereditary companion.

MOWW || Recollections

WELCOME TEARS

COL DONALD C. SMITH, USA (RET)
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Fifty years ago on 31 Jul 61, I was commissioned a Second Lieutenant as an ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate at the University of California (Santa Barbara). My father, accompanied by my stepmother Helen, proudly attended my swearing-in. This swearing-in continued the legacy of what would be the last in the line of military officers in the family.

It was not a choice of taking a heroic path but rather one of practicality as all males at that time had to initially serve in some capacity for a minimum of six months (up to two years) and remain in the reserves for an additional five to seven years. As a regular Army officer (i.e., the same commission received by West Point Cadets), I had an initial three-year active duty commitment. The Cuban Revolution had just occurred and tensions with Russia in Europe were high.

It was difficult to leave friends behind as I exited a comfortable academic world (scholastic major: partying) into one that was largely unfamiliar beyond my experience of being raised in Carmel and living in Santa Barbara. It all commenced when I passed through the front gate of Fort Sill (OK) to attend field artillery school.

I was making one hundred thirty three dollars per month. There was very little money left after paying for uniforms, quarters, meals and, when time allowed, my Officer's Club bill. As a regular



officer, I would go to Airborne and Ranger Training after the completion of my artillery training. The rise of the Berlin Wall caused one of those life-changing defining moments as our whole class was urgently redirected to either Korea, or for the regular commissioned officers, to Germany, for a three-year tour. My only opportunity for Airborne and Ranger school was gone. This was the first of a number of broken contract

understandings and subsequent disappointments that eventually lead me to resign my regular commission and retain a reserve commission over five years later after returning unceremoniously from Vietnam as a Captain.

I walked out the gate of the Oakland Army Terminal into a heavy, cold fog in my tropical field uniform that I was wearing just twenty-four hours earlier. We were called out of the field (less our weapons) to board a diverted Air France flight. Talk about a wild party with a very unprepared aircrew!

Everything I owned was in a small bag. (I had previously discarded most of my musty clothing but did have a four-year-old VW on blocks in Carmel). It was a psychologically dramatic moment and to this day, it was the loneliest point in my life. There was no one to meet me and I became face to face with the reality that for the first time in my life, I was not expected to be somewhere by anyone. There were no provisions for my future other than my final separation pay, some minor savings, my education,



privileged life experiences, and my personal values instilled in me by my father (“no son of mine will be a bum”). So, I bummed a dime and found a payphone.

What has all of this to do with the occasion of writing these words fifty years later? Today as some, but unfortunately not all, people pause to reflect in remembrance of all those who served our country, I look back on that lonely, foggy day and to the anti-war sentiments that I encountered.

Old friends living in San Francisco's Haight-Ashbury district were raising blood for the VC. Their anti-war remarks—and those of perfect strangers—combined into a sudden realization that I did not want to let anyone know where I had been or what I had been doing for the last five years. Thus, I entered an unknown closet—along with the majority of returning veterans.

There was one benefit—getting a job was easy since now I could not be drafted. In the ensuing years that I voluntarily remained in the reserves, eventually to become a Colonel, I largely remained

in what was now a well-worn closet with a low profile to avoid having to still encounter anti-military comments and defend my Vietnam service.

Following 9/11 and the revival of patriotism with the success of Desert Storm, I reluctantly joined a number of other local Vietnam veterans to march (more accurately, saunter) in “old,” partially fitting uniforms from every branch of the service, in the annual Laguna Beach Patriot Parade. Protected by the emotional safety in numbers (thirty or so of us), we quietly took our assigned place behind a visiting high school band at the beginning of the parade route.

To our collective amazement, we were immediately greeted with standing ovations along the entire parade route. The overwhelming emotion of this left the majority of us openly and tearfully crying just at the remembrance of this experience is now. This was the long hoped-for welcome home that we, our fellow Korean War and other Cold War veterans, did not receive when we returned after serving our nation. ★



Emotional salute: Vietnam vet Rudolph Thomas salutes the flag at Vietnam Veterans' Day ceremonies at Ft. Hamilton Army Base on March 23.

Source: Photo by Steve Solomonson

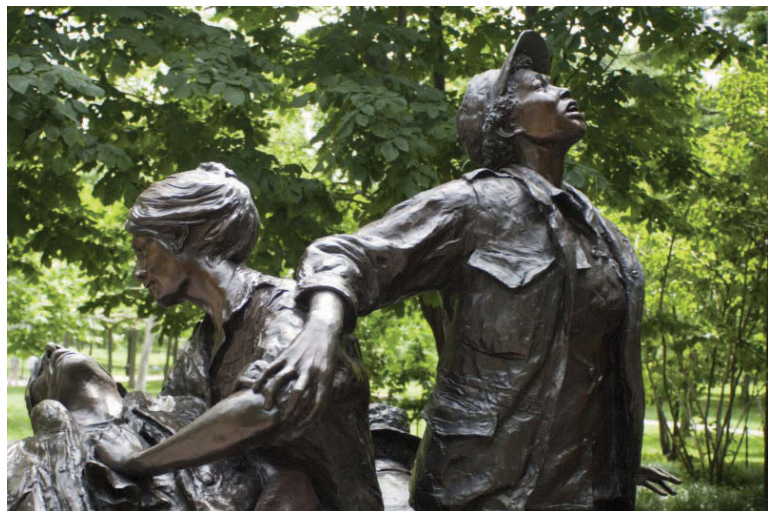
THE WALL

Some facts you may not know...

