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# Goal-Oriented Service

As we start the new year of 2015, I think about past experiences and the plans for the coming year. January is the month for our New Year's resolutions. As we contemplate the new year, I urge all Companions to treat MOWW's Strategic Goals as resolutions—and achieve them!

January is a milestone for me because it was in this month, many years ago, that I was introduced to our

Order. My wife, Mary, and I were invited to a concert reception. After selecting our *hors d'oeuvres*, we looked for seats at a table. When we sat down next to a gentleman and his wife, I noticed his lapel pins. He wore a *fleur-de-lis* pin signifying his association with the Boy Scouts of America, and a pin from a veterans' organization (our Order). Being a long time adult leader in the Boy Scouts of America, I introduced myself and Mary.

The gentleman's name was CPT Franklin H. Collins, retired National Program Director for the Boy Scouts of America. A friendship immediately developed as we discussed our backgrounds. After Frank learned that I had served in the military as an officer, he said, "I belong to an organization which I think you will want to join." As I looked at his other lapel pin, I learned about MOWW.

With Frank's encouragement, I attended the Dallas Chapter meeting and decided to become a Companion. The Companions welcomed me and, importantly, they encouraged me to become involved. Each January, I reflect on that reception with over one hundred attendees. I remember sitting next to Frank, noticing his lapel pins and discussing MOWW. Sadly, Frank has since passed, and I wonder what he would have thought if he knew his efforts led to the recruitment and retention of a MOWW Commander-in-Chief.

Companions, let each of us resolve that in 2015 we each recruit and involve at least one new Companion. Let us also resolve that 2015 will be the year we put our five Strategic Goals into action—and achieve them. Let this New Year motivate all of us to action!

Mary and I wish each of you a very healthy, happy and fulfilling New Year!

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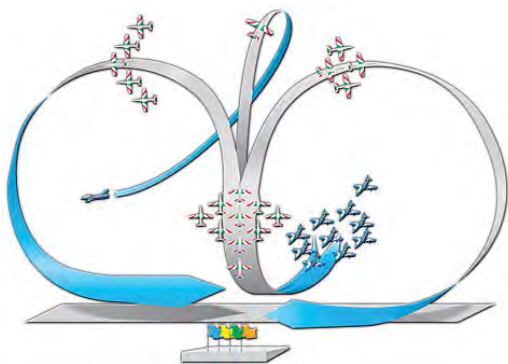
Ramstein Air Base, Germany



# Witness To Horror

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Ramstein Air Base (AB) in Germany is a large and important US and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) air base in Europe. On 28 August 1988 it was the site of one of the most horrifying accidents in aircraft history to occur on an airfield's flight line. Sixty-seven spectators and three pilots died, and 346 spectators sustained serious injuries in the resulting explosion and fire. A key witness to the event was then Major Philip Crotty, US Air Force Reserve. An Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) to the security police squadron at Hanscom Air Force Base, MA, he had led a group of 25 of his IMA non-commissioned officers to Germany to reinforce the resident security police squadron (now called security forces squadron) for *Flugtag* 1988.



Approximately 500,000 German and American spectators would attend this premier air show over a two-day period. To control the anticipated crowd, the Ramstein Security Police welcomed the augmentation of Air Force reservists to assist in what was to be a major NATO aerial display event. Among the allied

military participants were ten Aermacchi MB-339 PAN fighters of the Italian Air Force's *Freccie Tricolori* (Tricolor Arrows) aerobatic team. They were to execute their renowned and daring "piercing the heart" maneuver.

It had not been easy to get Crotty and his security police to Germany. Although it was the height of the Cold War and the US Army was sending Army Reserve and Army National Guard units to such overseas sites as Egypt, Jordan and Somalia for training, the Air Force had not adopted such a program for its reservists. This was especially true for IMAs, who were not expected to deploy overseas in place of those active duty personnel remaining in the United States. In Crotty's case, Air Force reservists were assigned as individuals to the active duty

Security Police (SP) squadron at Hanscom Air Force Base (AFB). There, they participated in two weeks of annual training and one weekend a month in a pay status. In event of war, these SPs would be mobilized and brought on active duty at Hanscom AFB. From there, they might deploy. While IMAs would likely not serve overseas, there were for a few exceptions ... and for Crotty that was the rub.

Crotty, however, was not the kind of reservist who never expected to be mobilized and called to active duty. In 1964, he graduated from the Army's Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program at Fordham University in New York City. Immediately following, he was commissioned an Army second lieutenant. He had been a member of the prestigious Pershing Rifles, an elite student military unit within the ROTC battalion. He served a tour of duty in the Dominican Republic in 1965 as a platoon leader in a Transportation Corps alert company. From his initial assignment at Fort Eustis, VA, he was sent to Korea for an overseas duty tour. He was released from active service on returning to Fort Lewis, WA, in August 1966. He thought his military service was over ... but events proved otherwise.

After four months out of uniform, the US Army changed its mind about his military obligation. The Vietnam conflict was escalating and junior combat leaders were needed. Duty in Korea, however, counted as foreign armed force service, which was still considered a battle zone. This lessened Crotty's liability for recall to active duty. Nevertheless, he received orders to an Army Reserve unit in Brooklyn, NY, where he was obligated to attend unit assemblies one night a week and one weekend every month. The Transportation Corps unit, based at the Brooklyn Army Terminal and also known as a port of embarkation in Army parlance, turned out to be on enhanced alert status for possible deployment to South Vietnam.

Crotty's civilian occupation was with American Airlines, which gave him exposure to the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard—many of whose personnel



were either guardsmen or reservists. The Air National Guard had a flying unit at Westchester County Airport outside New York City, which caught his attention. It was convenient to Crotty's full time job. At the time, transition within the various reserve components was a possibility and Crotty now took advantage of it to transfer into the New York Air National Guard. An additional benefit to that assignment change was that the airport was close to where he was enrolled in law school, and the added pay he received helped with his school expenditures.

The Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve were flying missions to Vietnam during the time Crotty was in law school, but he was not a pilot or crew member on such flights. Instead, his army background made him a good candidate for duty with the Air Force Security Police. That meant helping protect airport facilities—including the aircraft on them. Promotions during the Vietnam conflict had also accelerated and soon he was promoted to captain.

In 1975, Crotty graduated from law school and entered into partnership in a local law firm. He was also appointed the town attorney for New Windsor, NY. By then, the All-Volunteer Force (AVF) had come into being. Since his military service obligation was over, he decided to leave the Air National Guard to concentrate on his new profession. Instead of resigning his commission, however, he entered the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR), which required no further active except in time of wartime mobilization. However, it did allow him to become active if he so desired. At the time he did not so desire.

However, things change. For Crotty in 1982, they did. The Cold War was a reality with President Reagan calling the Soviet Union "The Evil Empire," and the Berlin Wall still being a stark symbol of that division between the east and west. Such a situation was of little concern to Crotty until one day he returned home for lunch and the telephone rang. The call was for him, and an unexpected individual was on the line.

An Air Force sergeant was calling to ask if Crotty might be interested in becoming an active reservist again. The sergeant had a special requirement to fill and with it, an intriguing offer for Crotty ... who by then was a major in the IRR. The 3245<sup>th</sup> Security Police Squadron at Hanscom Air Force Base outside Boston was in need of a commander of its associated reserve element. Its

IMA members were assigned to the 3245<sup>th</sup> SP Squadron, the base's active-duty SP squadron. The IMAs trained with their active duty comrades in job specialties that they would execute when mobilized in order to flesh out similar positions in the unit when and/or if the squadron was deployed overseas or elsewhere.