- ✕ There are some 58,267 names now listed on that polished black wall. The names are arranged in the order in which they were taken from us by date, and within each date, the names are alphabetized. It has been 36 years since the last casualties.
- ✕ The first known casualty was Richard B. Fitzgibbon, of North Weymouth (MA). Listed by the US Department of Defense as having been killed on 8 Jun 56. His name is listed on the Wall with that of his son, Marine Corps Lance Cpl Richard B. Fitzgibbon III, who was killed on 7 Sep 65.
- ✕ There are three sets of fathers and sons on the Wall.
- ✕ 39,996 on the Wall were just 22 or younger.
- ✕ 8,283 were just 19 years old.
- ✕ The largest age group, 33,103 were 18 years old.
- ✕ 12 soldiers on the Wall were 17 years old.
- ✕ 5 soldiers on the Wall were 16 years old.
- ✕ One soldier, PFC Dan Bullock was 15 years old.
- ✕ 997 soldiers were killed on their first day in Vietnam.
- ✕ 1,448 soldiers were killed on their last day in Vietnam.



- ✘ 31 sets of brothers are on the Wall.
- ✘ Thirty-one sets of parents lost two of their sons.
- ✘ 54 soldiers attended Thomas Edison High School in Philadelphia.
- ✘ 8 Women are on the Wall, killed while nursing the wounded.
- ✘ 244 soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War; 153 of them are on the Wall.
- ✘ Beallsville, Ohio, with a population of 475, lost 6 of her sons.
- ✘ West Virginia had the highest casualty rate per capita in the nation. There are 711 West Virginians on the Wall.
- ✘ The Marines of Morenci - They led some of the scrappiest high school football and basketball teams that the little Arizona copper town of Morenci (pop. 5,058) had ever known and cheered. They enjoyed roaring beer busts. In quieter moments, they rode horses along the Coronado Trail, stalked deer in the Apache National Forest. In addition, in the patriotic camaraderie typical of Morenci's mining families, the nine graduates of Morenci High enlisted as a group in the Marine Corps. Their service began on Independence Day, 1966. Only 3 returned home.
- ✘ The Buddies of Midvale - LeRoy Tafoya, Jimmy Martinez, Tom Gonzales were all boyhood friends and lived on three consecutive streets in Midvale, Utah on Fifth, Sixth and Seventh avenues. They lived only a few yards apart. They played ball at the adjacent sandlot ball field, and they all went to Vietnam. In a span of 16 dark days in late 1967, all three would be killed. LeRoy was killed on Wednesday, 22 Nov, the fourth anniversary of John F. Kennedy's assassination. Jimmy died less than 24 hours later on Thanksgiving Day. Tom was shot dead assaulting the enemy on 7 Dec, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.
- ✘ The most casualty deaths for a single day was January 31, 1968 with 245 deaths.



- ✘ The most casualty deaths for a single month was May 1968 with 2,415 casualties were incurred.
- ✘ For most Americans who read this they will only see the numbers that the Vietnam War created. To those who survived the war, and to the families of those who did not, we see the faces, we feel the pain that these numbers created. We are, until we too pass away, haunted with these numbers, because they were our friends, fathers, husbands, wives, sons and daughters.
- ✘ There are no noble wars, just noble warriors.

Tallahassee YLC

I Came Away Inspired

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I enjoyed watching the dynamics among the students and how the kids, who were initially shy and withdrawn, gradually participated and blossomed. The Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) is designed to encourage teamwork, instill values, develop character and inspire the students to participate as contributors in their groups and, subsequently, in their schools and communities.

Although MOWW sponsored the YLC, it is definitely not about the military. Students come

away with a better understanding of our country's founding, the indomitable spirit of our fore fathers and the history of the conflict with England. A lecture from an authentically clad Benjamin Franklin offered an insightful view into that historic era and the camaraderie of its leaders.

Students learned about the origin of our flag, the meaning in the symbols in The Great Seal, the history of the National Anthem, our system of government (all three branches), the making of

"You will see me again someday and, because of this conference, when you see me you will be proud of what I have become."



The author has participated in numerous MOWW YLCs. *Officer Review*, April 2008: "In November the students, who attended the Youth Leadership Conference in Melbourne, their instructors and parents were guests at the Chapter's annual YLC luncheon meeting. Their comments on the experiences they had and what those experiences mean to them today and for the future were inspiring to all Companions. Afterwards, the students were presented MOWW Patrick Henry Bronze Medallions. With the students are their counselors and hosts Col Roy Conklin (left), and Nancy Alguire (4th from left)."

laws and the Free Enterprise System. They learned the difference between a republic and a democracy, and the dangerous history of past democracies. Importantly, “Be responsible for your own actions” hung on a banner at the front of the room all week.

While this knowledge served as a backdrop, six student teams also learned to cooperate, compete, collaborate and manage their moments of team-building time to complete their assignments for presentation on the last day.

“It’s a good feeling to know that there are still people who still have hope for us, the children of our country.”

Each day sparked an emphasis on character, moral values, duty and leadership. Critical thinking exercises involving a homeland security scenario and an exercise in group survival was interspersed with challenging questions. This kept them on their toes, broke up the day and fostered cooperation.

With classes all day they still managed to create posters, team logos, team responses to thoughtful questions and, finally, participate in a talent show for all teams and volunteer individuals on the last night. Before dimming the talent show lights, candles lit and everyone in the room lined up to sign the Declaration of Independence. As they did, the moderator read the stories of the document’s signers and the horror stories they and their families endured. Signing was an act of treason and many greatly suffered by signing.

Six past graduates served as chaperones, mentors, role models and comic relief. All but one, last year’s honor student, had moved on to jobs and/or higher education. One is in the military and will deploy to Afghanistan. They voluntarily come back to “give back” to the conference. Their participation was critical to the success of the week’s activities. The moderator, another past participant, returned for her twelfth conference, taking time from her very challenging career to offer her talents. She did an excellent job and identified well with the students.



Schools throughout Florida nominate a student to represent them at these conferences. In 2011, CAPT Tom McClelland, Director of Naval Science at Admiral Farragut Academy selected upcoming junior cadet Julia Lescarbeau for the conference in Melbourne from 27-30 Jul 11. At each conference, one cadet is selected as the “Distinguished Graduate.” Julia Lescarbeau was honored with this award. When asked about the experience, she said, “It was a great place to learn useful leadership and team building skills. I especially enjoyed some of the speakers who shared their real life experiences with us. I am grateful to have been given the honor of Distinguished Graduate.”

Source: Admiral Farragut Academy

Students left with a better understanding of time management, teamwork, leadership and knowledge of our government, and a real sense of duty to their schools, communities and country.

I came away inspired to do more for my community and delighted with a wonderful group of teenagers who never ceased to amaze me. Our future is in good hands thanks to MOWW’s YLCs.



Ms. Nancy J. Alguire graduated from the University of Michigan with a BA in English. She spent most of her adult life in the Chicago area with a career in sales and marketing. Presently she’s a Perpetual Member of MOWW, involved in the selection process for students attending the YLC. She works part-time for the Military Family Support Trust in Sun City Center, FL.



MOWW || Chief's Notes

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CHIEF OF STAFF, MOWW

Helpful
Tips

CHAPTER TREASURER & COMMANDER

Chapter commanders and treasurers are partners in chapter financial management.

The duties of the commander include making the treasurer a part of all chapter planning (strategic or otherwise), along with other key staff members.

In partnership with the chapter commander and the staff, the chapter treasurer oversees the financial management of the chapter. This includes reviewing procedures, doing financial reporting, developing the chapter's financial strategy, performing tax filing and MOWW certification, and advising on fundraising.



Treasurers need to do some things as soon as they begin their duties and/or their term of office:

- Immediately swap signatories to elected officers for checking accounts, investment accounts, bankcards, etc. Get forms from bank; complete them at the staff meeting
- Arrange for the return of outstanding checkbooks and/or bank/credit cards

- Get all financial files, tax documents and budget information, including special event budgets and details of purchases
- Organize a detailed "turn-over briefing" from the outgoing Treasurer. Include details on any spending commitments or incoming bills not included in financial files, etc.
- Check details of all bank accounts and credit card or spending authorizations
- Prepare a timeline of coming payments and dates when bills are due (e.g., ROTC, YLC)
- Develop a chapter-approved budget

Treasurers must be able to show how much was spent and received, what it was for and who authorized it. This should be recorded using invoices, receipts, bills, checks and other financial records. Classify records into meaningful categories so files can be sorted and analyzed.

Most chapters can get by with "shoebox" accounting, i.e., all accounts kept in a box or filing cabinet. Treasurers should organize material into folders, large envelopes or separate compartments of a folder for separate items such as:

- Correspondence
- Baseline budget
- Monthly treasurer reports
- Bank statements
- Outstanding & paid bills, and receipts
- Tax records
- Cash book, i.e., records of cash receipts & payments



A computer system is not a substitute for paper records. Treasurers should keep a hard copy audit trail of all chapter financial transactions—including receipts, checkbook stubs, tax correspondence, IRS user-ID and password, etc.

Remember, the IRS could audit a chapter at any time.

One step up from shoebox accounts is a ledger or journal of income and expenditure. This can involve ledger books, local spreadsheets or commercial software. Information includes:

- Date
- Receipt number (if appropriate)
- Who was paid
- Who paid the money
- Purpose
- Account
- Amount

There should be an audit trail for every financial event. That is why MOWW requires chapters to:

- Perform an Annual Financial Review (MOWW Form 21)
- File an online IRS Form 990-N, "e-Postcard," with the IRS
- Send a copy of the IRS email saying the chapter successfully filed AND a completed MOWW Form 9 to HQ MOWW

Treasurers should organize chapter income and expenditures by category. When receiving cash, they should provide people with receipts (available at office supply stores). Count the money at the end of each event (or at regular intervals), and record how much was collected and why.

Strategic planning comes before budgeting. Treasurers must participate in chapter overall planning, e.g., defining future directions, setting goals. To prepare for the first budget planning session, treasurers should study chapter income and to see where chapter money goes.

Budgeting is simply the process of planning your organization's finances for a specified period, usually 12 months. It is made up of all the activities the chapter plans to undertake in the next 12 months expressed in terms of money. MOWW's not-for-profit chapters need to manage their cash flow so they have enough money to pay the bills. These bills include day-to-day running expenses, and large sums predicted and planned for in your annual budget, e.g., for YLCs, Massing of Colors, ROTC and Scouting support.

| "JOHN DOE CHAPTER" | |
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| MONTHLY TREASURER REPORT | |
| 1 OCTOBER 2012 – 31 OCTOBER 2012 | |
| CHECKING ACCOUNT | |
| BEGINNING BALANCE 10/01/12 | \$ 4,400.65 |
| DEPOSITS & TRANSFERS IN | |
| Lunch/Dinner Meetings | \$ 930.00 |
| Veterans Appreciation Luncheon | \$ - |
| Dues from Headquarters | \$ - |
| Contributions | \$ 20.00 |
| Transfers from Special Funds | \$ - |
| Other | \$ - |
| Total Receipts | \$ 950.00 |
| EXPENDITURES & TRANSFERS OUT | |
| Chapter Lunch/Dinner Meetings | \$ 1,305.30 |
| Veterans Appreciation Luncheon | \$ 200.00 |
| Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) | \$ - |
| Printing - Newsletters/Programs | \$ 152.11 |
| Postage | \$ 108.00 |
| Awards & Certificates | \$ - |
| Region Dues | \$ - |
| Bank Fees | \$ - |
| Transfers to Special Funds | \$ - |
| Other | \$ - |
| Total Disbursements | \$ 1,765.41 |
| ENDING BALANCE 10/31/2012 | \$ 3,585.24 |
| MONEY MARKET/SAVINGS ACCOUNT | |
| BEGINNING BALANCE 10/01/2012 | \$ 145,476.69 |
| RECEIPTS: | |
| Transfers from Checking Account | \$ - |
| Interest | \$ 30.13 |
| Total Transfers In | \$ 30.13 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | |
| Transfers to Checking Account | \$ - |
| Total Transfers Out | \$ - |
| ENDING BALANCE 10/31/2012 | \$ 145,506.82 |
| TOTAL CASH ASSETS 10/31/2012 | \$ 149,092.06 |

UNITED STATES NAVY JROTC

Area 3 Leadership Academy



LEFT: Rear Admiral David F. Steindl, Commander of Naval Service Training Command, talks with Navy Junior ROTC (NJROTC) cadets in the Naval Station Great Lakes Blue Jacket Memorial Chapel. More than 135 cadets from 55 high schools from IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WV and TX took part in the 2012 Navy Junior ROTC Area 3 Leadership Academy weeklong event. Each year the academy trains cadets to be the senior leaders of their units for the upcoming high school year.