Crotty, with active duty experience under his belt and knowing the ways of being reservist, accepted the offer. This was to change his life dramatically in 1988. His rank, background, and maturity made his transition into the command position relatively easy. He also commanded a group of highly qualified reservists, many of whom were Vietnam-experienced and in civilian life, were law enforcement officers.

He was also not one to accept the status quo. He knew that if the Cold War heated up and the active duty base SPs deployed, not every active duty SP would go with the squadron. The IMAs would have to replace the "non-deployables" and go to war with the unit. Crotty took that to mean his IMAs had to have overseas deployment experience. He remembered well what had happened to him when he deployed to the Dominican Republic in place of a fellow lieutenant whose wife was about to give birth. At the last moment, he had become a replacement for the "non-deployable."

If Army Reserve and National Guard formations were training outside the United States, why could not certain ground support elements of the Air Force Reserve and National Guard also train overseas? In addition, there was a precedent. Guard and Reserve pilots had been flying to overseas destinations since at least the Vietnam conflict. The IMAs had the same annual training requirements as those pilots and other counterpart reservists. At the same time, IMAs were fully integrated into active Air Force units on a routine basis and functioned as if they were assigned active duty members of the organizations. There appeared to be no cogent reason why IMAs could not deploy outside the United States for training purposes.

Crotty decided to go all out to change the Air Force's attitude about training its IMAs. He called the Air Force Reserve Liaison Office in the Pentagon to request a change in the deployment policy for reserve personnel. As expected, he got the "party line" that IMAs would not train overseas. Crotty persisted. Based on his personal military experience he saw it necessary that if an IMA was to be properly utilized when mobilized, then the





reservists had to be fully qualified to do assigned tasks. Crotty wanted to train his security police personnel for just that contingency. The colonel to whom Crotty addressed his request saw Crotty's logic and relented, finally agreeing to a waiver to authorize such training if the opportunity to deploy overseas presented itself.

Now Crotty had to find some venue to take advantage of the newly won authorization. His chance came when he learned there was to be a massive two-day air show in August 1988 at Ramstein AB, which is located in western Germany close to the French border. Using the unofficial network, Crotty contacted his SP counterpart at the air base and offered his service, and that of a number of his IMAs at the show. Such exhibitions were not new to him as the Air Force periodically put on such events at Hanscom AFB. It would be a great opportunity to have a real world mission, but it would also demonstrate how competent his security police IMAs were. It would also have been hard for the Ramstein security police to turn down an offer to help handle a huge crowd over a two days period. Therefore, along with twenty five IMA noncommissioned officers, Crotty was on his way.

A week before the air show, the contingent boarded the Air Force's gigantic C-5A aircraft at Dover AFB, DE, and after an eight-hour flight, landed at Ramstein. Once bedded down at the AB, the security police officers got a chance to learn the standard operating procedures of the resident security police squadron and to participate in its daily activities. After duty hours, there was the opportunity to visit localities to take in the German experience and taste the country's cuisine. By Saturday, Crotty's SP IMAs were ready to go. The active duty colonel to whom Crotty reported agreed, remarking, "The IMAs look great."

That day the weather was clear and brisk. People from as far east as the Rhine River flowed on the air base and jostled each other to obtain the best view of what promised to be great show. The Germans are inveterate aircraft observers and here was an opportunity to see professional military Airmen demonstrate their expertise before an appreciative and excited crowd. A special feature was to be the performance of the elite Italian Air Force aerial display team, *Frecce Tricolori*.

The ten aircraft flight's final act was their famous "pierced heart" maneuver. Two groups of aircraft would fly into a heart shaped formation while the tenth aircraft flew perpendicular through the "heart," thereby "piercing" it.

Performed at high speed in versatile aircraft flown by airmen who had perfected the maneuver in numerous air shows, the experienced pilots put on a spectacular show. As the aircraft roared by the gaping crowd, the Aermacchi jet fighters drew enthusiastic and loud applause. That Saturday, everything went like clockwork.

On Sunday, things were different. That day the crowd was to be especially large. The active duty officer in charge of security told Crotty to have his personnel stay prepared to act in the event they were needed. As the air show went on, Crotty noted to his security police lieutenant partner that based on his Hanscom AFB air exhibition show experience, it looked like the crowd was encroaching too much on the flight line. It also seemed the NATO aircraft were flying too low.

Crotty's observations resonated with the colonel in charge, who ordered Crotty to have his SP IMAs move to the forefront and push the crowd back from the flight line. The colonel knew that many of Crotty's SPs were Vietnam veterans, police officers in civilian life, and so had experience in deftly handling large crowds. The Ramstein AB security police and the reservists quickly changed places. The IMAs began moving the crowd back and away from the flight line.

At 1640 that afternoon, the Italian *Frecce Tricolori* flying formation, with Italian Lieutenant Colonel Ivo Nutarelli piloting the "heart piercing" aircraft, began its performance. Four minutes later, Nutarelli's Aermacchi MB-339 PAN flying low and fast perpendicularly into the formation, collided with the aircraft flown by Lieutenant Colonel Mario Naldini. In turn, his aircraft hit an Aermacchi flown by Captain Giorgio Alessio.

Nutarelli died as his aircraft's crumpled fuselage and accompanying fireball flew across the runway through the crowd coming to rest against a refrigerator trailer. Naldini managed to eject from his aircraft but died on a taxiway when his parachute failed to open. His Aermacchi skidded into a medical evacuation helicopter piloted by US Air Force officer Captain Kim Strader, who later died of severe burns. Alessio died instantly when his aircraft crashed beside the runway and exploded.

The midair collision happened just as the Hanscom IMA SPs had moved the spectator crowd back. Crotty's own words tell a tale of the ensuing horror he witnessed. The Security Policemen yelled, "Hit the ground!" The American spectators understood and hit the ground. Some Germans followed their lead. Two jets came down in a ball of fire not far from the crowd. Pieces of aircraft—as sharp as razors—shot all over the airfield. Maj Crotty later said,

The next several hours were horrible. The Security Police carried the injured. I tried to clear a corridor among the crowd so emergency vehicles and helicopters could get in, and shouted in college German: "Mach schnell, bitte! Nichts zu sehen!" This means, "Move quickly please; nothing to see!"

A corridor opened up and ambulances raced to the scene. The sound of screeching sirens and whirring blades was terrible and stayed with me for years. The Air Force had procedures in place for such an emergency, and they worked. Triage, morgue, chaplains, and public affairs came out of nowhere."



Crotty further noted that by darkness, his security police contingent was exhausted from doing everything possible to deal with the horrific situation. Besides the three Italian aerial display team pilots and the Air Force helicopter pilot who was to die later, at least 72 spectators died. Possibly more died in German hospitals elsewhere in the region. Approximately a thousand onlookers were injured in some way. Many were severely burned or struck by bits of flying barbed wire and pieces of aircraft. Crotty believes that the death toll would have been much higher but for the decision of the colonel on the flight line and the professional conduct of Crotty's personnel in moving the crowd further back from the airfield's runway when they did. Fortunately, no Hanscom security police personnel became casualties

After clearing the area, Crotty assembled his security police officers near the air base chapel. Holding hands they prayed aloud, each spoke of the air crash and resulting catastrophe. Crotty said they cried. He admitted it was the best he could do. It helped.