Source: US Navy photo by Scott A. Thornbloom/Released



BOTTOM LEFT: Retired Navy CDR Jerry Egler, senior naval science instructor from Proviso West High School, in Hillside (IL) inspects NJROTC cadets during a personnel inspection at Naval Station Great Lakes.

BOTTOM RIGHT: CDR Jerry Egler inspects a NJROTC cadet during a personnel inspection.

Source: US Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Andre N. McIntyre/Released

TOP RIGHT: Gunner's Mate 2nd Class James Jackson, a Gunner's Mate 'A' School instructor, watches over NJROTC cadets as they fire simulated 9mm pistols in the fire arms training simulator lab at Gunner's Mate 'A' School at Naval Station Great Lakes.

Source: US Navy photo Scott A. Thornbloom/Released



MIDDLE: Rear Admiral Steindl talks to NJROTC cadets at the Naval Station Great Lakes Marina during the 2012 NJROTC Leadership Academy.

Source: US Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Andre N. McIntyre/Released



BOTTOM RIGHT: Rear Admiral David F. Steindl watches NJROTC cadets maneuver sailboats at the Naval Station Great Lakes Marina.

Source: US Navy photo Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Andre N. McIntyre/Released



Position Confirmed

LT COL BRUCE M. BAILEY, USAF (FMR)
DALLAS (069) CHAPTER, TX

We were returning from an operational mission, *en route* back to Alaska and our track took us directly over the North Pole, which gave the pilot an idea.

He announced to the crew that he was going to set a speed record for flying around the world. When we reached the pole, he racked the airplane into a tight 360-degree turn – which would take us completely around the world, longitude wise.

When about halfway through the turn, the copilot said, “Hey, George, there’s a light down there on the ice pack.”



USS Sargo (SSN-583) surfacing at the North Pole on 9 Feb 60.

Source: US Navy photo

Career



| | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Name: | USS Sargo |
| Ordered: | 29 September 1955 |
| Builder: | Mare Island Naval Shipyard |
| Laid down: | 21 February 1956 |
| Launched: | 10 October 1957 |
| Commissioned: | 1 October 1958 |
| Decommissioned: | 21 April 1988 |
| Struck: | 21 April 1988 |
| Motto: | Two Screws Are Better Than One |

General characteristics

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|---------------|---|
| Class & type: | Skate-class submarine |
| Displacement: | 2,580 long tons surfaced; 2,861 long tons submerged |
| Length: | 267 ft 7 in |
| Beam: | 25 ft |
| Draft: | 22 ft 5 |
| Propulsion: | S3W reactor |
| Speed: | 20 knots (23 mph) |
| Complement: | 95 officers & men |
| Armament: | 8 X 21 inch torpedo tubes (6 forward, 2 aft) |

Source: Wikipedia



**THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON**

October 17, 2012

Lieutenant Colonel Gary O. Engen, U.S.A. (Retired)
Commander-in-Chief
Military Order of the World Wars
435 North Lee Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Colonel Engen:

Congratulations on your election to the post of Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the World Wars.

The faith and confidence placed in your leadership is well deserved as you ensure the high standards of service, patriotism, and devotion to America's Veterans.

Please accept my best wishes as you carry on your duties and responsibilities. I look forward to working with you on our shared mission – to care for those who have served this great Nation in uniform.

Best wishes for a successful and productive year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric K. Shinseki".

Eric K. Shinseki

BB 39, USS ARIZONA

CAPT PAUL R. TIEMANN, USAF (FMR)
NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER (234), TX

Today I returned to your resting place.

*The sky so blue, the green hills,
the shining white building,
the waters of Pearl their special color.*

From shore drifted the sweet fragrance of flowers.

*As we neared you the ship's bell tolled,
and then we boarded your memorial.*

*Like a teardrop,
a drop of your oil rose to greet us,
creating an iridescent glow in the water.*

Your flag still flies from your mast.

Your crew still aboard to serve you.

*Eight boys from Dallas,
in an instant changed to men
as they rose to meet their Father.*

*Their names are emblazed in gold
with 1,169 of their shipmates,
from Admiral Kidd to Seaman Zimmerman.*

*In peace your guns
had never fired in anger,
only in salute or practice.*

*Yet the foe they never knew came that day
with screaming bombs.*

*But we who remember salute you,
and pray our children
will always remember
the USS Arizona. ★*



CAPT Paul R. Tiemann began ROTC Summer Camp the day the Korean War began. He was commissioned in Jun 52 and he served in the 136FBW and 58FBW in Teague, Korea. He spent the last 8 months of the war at Forbes AFB in SAC security. In civilian life he was an american history teacher and principal until retiring in 1992. He joined MOWW, (Dallas Chapter) in 1992, then helped start the North Texas Chapter where he was treasurer for 16 years. He also served as Region VIII treasurer for 11 years.



HONORS FROM THE MILITARY ORDER

1LT Wesley E. Gross, USA (Fmr)

VCINC CAPT JOHN M. HAYES, USAF (FMR)
DALLAS CHAPTER (069), TX

On behalf of The Military Order of the World Wars, I presented 1LT Wesley Gross the Gold Patrick Henry Medallion in his home in Dallas (TX). Approximately 60-70 people attended, including MOWW Companions, members of the Navy League, the Dallas Veterans Day Parade Committee and the Sea Cadets, and people from his Church, neighbors, other friends and family.

In addition to the MOWW award, he was made an Admiral of the Texas Navy (the Governor of Texas signed the certificate), and he received a plaque from the Dallas Council of the Navy League. We also read congratulatory comments from MOWW's Chief of Staff.