The mid-air collision and the disaster on the ground made front pages around the world. At the same time, the Hanscom security police's heroic exertions were also recognized in leading newspaper columns and the airmen's displayed professional conduct was the subject

of much praise. To this day, he continues to wonder how many more casualties there would have been if his security police had not pushed the surging crowd back when they did.

For Crotty, there was a long-term positive result emanating from the horror and his personnel's performance. As Crotty recalled,

The fact that IMA Reservists were present in Germany during a crisis came under review by the Air Force. In short order, the Air Force changed its regulations to allow Air Force IMA's Reservists to serve all over the world.

Such was at least one important outcome of this witness to horror—made possible by the initiative and courage of Air Force Reservists, and their partnership with their active duty counterparts. ★



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# Colonel B. Dean Smith

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**C**INC Dean Smith was a man of action his entire life, selflessly serving his family, his high school, the US Naval Academy, the United States Air Force, and the Military Order of the World Wars.

Growing up just as the Depression began, he understood that good things happen from selfless loyalty, good work and dedicated service—and that philosophy characterized his entire life.

Before graduating in 1948 as a student at the Academy of the New Church in Bryn Athyn, PA, he was the first football player ever selected to the Philadelphia area Team of the Week four weeks in a single season. He was part of the All Scholastic football team as a halfback, and he won the coveted Robert W. Maxwell Award for sportsmanship and play on the field.

After attending Bullis Preparatory School (Silver Spring, MD), he won an appointment to the US Naval Academy. As a varsity football player, he was the high scorer and leading pass receiver, and set a scoring record. He was proud of the fact that while a player, the Navy never lost to Army.

After graduating from the Naval Academy in 1953, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the US Air Force. Shortly thereafter, he married the former Catharine C. Arrington, who grew up in the same community in which he grew up.

After pilot and follow-on training, he served with the Military Air Transport Service (MATS) in South Carolina and Florida, later serving with the Air Rescue Service in Japan. Upon his reassignment to Florida and the Air Force Systems Command, he participated in the GEMINI Program, even writing a book on the subject. Next, he went to the Pentagon and pioneered the use of computers in war-gaming. After a tactical airlift tour in Vietnam, he returned to the Pentagon to develop airlift doctrine. Next, he was assigned to Andrews AFB and helped develop the concept of modular weapons. He ended his career with tours on the Air Staff and with the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

During his career, he also attended George Washington University, earning a Masters Degree in Business Administration, and later attended the Air War College.

Throughout his career, Dean filled numerous pilot positions at the squadron, group and division level, retiring in 1974 when he went into private business as Vice President, Cranston Research, Inc. Three years later, he founded his own company, Capital Safety Associates, Inc., later run by his sons.

As a dedicated Companion for 34 years, he served in virtually every capacity possible. For example, he was a chapter, department and region commander. He served on multiple national committees, was the Assistant treasurer General for four years, served as an Adjutant at several levels of command, was elected as a General Staff Officer for four years, a VCINC for two years, and ultimately, he was elected as the Order's Commander-in-Chief. Even after these many roles and years, he was still active in supporting the National Capital Region (St. Johns) Youth Leadership Conference.

As Past CINC COL Bert Rice remembered him, "He was a true patriot, totally dedicated to the United States, and intensely loyal to family, friends and our Order."

PCINC Smith is survived by his wife of 62 years, Catharine Arrington Smith, and sons CW5 Stewart Smith (Ret), Christopher Smith, Mathew Smith and MAJ Aaron Smith, and their spouses, 15 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. ★



# A Bioethicist's Challenges

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**B**ioethics was the captivating and provocative topic addressed by CAPT Moni McIntyre, USN (Ret), at a recent chapter meeting. CAPT McIntyre is an Assistant Professor at Duquesne University's Graduate Center for Social and Public Policy.

CAPT McIntyre surfaced many questions dealing with the challenges faced by military medical personnel when balancing moral judgment with the responsibility of discharging their military duties. For example, what action would you take when given a mission to perform prisoner interrogations in a manner contrary to your moral beliefs, knowing that the results of your mission might save lives in the future?

CAPT McIntyre explained that US Naval officers in the health care professions are required to take the Advanced Medical Department Officer Course. Included in that course are the subjects addressing the ethical, legal, and quality elements of healthcare, which she teaches. The officers want to know how their ethical obligations to provide medical care for military personnel and enemy combatants during times of war, humanitarian missions and other conditions where trauma is involved, affect their role as Naval officers. Their basic mission is to provide Force Health Protection in support of the Navy and Marine Corps throughout the world under combat and humanitarian conditions. They are also capable of providing health and preventive care for active duty personnel, their families and military retirees.

As further explained by CAPT McIntyre, one of the most important questions that every Naval Medical Officer must answer is, "Are you first a physician or a Naval Officer?" She indicated that the Navy insists that they are Naval officers first and providers second. A few of the ethical challenges faced by military Medical Officers include: force feeding detainees in Guantanamo Bay, deciding how much should be done for persons in conditions of scarcity when follow-up care is negligible or nonexistent, and how to deal with incompetent

colleagues who go beyond their level of expertise. An important example of the difference in priorities for military and civilian medical personnel is how they triage. In the civilian world, the most serious injuries are addressed first. In military medicine, the least wounded are treated first and returned to battle. The more seriously injured are treated last.

The matter of inoculations is an interesting one, as explained by CAPT McIntyre. Many individuals receive inoculations that they will never need and do not want, which is based on deployment readiness being a strategic goal. Every uniformed member of the Navy will

be fully deployable based on successful achievement of all training, administrative and medical readiness requirements. To accomplish this, individuals may be given treatment and vaccines that are neither medically indicated nor personally desired but which are necessary for them to be part of a worldwide capable pool of ready Sailors and Marines.

The disclosure of medical records on a need-to-know basis may present a dilemma for a Medical Officer. One



**CAPT Moni McIntyre, USN (Ret), gave Companions pause to consider the factors involved in military ethics.**



gives up a certain degree of privacy when one enters the military. This is true on the medical side. The medically deployable status of all active duty and reserve service members is known, ideally to those with a need to know. This may present problems for medical officers who are junior to their line commander, especially when the senior officer requests information that the medical officer deems not to be necessary for the commander to know. Ethical issues abound in situations like these.

A classic example of ethics involving a Naval Medical Officer may be found in the movie "The Caine Mutiny," when LCDR Queeg's (actor Humphrey Bogart) ability to command the USS Caine was brought into question by his first officer (actor Van Johnson) and his Medical Officer (actor Fred MacMurray). Ethical questions abound when the Medical Officer keeps questioning Queeg's mental capacity to deal with routine problems, only to back down on his observations when the subordinate officers are brought before a Court Martial on charges of mutiny.