Wes really appreciated the Gold Patrick Henry, stating with a big smile, "These are rare and very special." ★

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF SCHEDULE 2012-2013



COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
LTC Gary Engen, USA (Ret)

To invite CINC LTC Gary Engen and his wife, Glenda, to visit your Chapter, State, Department or Region functions, please contact him by e-mail at gengen8@comcast.net

| DATE | LOCATION |
|---------------|--|
| 1 Dec 12: | Puerto Rico Chapter, Christmas Gala Luncheon |
| 6 Dec 12: | Maj Gen Wade Chapter, Washington, DC Annual Christmas Ball |
| 8 Dec 12: | MG Meade Chapter, Fort Meade, MD Annual Christmas Ball |
| 9-16 Jan 13: | Family Obligation |
| 19 Jan 13: | Apache Trail Chapter, AZ (or third Saturday of Feb, Apr or May) |
| 26-27 Jan 13: | EXCOM Meeting, San Antonio, TX |
| 6 Apr 13: | El Paso Chapter, Massing of Colors |
| 19-20 Apr 13: | Dallas Chapter Military Ball and Region Meeting |
| 28 May 13: | MG Wade Chapter, Washington D.C. Memorial Day Parade and Meeting |
| 5-6 Jun 13: | Philadelphia Chapter Election & Installation Luncheon |
| 12-17 Aug 13: | Annual National Convention, Dallas |

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NOTICE TO ALL MOWW COMPANIONS

SUBJECT: Proposed MOWW Constitution & Bylaws Amendments

REFERENCE: MOWW Constitution (Article VIII, “Amendments”) and MOWW Bylaws (Article IX, “Amendments”)

- Companions wanting to amend the MOWW Constitution and/or Bylaws in time to be considered at the 2013 National Convention at Dallas, Texas, must submit such proposed amendments to the Chair, Constitution & Bylaws Committee, not later than 15 Feb 13. (See the online MOWW National Directory for contact information.)
- Submissions must include:
 - The reference document, chapter, section, paragraph, etc.
 - The current text
 - The proposed text
 - A brief statement of rationale supporting the proposed change
 - The proposer's full contact information

- The proposed amendments the Committee recommends be considered by the General Staff will be published in the Officer Review prior to the 2013 National Convention in Dallas. Additionally, the Committee will present properly submitted amendment proposals to the General Staff during the Business Session of the National Convention.

Note: On an emergency basis only, the committee may elect to consider proposed amendments received after 15 Feb 13. Under no circumstances will the Committee consider proposed amendments if the Committee receives them after 15 Mar 13.



IPCINC RUSSELL C. VOWINKEL, CAPT, USN (Ret)
 Chair, Constitution & Bylaws Committee

The Military Order Means the World to Me

1ST LT WESLEY E. GROSS, USA (FMR)
DALLAS CHAPTER (069), TX



When I joined the Military Order, my friend and sponsor, VCINC Capt John Hayes, immediately put me to work. By doing so, he quickly introduced me to MOWW. His approach to new Companions made all the difference.

I quickly took over chapter publicity, all preparations for "Best Chapter" awards and began serving as the chapter's Junior Vice Commander. This was my MOWW for the next five years—first as first Junior Vice for three years, then as the Senior Vice Commander, and ultimately as the Dallas Chapter Commander.

During this time, I became involved in recruiting, outreach programs, speakers, and Scout and ROTC awards. I became deeply involved in Youth Leadership Conferences (YLC) through interviews and by serving as the Assistant Director of our YLC.

Through these and so many other activities, I finally came to better appreciate all that we do. From patriotic education of youth and those in the nearby communities, to the Greater Dallas Veterans Day Parade, other patriotic holidays, cemetery memorials and all other tributes to our veterans and service men and women.

The Military Order has meant the world to me... because of the friendships I made, and because our Military Order has meant the world to those it serves. ★



1st LT Wes Gross has served the Dallas Chapter in every command position including Chapter Commander (2009-2010) and has been Publicity and Program Chair for the last six years. He was commissioned from Texas A&M as an artillery officer and served in the 82nd Airborne Division during the mid-1950s. He received a Masters in Business from the University of Dallas in 1976, then worked in sales, marketing and public affairs. He has served as Vice President, Leukemia Society for the Detroit area and State President, Leukemia Society of Kentucky. His wife, Ginny, is a hereditary Companion.

Chapter Commanders: Prepare Now!

... Your Convention's Coming

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

It may seem early to some...BUT it is not too early to emphasize we want a very strong and consistent push for big attendance at the 2013 MOWW Convention in Dallas.

- **Objective #1:** at least one attending delegate represents every chapter, state, department and region at the convention. We can do it!
- **Objective #2:** every chapter submits for all individual and organizational awards for which they are eligible. You can do it!

Register Today to attend!

Visit the MOWW website:

<http://2013nc.dallas-moww.org/>

Key pre-convention actions:

- **NLT 15 Feb**
 - o Submit amendments to MOWW's Constitution & Bylaws to the Chair, Constitution & Bylaws Committee
- **NLT 20 Jun**
 - o Submit proposed Resolutions to the Chair, Legislative & Resolutions Committee
 - o Submit organizational and individual awards packages to the applicable Committee Chair (see Policy Manual)
 - o Submit Outstanding Service Award, National Citations, General Staff Emeritus nominations, etc. to MOWW/CS
- **At the Convention**
 - o Present the Chapter Convention Delegate Appointment (Form 22) at the Convention Registration Desk
 - o Present the Chapter Nominating Committee Member/Alternate credentials (MOWW Form 23) at Nominating Committee Registration Desk



MOWW || Chaplain's Pulpit



CAPT THEODORE O. ATWOOD, JR., CHC, USN (RET)
SAN DIEGO (100) CHAPTER, CA

Gift is a four letter word that intrigues and alarms. Some of our earliest childhood memories pivot around the happiness created by a gift. I well remember the gift of my first bicycle from my grandfather when I completed grammar school. The earliest gift I recall receiving was a cowboy outfit, complete with holster and gun, to celebrate the birth of my sister. I was 2 ½ years old.