In many cases there does not appear to be a right or wrong answer to a problem and often times the Medical Officers' decisions are based upon their religious background and the moral standards set by their family and associates during their formative years. Medical Officers must consider all of the factors and render a decision based upon their best judgment. ★

*Editor's Note: MOWW thanks CAPT Moni McIntyre for sharing her lecture notes with the author, which greatly contributed to this article.*

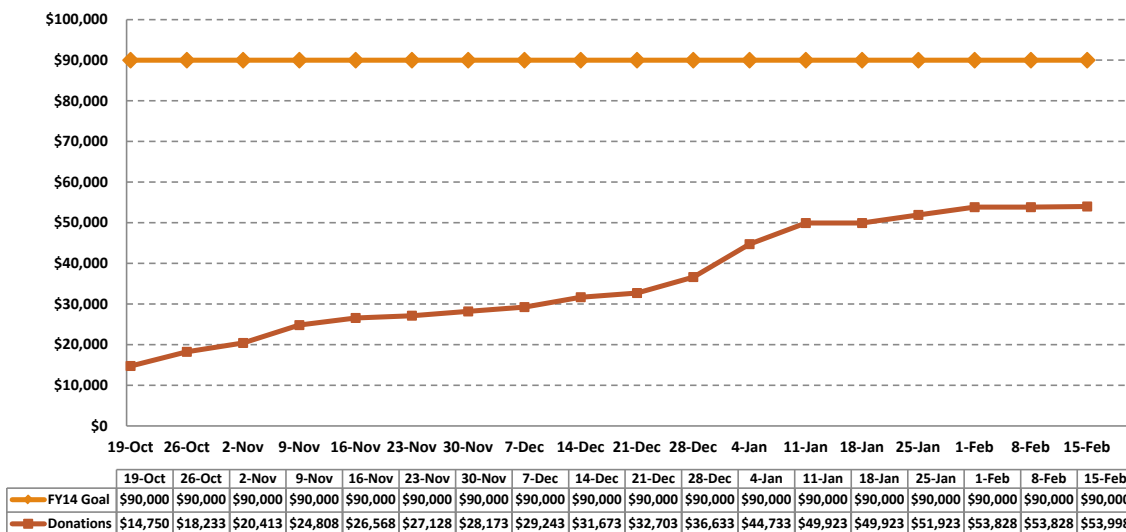


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CHIEF OF STAFF, MOWW

## COMPANIONS ARE VOLUNTEERS

As Companions, we are beneficiaries of the vision of G/A Pershing and those who served during the First World War—who so believed in the United States and in serving Americans, they created the Military Order in 1919. Their successors, including Companions today, accepted the baton from them to continue to nurture and grow the Military Order. By freely taking the Companion's oath, in volunteering to do these things, we volunteered to be active in our respective chapter, and seek roles and responsibilities "for the good of the Order."

"It is nobler to serve than to be served"

➤ MOWW Motto



## VOLUNTEERISM

The practice of volunteering one's time or talents for charitable, educational, or other worthwhile activities—especially in one's community or nation—describes the focus of MOWW's Motto and its Companions

As we always have, we have that opportunity now. The Military Order needs more Companions to volunteer to help conduct its national outreach programs in the areas of Scouting, ROTC, Patriotic Education, Monuments & Memorials, Law & Order, and National and Homeland Security.

MOWW also needs more Companions to serve on national internal program committees, e.g., Membership, Information & Publicity, Financial Development, and Historical & Archives, and more.

In the spirit of our Military Order's motto, Companions need to look within their chapters and see who is holding down two or more positions, and offer to assist them or even to lead that activity—to help share the volunteer load and involve more Companions in chapter activities.

The Order also needs State Commanders for six states: Ohio (Region II), West Virginia (Region IV), Illinois (Region X), Michigan (Region X), Minnesota (Region X), Idaho (Region XIV). Contact your region commander if you are interested (contact information is in the MOWW Directory on the MOWW website). Additionally, MOWW is looking for candidates willing to serve as a Region Commander for Region X, and chapter commanders for the Fort Campbell Chapter (Region II) and the Pasadena Chapter (Region XIV). Can you serve? Do you know someone who could?

## MOWW IS E PLURIBUS UNUM

*E pluribus unum*: "Out of many, one" illustrates we are one Companion Team, one Military Order, out of many Companions. By creating "the Companion Team," we enable success in chapters, in regions, and nationally. We hope every commander at every level, and Companion delegations from every region, department, state and chapter, the Companion Team, attend the 2015 Convention in Tampa in August as part of the MOWW Team. Great things come from convening: camaraderie, insights, initiatives, action, and inspiration.



## ANTICIPATE TEAM NEEDS



Sometimes, we also take inspiration from something fictional. Then we learn the fiction comes from reality. At that moment, we realize the ideal is possible--and we can be a part of that. For example, MASH 4077's TV character Radar O'Reilly's was based on a real company clerk, Don "Radar"

Shaffer, a Korean and Vietnam War veteran, also from Ottumwa, IA. Let us look at why Radar O'Reilly was a role model.

Notably, Radar O'Reilly was focused on serving others, just as was Radar Shaffer. Both seemed to have extra-sensory perception, appearing at their commander's side before being called, often arranging for needed support before the commander requested it, hence the nickname "Radar." We should all aspire to earn that nickname.

## BE QUICK TO HELP THE TEAM



Father Mulcahy, MASH 4077's chaplain, was likewise a role model, and not just because he was respected by all. He was always quick with a smile and willing to help out anyone in need. He lived companionship. Even still, he often wondered if his role or abilities were even remotely important when compared to those of others. Consequently,

when an opportunity arose where he felt he could be of additional assistance, he was quick to volunteer. A conversation from the 1973 "Showtime" episode (produced in association with 20th Century Fox Television for CBS) highlights how even when we are not confident we are making a difference, we are:

- **Capt. Benjamin Franklin "Hawkeye" Pierce:** You're not eating, Father. You know something I don't know?

- **Father Mulcahy:** Something's troubling me.
- **"Hawkeye":** Think of me as your mother, Father.
- **Mulcahy:** May I make a confession?
- **"Hawkeye":** As long as you don't use any real names.
- **Mulcahy:** For some time now, I've been comparing the disparity of our callings—doctor versus priest. You fellows are always able to see the end result of your work. I mean, you know immediately if you've been successful. For me, the results are far less tangible. Sometimes ... most of the time ... I honestly don't know whether I'm doing any good or not.
- **"Hawkeye":** I used to have a professor in med school who always said, "God cures the patients, but the doctor takes the fee."
- **Mulcahy:** Do you think that's true?
- **"Hawkeye":** I'm able to do a lot of things in surgery that I'm not really good enough to do.
- **Mulcahy:** Thanks, Hawkeye.

## VOLUNTEERING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

We can accomplish a great deal, even when we think we cannot, if we all help. When we volunteer, what we do makes a difference. We see that difference in the scouts' eyes as we present them MOWW Eagle Scout or Gold Award certificates. We see the difference we make in the faces of ROTC cadets as we present them Medals of Merit, and we see it in our YLC students who grow as a result of them attending our YLCs. In volunteering, we make a difference. ★

Get  
**Involved**  
unteer





## 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   ROCKY POINT GOLF CLUB (0900 TEE-OFF)	ALL CONFEREES
0900-1200	TOUR 2: TAMPA MUSEUM OF ART	ALL CONFEREES
1300-1600	TOUR 3: SS AMERICAN VICTORY SHIP & MUSEUM	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
0900-1200	TOUR 4: TAMPA BAY HISTORY CENTER	SPOUSES/GUESTS
0630-0850	PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF COUNCIL	PAST CINCS & GUESTS
0800-0950	WORKSHOP NATIONAL & HOMELAND SECURITY, AND LAW & ORDER	ALL CONFEREES
1000-1150	WORKSHOP RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS	ALL CONFEREES
1200-1250	LUNCH AS DESIRED	
1300-1450	WORKSHOP CHAPTER COMMANDER COURSE	ALL CONFEREES
1500-1650	WORKSHOP PATRIOTIC EDUCATION	ALL CONFEREES
1800-1850	COMMANDERS' CALL (HOST: CINC)	ALL CONFEREES