The offer of a gift can be also cause for alarm. Each of us can recall the cautions our parents mentioned about taking candy from a stranger, scurrilous men who capitalizing upon our trust and who only injured our innocence. Some years ago, there were countless news reports of how altered Halloween candy harmed children.

The cautions imparted to us in our early years are, perhaps, the basis for later suspicions when as an adult we received gifts from others. Is there an ulterior motive? Is this truly something for nothing? Do we deserve it?

Each of us may likely remember the classical legend—perhaps 2,100 years before the birth of Jesus—about the Trojan Horse given to the people of Troy in what is now western Turkey. We may even recall Virgil's admonition in the Aeneid, "Beware of Greeks bearing gifts." When I was a young Clergyman, my first assignment was at a church on St. Simon's Island, Georgia. In 1964, Hurricane Dora hit the Island and destroyed some houses on the beach. In Greek, Dora means "gift." Not all gifts are what we expect, as the citizens of Troy and St. Simon's Island discovered.

During the Colonial era, two Church of England Priests were prominent figures of coastal Georgia, particularly on St. Simon's Island. John and Charles Wesley were their names. Charles Wesley arrived on

the Island with great expectations. Upon arrival, he wrote in his journal, "No sooner did I enter upon my ministry, that God gave me, like Saul, a new heart. The people seemed overjoyed to see me."

One of the realities of life is that things do not always unfold as we desire, no matter how pure, honorable and lofty our motivations are. Charles Wesley was on St. Simon's Island for only 66 days when a would-be assassin's bullet nearly killed him. When he left the Island, he wrote he was overjoyed "at the deliverance from the furnace."

For some people, gift giving is a chore, not a pleasure. Roman philosopher Seneca captured this thought when he penned, "Unwelcomed is the gift which is held long in the hand." The 19th century American poet and diplomat James Russell Lowell left us these words about gifts, "Not what we give, but what we share, for the gift without the giver is bare, who gives himself with his alms feeds three—himself, his hungering neighbor and me."



Again, things do not always unfold as we desire, no matter how pure and lofty our motivations are. More times than we like to acknowledge, our best efforts simply are not good enough. That is why God gives us grace. As a favorite prayer of mine from the 7th century's *Leonine Sacramentary* said, "It is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service." ★



Ted Atwood, a native of Augusta (GA), commenced his Naval career when he enlisted as a Seaman Recruit in the Naval Reserve as a High School senior. He served two years of active duty and was discharged as a Machinist Mate, Third Class. He was later commissioned as an Ensign (Probationary) while a Theological student in Berkeley (CA). He returned to active duty in 1969 and served with the Marine Corps in Vietnam. He retired in 1989 with 35 years total Naval Service. He resides in San Diego (CA).

MOWW || Surgeon's Tent

It's Finally Happened...Now What?

CPT (DR) ROBERT E. MALLIN, USA (FORMER)
SANTA FE (209) CHAPTER, NM

A heart attack is very simple. For reasons not always fully understood, the event of a heart attack is simply the cutting off the blood to one or more areas of the pumping heart muscle. To a greater or lesser degree, the pump's function is impaired or stopped. The first symptom of a "heart trouble" might just be sudden death! If that happens, warning signs such as chest area pain, irregular heart rate, loss of blood to the brain and difficult breathing are academic.

Immediate treatment may be closed chest compressions. If they are rapid enough—about 70 per minute—mouth-to-mouth breathing is not generally needed. Assuming you get to the emergency department, oxygen (to limit muscle death), and endotracheal intubations (to breathe for you) are used. After stabilization, innumerable tests, punctures and probes provide a good estimate of your condition.



In spite of all the fitness programs—running, eating well, proper body weight—and good hereditary factors and luck, heart attacks happen. They might even happen to one of us, or to someone we know.

What's next?

After testing and stabilization, treatment really begins. If arterial blockage is localized, a stent (synthetic material placed in the narrow spot to hold it open) may be used. More than one stent may be used and may need repeating over time. When they work well, treatment is slick and sure. Up and out in a couple of days is the rule.

With different blockages, an otherwise healthy and fit patient may be a candidate for open-heart

surgery. Splicing a vein or going around an obstruction (bypass surgery) can do the trick. In extreme cases where conditions are perfect, human heart transplants or mechanical pumps are used. Sometimes, internal pacers and deliberators are used.

The immune suppression needed, the amazing teamwork and prolonged operative times can cause their own problems, though as you are alive these are "high class problems." You need diet regulation, frequent visits, tests, and checkups with the "team." The team of professionals available to you include doctors, nurses, technicians, therapists (e.g., physical, nutritional, physiological). The follow-on therapy is life long, i.e., the longer the life the longer the therapy.

Last, I need to say something about caregivers. Caregivers can become stressed regardless the degree of love and compassion they have. Compassion and understanding for caregivers are always appropriate.

In closing, let me offer five heart-healthy strategies from the Mayo Clinic staff:

1. Don't smoke or use tobacco
2. Eat a heart-healthy diet
3. Exercise for 30-minutes on most days of the week
4. Get regular health screenings
5. Maintain a healthy weight ★



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.