#### FRIDAY, 7 AUGUST 2015

TIME	EVENT	ATTENDEES
0900-1200	TOUR 5: THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM	SPOUSES/GUESTS
0800-0950	WORKSHOP SCOUTING (BSA & GS-USA)	ALL CONFEREES
1000-1150	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
0900-1200	TOUR 6: THE HENRY B. PLANT MUSEUM	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
0900-1200	TOUR 7: INTERNATIONAL PLAZA & BAY STREET	SPOUSES/GUESTS
0800-1150	POST-CONVENTION EXCOM	EXCOM MEMBERS
0800-0950	EXCOM SPOUSE/GUEST BREAKFAST	EXCOM SPOUSE/GUEST

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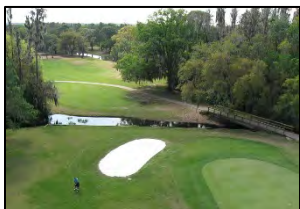
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NOTE 3 | ALL COMMANDERS ATTEND

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### [TOUR 1 \(Wed, 5 Aug 15, Tee-Off 0900\)](#)

**Rocky Point Golf Club** is within a 15-minute drive of Tampa International Airport and many luxury hotels. Sand and water come into play often. In fact, the many lakes on the course have become a wildlife habitat as well as a bird sanctuary. Dress Code: Proper golf attire.



### [TOUR 2 \(Wed, 5 Aug, 0900-1200\)](#)

**The Tampa Museum of Art** offers modern and contemporary art, as well as Greek, Roman, and Etruscan antiquities. Founded in 1979, it debuted an award-winning new building in 2010 just north of its original site along Tampa's Riverwalk on the Hillsborough River.



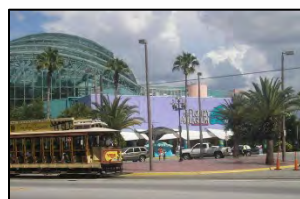
### [TOUR 3 \(Wed, 5 Aug, 1300-1600\)](#)

**SS American Victory Ship and Museum** is a Victory ship built during WWII that is now the main feature of the American Victory Ship & Museum. The ship is also used as an operating base for a local United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps unit.



### [TOUR 4 \(Thu, 6 Aug, 0900-1200\)](#)

**The Tampa Bay History Center** exhibits depict the Tampa Bay area's first native inhabitants, Spanish conquistadors, and historical figures who shaped the area's history, as well as a reproduction of a 1920s cigar store. The museum is on the waterfront in Tampa's Channelside District.



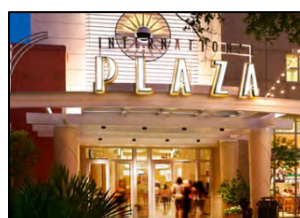
### [TOUR 5 \(Fri, 7 Aug, 0900-1200\)](#)

**The Florida 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.



### [TOUR 6 \(Sat, 8 Aug, 0900-1200\)](#)

**The Henry B. Plant Museum** (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.



### [Tour 7 \(Sun, 9 Aug, 0900-1200\)](#)

**International Plaza and Bay Street** 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.

# New Generation Of Leaders

CPT DAVID A. POE, JR., USA | TREASURER, BG RYDER CHAPTER (248), NC

COL BRAD M. BEASLEY, USA (RET) | COMMANDER, REGION V

*MOWW expands into the Fort Bragg, NC, Community...*

*and welcomes a new generation of Companion leaders*

**Region V  
Commander, COL  
Brad M. Beasley,  
USA (Ret), poses  
with Chapter  
Companions  
of the  
newly-chartered  
BG Ryder Chapter.**

On 7 December 2014, the Order chartered the BG William T. Ryder Chapter. On 10 December in Fayetteville, NC, Region V Commander, COL Brad M. Beasley, USA (Ret), installed the new chapter's members. Located in the area of Fort Bragg, the unit chose its chapter's name to honor the late BG William Thomas "Bill" Ryder, USA (Ret), who served as the United States Army's first paratrooper. He was also a pioneer in the development and integration of airborne training, equipping and fighting before and throughout World War II.

The installation ceremony was the fulfillment of a nine-month effort to identify, select and train potential Companions for service in the Order. Informational meetings were held in September and November, and by December, nine new Regular Members and four new Perpetual Members joined existing Companions.

Together, they formed the new chapter and officially integrated the Order into the community surrounding the home of Airborne and Special Operations forces.

A presence in the Fort Bragg area has been a strategic objective of the Order for years as Fort Bragg serves as the most populous military installation in the United States. It is the home of several major Army commands, to include the United States Army Forces Command, Army Reserve Command, 18th Airborne Corps Headquarters, Joint Special Operations Command, Army Special Operations Command, Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command, the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, and the 82nd Airborne Division.

Additionally, Pope Army Airfield hosts a number of United States Air Force units, to include the 18th Air



Support Operations Group, 427th Special Operations Squadron, the 21st and 24th Special Tactics Squadrons, and the 440th Airlift Wing. With an active duty population of over 40,000 and a surrounding community composed largely of retired military professions, the potential size and operational reach of the BG William T. Ryder Chapter is limited only by one's imagination.

However, the new chapter brings a unique aspect to the Military Order of the World Wars that has little to do with its actual or potential size. Years ago, the Order recognized the need to focus its expansion efforts on a younger generation of American officers. In 2006, it signed an affiliation with the National Society of Pershing Rifles, the nation's oldest military oriented honor society, in the hope that its members, 95% of whom go on to serve as commissioned officers in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps, would join the Order as young lieutenants or ensigns.

The BG William T. Ryder Chapter is unique because the chapter consists almost entirely of active duty, company grade officers. Although a few in the Order's leadership have expressed their concern with such a young chapter whose members will certainly change duty assignments every three to five years, the BG Ryder Chapter also provides two unique advantages to the Order that few have been able to realize and on which even fewer capitalize.



**Left (L-R):** CPT David A. Poe, Jr, USA, is presented a MOWW Silver Patrick Henry Award by Region V Commander, COL Brad M. Beasley, USA (Ret), for CPT Poe's untiring efforts to establish the Chapter.

First, with a median age of approximately 28, the chartering members of the BG William T. Ryder Chapter are young and plan to recruit new members from within their own peer groups heavily. This will ensure that for the foreseeable future, the bulk of the members of the chapter will be continually renewed company and field grade officers who have many years of service, and a couple PCS moves ahead of themselves.

## Leadership in action!

As they become more familiar with the values, goals and objectives of the Order, and begin to participate in and eventually plan their own Youth Leadership Conferences, these young officers will carry their affiliation with the Order to other military installations across the United States. Those wishing to continue their involvement with the Order are potential chartering members of future chapters situated outside practically any military installation in the United States. CPT Poe explained,

My own induction into the Order as a young second lieutenant in 2007 serves as an example of how this would work. Initially a member of the MG Meade Chapter, I have never been stationed near an active chapter of the Order and therefore could not participate in regularly monthly meetings or volunteer in any program geared towards mentoring Junior and Senior ROTC cadets



**Right (L-R):** 1LT Raelyn N. Guzman, USA, pinned as the first Chapter Commander of the BG William T. Ryder Chapter by COL Brad M. Beasley, USA (Ret).



alongside other Companions. My involvement in establishing and chapter outside Fort Bragg, NC was inspired by that desire to simply participate, and to fulfill my purpose in joining the Order in the first place.

**Right: CPT Darryl S. Buchanan, USA, as he is inducted into the newly formed BG Ryder Chapter in North Carolina.**



The second advantage the young chapter provides the Order concerns its leadership. 1LT Raelyn Guzman, a Paratrooper assigned to the 307th Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, was installed as the BG William T. Ryder Chapter's inaugural commander. At age 25, she is arguably the youngest chapter commander in recent MOWW history—if not ever. A graduate of the University of California, Santa Barbara, 1LT Guzman was a recipient of one of the Pierre Claeysens Veterans Foundation's ROTC Scholarships, which is actively supported by Companions in and around the Santa Barbara community. Her personal connection to the Order and the role it played in helping her earn a commission as an officer in the Transportation Corps is

**Below (L-R): 2LT Aric Wagner, USA, inducted into the BG Ryder Chapter by its Chapter Commander 1LT Raelyn N. Guzman, USA.**



not only inspiring, but has been the driving force behind the unit's recruitment efforts.

Personifying the Order's motto "It is Nobler to Serve than to be Served," 1LT Guzman brings a breath of fresh air into the Order's leadership and sets the example for other young Companions to follow. Her model inspires

them to not only get involved in chapter activities, but to commit their time to serve in staff and leadership roles, thereby bringing a new perspective and a fresh set of ideas to the table. Her example also provides these future senior leaders with an opportunity to be mentored themselves by the incredible pool of talented and dedicated patriots, and retired or former officers, who have served at every level of command in the United States Armed Forces.

Under 1LT Guzman's leadership, the new chapter is busy outlining an ambitious set of goals that it hopes to accomplish over the course of the next two years. These goals include integrating themselves into the Junior and Senior ROTC programs in the larger Fayetteville area, and planning their own Youth Leadership Conference in 2016.

Please join us in congratulating and welcoming all of the new Companions of MOWW's BG William T. Ryder Chapter, who have dedicated themselves to giving back to the Fayetteville and Fort Bragg communities, and in fulfilling the Preamble and motto of the Order. ★



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*COL Brad M. Beasley, USA (Ret), is the Commander of MOWW Region V. He is a Perpetual Member of the Military Order and Past Commander of the Atlanta Chapter. During his Army career, Colonel Beasley served over 25 years in a host of command and staff positions, to include overseas tours in Panama, Italy, Germany and Puerto Rico. He and his wife Deborah, and youngest daughter Emerald, reside in Riverdale, GA, just south of Atlanta.*

The Military Order of the World Wars  
435 North Lee Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314-2301

January 17, 2015

The Military Order of the World Wars,

My name is Anderson Estrella and I am a Midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy. I am writing to thank you for your leadership and encouragement during my involvement in the Youth Leadership Conferences (YLC) at Norwich University. Since attending the Youth Leadership Conferences, I was instilled with many qualities and attributes that I am glad to have learned and still exercise. From the start I learned what being part of a team really means, and how to be a leader. I also learned ethics, discipline and the ability to learn from my mistakes. The Youth Leadership Conferences did not just make an impact on me. It has inspired me.

I desire to be greater than I am by expanding my abilities through knowledge, trial and error, while continuing to press forward. I want to be a Naval Officer. I may not know the magnitude of the challenges that lay in my future, but I know that they will be there. I am ready to step up and meet each one. I want to be involved in the struggle that is to serve, and I am prepared to give up everything I must for this country, which has given me an immense amount of privileges and advantages. I feel I can give not only my dedication and hard work, but also my enthusiasm and motivation with my service in the U.S. Navy. One of these days, I will have the premier position to fulfill the shoes of a Naval Officer; not only are they leaders but mentors to those around them. Working with people is the world the U.S. Navy revolves around, and I am thankful for being part of that.

The U.S. Naval Academy provided me tools that continue to be essential in my development not only as a student but also as an individual. I did not do it alone and it was through the help, mentorship and support of those around me that made my dream possible. The U.S. Navy has made a large impact on my life that will stay with me for the rest of my life. I truly aspire to continue to follow in the footsteps of those that came before me, and be an honest, dedicated, ethical, and disciplined leader. They have not only taught me these qualities with words, but with actions. Their influences run deep in my life by teaching me to be the best that I can be and do the best that I can do, and this impact is one of the greatest one could ever have. Thank you for everything. I am more than glad to help in any shape or form.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very respectfully,

*Anderson Estrella*  
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# Remembering

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

Recently I was looking for an award plaque I knew I had, but could not find. After ordering another, it turned up. This, of course, is all too common, and so it deserves some research and understanding.

People have long tried to understand memory and its operation. We often think of memory as a big file cabinet with many folders, or as a super computer. It is probably more complex.

Memory is a brain-wide phenomena drawing on many areas. To illustrate, driving a car involves the driving, the directions, the analysis of road and weather, the fear of collision, the sound of things, etc. The information needed to address these things and more come from different areas of the brain. Our brain codes each bit of information to a particular place in the brain, and then the brain decodes that information as needed. It is a web of interaction. If some parts of the web, such as a first name, are damaged, other parts, such as the last name or occupation, may not be. Additionally, there are short-term and long-term memories, each of which is coded differently and stored with different methods of recall.

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*Memory can fade if not used. Just as physical exercise strengthens our physical functioning, we must keep up thinking to strengthen our mental functioning.*

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Forgetting is not the same as not noting or caring. A person may remember the football scores of a decade ago and not remember the ingredients in a Margarita. In similar fashion, the smart phone is not ruining our memory. We are simply assigning certain information to be stored in it, i.e., information we choose not to deal with or learn. Contrary to popular opinion, the computer improves our memory because we know where to find the information.

Memory is distinct from learning, although once something is learned, it becomes a part of memory. “Remerging” is pulling many things together from many parts of the brain. It is not like pulling a book off the shelf or a file from a drawer. This complexity is handled by using memory to pull thoughts together, to plan or to change direction given a new concept. Associations and inferences also play a part.



The phenomenon of fact distortion in memory is real. For example, we may “remember” things even though they never happened. This is a widespread occurrence. Of course, conscious lies and distortions of the truth are different matters—although true belief in these thoughts can and do happen. In theory, a lie detector can be lied to with impunity. I recall what Major Metz told me long ago, “Try to make most of your war stories mostly true.”

Just to make it more complicated, there is community memory that allows individuals to build on the experiences of a group and thus advance knowledge. Writing and audiovisual products are external forms of memory. That capability allows civilization to advance.

The parting thought to remember is that memory can atrophy if not used. Just as physical exercise strengthens our physical functioning, we must keep up thinking to strengthen our mental functioning. That is why remaining intellectually challenged is vital to our health. ★



CPT (Dr.) Robert E. Mallin, USA (Fmr), 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.

# Living a Contented Life

REV SUSAN J. RAMSAY, RM

ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN GENERAL, MOWW

Recently, I found myself in a delightful discussion of “contentment” with a hospital chaplain. He was thinking about writing an article for a hospital chaplains’ newsletter and calling it, “The Ten Contentments.”

We bantered back and forth on images of “contentment” and the frantic faces of opposition. The more I reflected on contentment, the more it added to my awareness of how underrated and overlooked contentment is in our world today. So what might contentment look like in your life and mine? Here are ten random acts of contentment.

1. Focus on needs rather than wants. Focusing on wants only leads to more wants.
2. Be a peaceful presence. You can be a peaceful presence by taking time to really listen to a friend or acquaintance. A smile goes a long way in expressing contentment.