MOWW || Chapters in Action



GREATER BOSTON (004), MASSACHUSETTS



New Bell for USS Constitution

BY CDR ROBERT L. GILLEN, USN (RET)

On 4 Jul 12 at 11:45 AM a new ship's bell was unveiled by the Old Ironsides Pennies Campaign National Director, CDR Robert L. Gillen, USN (Ret), and two representatives from the Bellingham Bell Company, Mr. Joe Butler (brother of owner Walter who was unable to be present) and Walter's daughter Miss Marissa Butler. Then, at precisely 1200 noon, the bell was struck for the first time. This signaled the USS Constitution to fire the 21 gun national salute to the nation. The story behind this event is contained in the following open letter from the Old Ironsides Pennies Campaign Committee (OIPC):

On May 6, 2011, a new ships bell for the USS Constitution was cast at Bellingham Bell Company of Hiram, Maine. Representatives from USS Constitution and the OIPC were present at this significant event. It had been decided that to ensure this new bell would have a very unique meaning to all citizens some very special coins should become an integral part of the bell. Accordingly, coins provided by the Commanding Officer (71), CDR Timothy M. Cooper and the former Command Master Chief, CTRMC David Twiford, were tossed into the mix of molten metal by Lieutenant Albert R. Sharlow III, ships Operations Officer. The current Command Master Chief, Roxanne Rhodes, tossed in five Chief Petty Officer insignias, commonly referred to as "Anchors." HMC Jason Shaffer, symbolically representing all crew members past and present, tossed in the Command coin.

CDR Gillen, 59th Commander of the USS Constitution and National Director of the OIPC, "tossed" two special coins; one from the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company (AHAC) and the other from the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) to symbolically recognize all donations from the nation's schoolchildren and indeed; donations from all individual citizens to the Old Ironsides Pennies Campaign. These two coins are testimony to the invaluable contributions and outstanding support provided by the AHAC, the MOWW and the American Legion for all their fund raising efforts for the OIPC. All of the special additions to the bell, representing so much to so many will always be part of each and every ringing of this new bell.

We are happy to report that the USS Constitution struck the bell for the first time on 4 Jul 12 as part of the Bicentennial Celebration of the War of 1812.

(Clockwise, from lower right: "Coin Tossers;" CDR Gillen, Joe Butler and Marissa Butler. The photo was taken just as the new bell was struck at precisely 12 noon.

MOWW || Chapters in Action



DALLAS (069), TEXAS

Dallas Chapter Recognizes 235 Gold Award Girl Scouts at Council Event

BY LTC DON B. MUNSON, USA (RET)

In 2012, Girl Scouts celebrated their 100 year anniversary. To make the occasion special, Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas (GS NETX) Council urged as many scouts as possible to complete their Gold Award projects during this Centennial year. Traditionally, the Northeast Texas Council recognizes all of the Gold award recipients in one combined large, annual ceremony. The result was a record breaking 235 Gold Award recipients from throughout Northeast Texas representing 68 schools.

(L-R): Former Dallas Chapter Commanders LTC Don B. Munson, USA (Ret); LTC Walton H. Capps, USA (Ret); and LT Wesley E. Gross, USA (Fmr), with one-fiftieth of the 235 recipients of the Gold Award.



GEN VANDENBERG (213), CA

For All They Do

BY CPT RICHARD B. HATHCOCK, USA (FMR)

The Chapter's first annual "Member(s) of The Year" award went to CDR (CH) William J. Houston, USN (Ret), and PHM Mrs. Mary Houston. Chapter Commander CPT Richard B. Hathcock, USA (Fmr), presented the MOWW Plaque and Certificate to them for "...all they do for our country, community, veterans and MOWW. We honor them for all of their efforts." CDR Houston currently serves as the Order's National Assistant Chaplain General, MOWW.



SAN DIEGO (100), CALIFORNIA

"...a small table in a place of honor. It is set for one..."

BY COL CLARK KHOLOS, USAF (RET)

The first official function of the new fiscal year for our chapter was the annual anniversary dinner meeting, Saturday, 15 Sep 12. Our first official function of the new fiscal year was a huge success. We saluted the US Air Force and featured the POW/MIA Table Ceremony by the San Diego Unified School District's Brigade Staff. The San Diego Unified School District's Brigade Staff performed the POW/MIA Table Ceremony with COL David Guzman narrating. All present were deeply touched. Thanks go to COL David Guzman and the Brigade Staff for a fine addition to our program.

MOWW || Chapters in Action



SAN ANTONIO (072) TEXAS

JROTC Curriculum Update and Cadet YLC Presentations

BY MAJ MARIAN WELLER, USA (RET)

The Chapter hosted special guests at their monthly meeting on 18 Oct. LTC Jerry Cheatom, USA (Ret), JROTC instructor of Sam Houston High School, gave a presentation on the current curriculum of their JROTC program. Four students from the Sam Houston JROTC program each gave a presentation on their experiences while attending an MOWW YLC.

(L-R): LTC Jerry Cheatom, USA (Ret); Cadet Davonte Anthony; MAJ Marian Weller, USA (Ret); LTC William Dovali, USA (Ret); Cadet Delaney Lewis; Cadet Joey Rodriguez; and Cadet Devonne Adams. Cadet Adams attended the 2011 YLC at Trinity University and the other cadets attended the 2012 YLC at Central Texas College.



SUN CITY CENTER (226), FLORIDA

Silver Patrick Henry Awarded

BY CAPT B. FRANK KEPLEY, USN (RET)

MOWW's Silver Patrick Henry was presented to the Sun City Center Chapter Commander during a joint MOWW and MOAA June luncheon. Lt Col Frank Zahrobsky was presented with the Silver Patrick Henry Award for achieving outstanding advances for the Sun City Center chapter during his leadership serving as chapter commander for the past two years.

(L-R): Lt Col Frank Zahrobsky, USAF (Ret), and Lt Col Gordon Bassett, USAF (Ret), after the Silver Patrick Henry Plaque presentation.



LTG WALKER (063) MISSISSIPPI

Installation of Officers

BY COMPANION ESTHER S. FABBRICANTE

Maj Gen Wayne O. Burkes, USAF (Ret), installed a new slate of officers at the Chapter's May meeting.

(L-R): Maj Gen Wayne O. Burkes, USAF (Ret), Installation Officer; COL James L. Jones, USA (Ret), Adjutant; Col Lewis F. Rogers, USMCR (Ret), incoming Vice-Commander; Maj Gen Erik Hearon, USAF (Ret), incoming Commander; and Capt Hugh O. Hunt, USMC (Fmr), immediate past Commander.