3. Accept God’s provisions. No matter how tempting it may be to complain or compare with another’s good fortune, he is there to care for us. That, in itself, is enough.
4. Be okay with yourself. When God created you, unless you were born with an identical twin, he made you a batch of one, to fulfill a purpose that only you can. Be content to be who God created you to be rather than a second-rate copy of someone else.
5. Adjust expectations to fit the circumstances. The higher the expectations of yourself and others, the more likely you are to be agitated, frustrated and disappointed.
6. Be okay with not having all the answers. Life is complicated, relationships are complex, and even

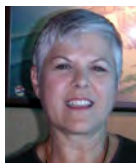
God has only partially revealed who he is and what his plans are for us. Relax. Be okay with saying, “I don’t know.”

7. Forgive yourself and others. Let it go, whatever it is. Don’t waste precious energy on putting yourself down or holding grudges. Take your cue from God—it’s all forgivable. If you need it, ask God for some extra grace to put it behind you.
8. Focus on faith rather than fear. In times of terror, trust God to lead you and to see you through.
9. Be content to suffer. I know, in a world of pain relievers, it is counter-intuitive. God wants to build us up, strengthen our faith, and show us the fullness of his love in new ways so that he might work in and through our pain for his glory.
10. Anticipate God’s movement in your life, whether it has to do with healing, answering prayers, or knowing what to do next.

## contentment

**is not the fulfillment of what we want  
rather the appreciation of what we have**

As you welcome the New Year, resolve to live a life rich in contentment. ★



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**NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL IN WASHINGTON, DC**

### **Observance of the 73rd Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor: “A day that will live in infamy.”**

The Commander in Chief of the Order, Capt John M. Hayes, USAF (Fmr), accompanied by VCINC LTC John S. Hollywood, USA (Ret), and PCINC CAPT Russell C. Vowinkel, USN (Ret), presented an MOWW wreath at the National World War II memorial in Washington, DC, on 7 Dec 2014, to commemorate the 73rd anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. An Honor Flight from Austin, TX, with Pearl Harbor survivors were invited to be special guests and participated in the ceremony along with veterans and families from all over the United States.

(L-R): PCINC CAPT Russell C. Vowinkel, USN (Ret), CINC Capt John M. Hayes, USAF (Fmr), with VCINC LTC John S. Hollywood, USA (Ret), stand behind the MOWW wreath. Alongside them, in yellow caps, are Pearl Harbor survivors waiting to escort the wreaths forward.


**LTG MIDDLETON (056), LOUISIANA**

## LTG Middleton Wreaths Across America

BY VCINC COL CLAY LE GRANDE, USA (RET)



On Friday, 12 Dec 2014, nine LTG Troy H. Middleton Chapter members assisted in the placement of 2,500 Christmas wreaths at the Port Hudson National Cemetery (PHNC) in preparation for the Wreaths Across America (WAA) ceremony the following day. Lt Col Phillip Collins, USAF (Ret), Past Chapter Commander, has directed the fundraising and wreath placement effort for the Port Hudson National Cemetery for the past six years. This year's ceremony featured COL Thomas W. Moore, USA (Ret), Past LTG Middleton Chapter Commander, as the guest speaker. He discussed the history of the design of the POW/MIA flag and its role in honoring those that served our nation. LTC Shaun B. McGarry, USA (Ret), Past Region VII Commander, participated by laying the US Army wreath during the WAA ceremony.

Port Hudson National Cemetery is located on the site where Union and Confederate forces were engaged in the siege of Port Hudson. In 1863, General Banks selected a portion of a local plantation for the burial of soldiers who had died in battle or in army hospitals. Of the nearly 4,000 Union troops who were killed (almost all), were buried in the cemetery, only 600 were known. Congress officially established the cemetery in 1866, and the US government took title to the original eight-acre property in 1869. PHNC contains more than 10,000 veterans from the Civil War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the recent conflicts in the Persian Gulf and Afghanistan. PHNC was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1974, as part of the Port Hudson Historic Site.

**Photo Top:** LTG Middleton Chapter members that assisted in placing the wreaths are (L-R): VCINC COL Clay Le Grande, USA (Ret); Chapter Vice Commander Maj Rodney L. Breland, USAF (Ret); Chapter Adjutant and Treasurer COL Ulysses "Shelby" Hargrove, USAR (Ret); HPM Vicky Hargrove; Chapter Commander LTC Patrick Widner, USAR (Ret); Chapter Vice Commander LTC Reginald Brown, USA (Ret), and Past Chapter Commander Lt Col Phillip Collins, USAF (Ret). Not pictured but participating were CPT Elizabeth "Alex" Juan, ANG (Fmr), and Past Region VII Commander LTC Shaun B. McGarry, USA (Ret).

**Photo Below:** Standing by the US Army wreath after their participation in the WAA ceremony are (L-R): Past Region VII Commander LTC Shaun B. McGarry, USA (Ret), and Past Chapter Commander COL Thomas W. Moore, USA (Ret).





HILL COUNTRY (220), TEXAS

## New Companion Joins Our Ranks!

BY CDR RALPH LEWIS, USCG (RET)

Chapter Adjutant CDR Ralph Lewis, USCG (Ret), looks on as Col Norm Wells, USAF (Ret), is administered the oath, officially being inducted into the Military Order of the World Wars. All Companions welcome Col Wells to the Order!



MG RIDGWAY (018), PENNSYLVANIA

## Perry High School Awards Ceremony

BY COL ROBERT L. REESE, USA (RET)

Chapter Commander Brig Gen Peter C. Bellisario, USAF (Ret), was the keynote speaker at the Perry Traditional Academy JROTC Military Awards Ceremony held in May at the VFW Hall in Bellview. His address centered around the importance of civic participation and the development of leadership skills by cadets. Also in attendance were LTC Elaine H. Berkowitz, USA (Res), Joan Bellisario and Ruth Craig.

Above left, (L-R): Brig Gen Peter C. Bellisario, USAF (Ret); Cadet Javon Owens and COL Robert L. Reese, USA (Ret). Cadet Owens was presented with the MOWW Leadership Medal and Certificate for outstanding leadership qualities.

Above right: COL Reese spoke briefly congratulating Cadet Brandy Hardy for having presented her essay before her classmates on what she learned at the Freedom Foundation Youth Leadership Conference in April.



TOPEKA (086), KANSAS

## The Traveling Wall

BY MG DONALD JACKA, USA (RET)

The Topeka Chapter joined forces with approximately fifteen other veteran and service organizations to host the American Veterans Traveling Tribute (AVTT) Vietnam Wall in Topeka from 28-31 August 2014. Presentations and ceremonies were highlighted each day of the AVTT Traveling Wall event.

The Topeka Chapter was involved in the initial planning for this event. During the event, the Chapter manned a tent each day, all day. Companions supplied and distributed free iced bottles of drinking water in the hot August heat of Kansas. As patriotic Americans came to visit the AVTT Traveling Wall events, they passed right by the MOWW pop-up tent. Chapter 86 had a recruiting display and received very positive public relations for the service to our military community. New Companion membership leads will be followed-up.

**Honor Ceremony:** Along with other dignitaries, Topeka MOWW Chapter Commander, CPT Terry Harbert, USA (Fmr), in a maroon MOWW shirt, placed a ceremonial wreath of honor at the AVTT Traveling Wall.




**MG MEADE (026), MARYLAND**

## Chapter Donates to Archbishop Spalding High School Music Department

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

On 20 November 2014, the Meade Chapter presented a check for \$500 to the Archbishop Spalding Music Department, represented by former SGM Beth Hough, USA (Ret). SGM Hough provided string support for the 2014 National Convention CINC's Banquet in Baltimore, and has provided choir and piano music at the Chapter's annual Christmas GALA for many years.