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PHILADELPHIA (017), PENNSYLVANIA

CINC Awards Gold Patrick Henry to CAPT Richard G. Burton, USN (Ret)

BY MAJ WILLIAM R. MAGILL, USA (RET)

Then-CINC CAPT Russell C. Vowinkel, USN (Ret), and Mrs. Beverly Vowinkel attended the Chapter's June Election and Installation Luncheon. Then-CINC Vowinkel made a special presentation of the MOWW Gold Patrick Henry Medallion to CAPT Richard Burton, USN (Ret). COL M. Hall Worthington, USA (Ret), sponsored CAPT Burton for this award. CAPT Burton's citation reads,

"The Gold Patrick Henry Medallion is awarded to Captain Richard G. Burton for outstanding achievements and contributions to the cause of patriotism over an extended period of time. As a young man Captain Burton was a decorated veteran of World War II in the Pacific Theatre, having participated in four major campaigns and the Japanese surrender. After release from active duty he served in the Navy Reserve for 25 years retiring in 1973. For the past eighteen years he has been a Perpetual Member of the Military Order of the World Wars serving as the Philadelphia Chapter's Vice Commander and Commander. Most recently Captain Burton served as the Chairman of the Awards Committee and has honored the Chapter by winning the MOWW National ROTC Recognition Award in Category 6 for the past seven of eight years with a second place finish in the other year. He has set a sterling example for ROTC Cadets and Instructors, alike, as to the true meaning of selfless and patriotic service. Captain Burton's outstanding patriotic contributions to his country, community and fellow companions, is in keeping with the highest standards of the Order and of Patriot Patrick Henry."

Companions were pleased to host then-CINC and Mrs. Vowinkel.

(L-R): CAPT Richard Burton, USN (Ret), and then-CINC Vowinkel display the citation presented to CAPT Burton to accompany his MOWW Patrick Henry Medallion.



PUERTO RICO (121)

New Chapter Commander Takes Oath

BY COL JUAN R. FIGUEROA, USA (RET)

The Chapter's General Membership meeting was well attended by thirty-nine Companions, spouses and guests. Past Chapter Commander COL Daniel Osorio installed the new Chapter Commander LTC Jorge L. Mas and the newly elected slate of officers for FY 2012-13.

(L-R): COL Juan R. Figueroa, Mrs. Carmen Jazmín Mas, LTC Jorge L. Mas, COL Osorio and Vice Commander COL Fernando Sulsona, USA (Ret).



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Women Making History: MOWW's First Woman GSO and Woman SVCINC

BY COL DAVID GIBSON, USAF (RET)

The first woman GSO in MOWW, LT Marion S. Ball, USA (Fmr), meets MOWW's SVCINC Capt Deborah A. Kash, USAF (Ret), at Patriots Landing, Tacoma (WA) on 10 Jul 12.



MOWW || VA: Have You Heard?

Musicorps

"This gives us a piece of us back."

—SGT Nicholas Firth



It is difficult to imagine the life of a severely wounded warrior. Wounded in Iraq or Afghanistan, many have had their lives blown up in every sense of the word. Musicorps is an intensive music rehabilitation program that helps them recover their lives.

Musicorps replicates "real world" music relationships so that injured veterans work on, and are motivated to work on, robust goal-oriented projects many hours a day. Musicorps integrates individualized projects, regular visits by accomplished musicians, and the use of specially-assembled computer-based music workstations along with traditional instruments. Working in any musical style they prefer, wounded warriors are able to learn, play, write, record, and produce original material. Facing a jarring shift from rigorous activity to the pain and isolation of recovery for what may be years, Musicorps brings activity, accomplishment, and joy. The program helps wounded warriors overcome injuries, remain productive, and believe that they can recover their lives.

Musicorps also aids recovery from war-related trauma, including PTSD

(post traumatic stress disorder) and TBI (traumatic brain injury). Concussive blasts from roadside bombs cause TBI, and it has been called the signature injury of the war on terror. Learning, creating, and performing music involves so many aspects of brain function that it is believed to recruit uninjured parts of the brain to compensate for parts that have been injured, and help those parts that are injured recover.

Musicorps began when composer and founder of Renovation In Music Education (RIME), Arthur Bloom, was invited to visit a soldier recovering at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. The soldier, a musician who had been badly injured by a roadside bomb, was concerned about the effects of his injuries on his ability to play music.

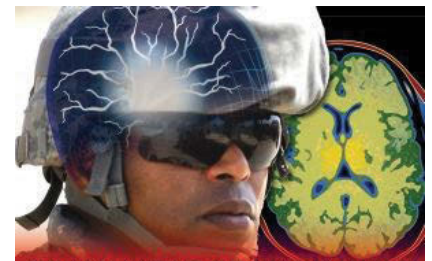
App Offered To Hurricane Sandy Victims.



"A mobile app originally developed to aid veterans has been offered to mental health personnel helping Hurricane Sandy's victims, an example of how innovation and technology within" the Federal government "can have a broader reach than ever before." Last week, Veterans Affairs "sent a notice to a national list of emergency responders or their organizations... about the Psychological First Aid (PFA Mobile) app for disaster responders,"

which "aids mental health providers and other response workers who provide Psychological First Aid (PFA) to children and adults affected by disaster." The website added, "PFA Mobile was launched in Jul 12 by the VA as part of its plans to expand mobile apps for veterans."

Brain Anatomy May Play Role In Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.



"In combat veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder, the area of the brain that controls fear and anxiety responses is much smaller than normal, according to a new study" that was "published 5 Nov 12 in the journal *Archives of General Psychiatry*." The lead author of the study was Dr. Rajendra Morey, assistant professor of psychiatry at Duke University. This is "one piece in a bigger puzzle to understanding why some people develop PTSD and others do not." Morey said in a university news release. Morey added, "We are getting closer to that answer." Funding for the study was from the US Department of Veterans Affairs and the National Institutes of Health. Duke Medicine News points out, "The finding provides new insight into a condition that strikes nearly 14 percent of combat veterans serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, according" to VA. ★

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