She also provided musical support for the 2011 Veterans Administration Reception, that the Chapter planned and conducted for the Order.

**Presenting the check were (L-R): VCINC LTC John Hollywood, USA (Ret); Chapter Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer General MOWW, CDR Robert F. Hartman, USN (Ret); then Chapter Commander and current Treasurer General MOWW, Brig Gen Andrew M. Veronis, USAF (Ret).**


**GREATER BOSTON (004), MASSACHUSETTS**

## Honors Conferred on Two Greater Boston Chapter Patriots

BY LT JASON A. SOKOLOV, USA (FMR)

At the Chapter's holiday party on 2 December, Silver Patrick Henry Awards were conferred on two Greater Boston Chapter Companions. The first Silver Patrick Henry was presented to Past Region I Commander (who was also an outstanding past Chapter Commander), CAPT Harry H. Weinberg, USN (Ret). The second Silver Patrick Henry was presented to Immediate Past Chapter Commander, LTC Walton B. Stamper, USA (Ret). CAPT Weinberg and LTC Stamper were further recognized at the Region I Conference on 13 December. Nancy Stamper and Maureen Weinberg participated in the ceremonies and pinned the emblem of the award on their respective spouses.

**Photo top, (L-R): Silver Patrick Henry recipients CAPT Harry H. Weinberg, USN (Ret) and LTC Walton B. Stamper, USA (Ret) at the Region I Conference.**

**Photo below (L-R): LTC Fredrick J. Maguire, USA (Ret), Greater Boston Chapter Commander; CAPT Harry Weinberg, USN (Ret), Immediate Past Region I Commander and Former Greater Boston Chapter Commander; LTC Walton Stamper, Immediate Past Commander of the Greater Boston Chapter; COL Lawrence Willwerth, USA (Ret), Adjutant of the Greater Boston Chapter.**




**FORT WORTH (133), TEXAS**

## Chapter Companions Honored for Decades of Service

BY MAJ ROBERT J. WILLIAMS, USAF (RET)



The Companions of the Fort Worth Texas Chapter held its annual Christmas party on 11 December 2014. CINC Capt John M. Hayes, USAF (Fmr), was the guest of honor. As part of the celebration, in keeping with the Order's Strategic Objective No. 5, seven Companions of the Order were recognized for their longevity with the Order. CINC Hayes and Chapter Commander Lt Col James Anderson, USAF (Ret), presented these Companions with a Certificate of Recognition and the Membership Medal including the appropriate Hour Glass device.

**Photo top L-R:** LTC Joseph Orr, USA (Ret), (Gold Hour Glass-31 years); BG Nathan Vail, USA (Ret), (Silver Hour Glass-15 years); MAJ Norm Knofs, USA (Ret), (Gold Hour Glass-23 years); Col Robert Cooper, USAF (Ret), (Gold Hour Glass-31 years); CINC Capt John M. Hayes, USAF (Fmr); COL David Bass, USA (Res), (Gold Hour Glass-21 years), and; Chapter Commander Lt Col James Anderson, USAF (Ret), (Bronze Hour Glass-14 years).

**Pictured left:** With Lt Col Anderson looking on, CINC Hayes presents the Membership Medal (with Bronze Hour Glass-10 years) to Maj Robert Williams, USAF (Ret), the Chapter's Adjutant and Treasurer.


**SANTA CRUZ VALLEY (193), ARIZONA**

## Solidarity is a Powerful Tool

BY LT COL MARLON RUIZ, USAF (RET)

The Chapter celebrated its 29th anniversary this year. In attendance at the celebration dinner were representatives from neighboring Chapters, Departments, Regional and National Leadership.

**Companions (L-R):** CW4 Robert Ozier, USA (Ret), Catalina Mountains Chapter; MAJ Irvin Schlenker, USA (Ret), Albuquerque Chapter; LCDR Coy Ritchie, USN (Ret), representing Region XIII and the Denver Chapter, and; COL Richard Minor, USA (Ret), representing both National and the Phoenix Chapter.


**FORT KNOX (239), KENTUCKY**

## National Citation Presentation

BY LTC LAWRENCE A. HERZOG, USAR (RET)

Chapter Commander BG Dave Estes, USAR (Ret), congratulates COL John Wayne Smith, USA (Ret), after presenting him with a MOWW National Citation. The citation was awarded to COL Smith at the MOWW National Convention held in Baltimore, MD, in Sept 2014.


**ARIZONA VETERANS' HALL OF FAME**

## MOWW is Well-represented in the Arizona Veterans' Hall of Fame!

BY MAJ GLENN S. GOINS, USA (RET)

This year's Companions inducted into the Arizona Veterans' Hall of Fame Class of 2014 continue in the tradition of the many past Companions inductees to be so honored. Only up to twenty (20) living veterans are inducted annually. Phoenix Chapter's Senior Vice Commander COL Patricia A. Little-Upah, USA (Ret), is 6th from the left in the back row. Another (former Phoenix Chapter) Companion, 1LT Eddie W. Zuleger, USA (Fmr), now with the West Valley Chapter, is in the front row, third from the right.





## Gulf War-Related Brain Cancer Study Announced

The VA will begin a study to examine brain cancer in Gulf War veterans. The formation of the study was prompted by a discussion between VA Secretary Robert A. McDonald and members of the Research Advisory Committee (RAC). The members expressed concerns over the possible association between exposure to chemical nerve agents and brain cancer in Gulf War veterans.



Some veterans may have been exposed to chemical weapon agents during the demolition of the munitions depot in Khamisiyah, Iraq, in March 1991 after the Gulf War cease-fire. VA expects to complete the brain cancer study by the spring.

The RAC was established by section 104 of Public Law 105-368 to provide advice to VA on proposed research studies, research plans or research strategies relating to the health consequences of military service in the Southwest Asia theater of operations during the 1990-1991 Gulf War (Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm). The Committee periodically releases reports that summarize and make recommendations regarding research on the health of Gulf War veterans.

Information about the Khamisiyah munitions depot can be found at [http://www.gulflink.osd.mil/library/kham\\_info.jsp](http://www.gulflink.osd.mil/library/kham_info.jsp). Information about RAC is available at <http://www.va.gov/RAC-GWVI/>

## Burn Pit Registry

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See more at:

[www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/gulfwar/#sthash.rSQJ7kzX.dpuf](http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/gulfwar/#sthash.rSQJ7kzX.dpuf)

Also, the VA has announced the appointment of new members to the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses.

The VA will appoint Stephen L. Hauser, MD as committee chair for a term through September 2016. Dr. Hauser is the Robert A. Fishman Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Department of Neurology at the University of California, San Francisco. A neuroimmunologist, Dr. Hauser's research has advanced the understanding of the genetic basis, immune mechanisms and treatment of multiple sclerosis.

Additional appointees include Ronnie D. Horner, PhD, who is a Professor of Epidemiology in the Department of Health Services Policy and Management at the Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina; Frances E. Perez-Wilhite, a former US Army Officer who served as a Lieutenant in Desert Shield in 1990; and Scott S. Young, MD, a former Navy flight surgeon during the Gulf War, who currently heads Kaiser Permanente's Care Management Institute, an organization dedicated to creating and supporting high quality care delivery programs. These new members will serve terms through September 2017.

## Online Prescription Tracker Gives Veterans 24/7 Online Access to Status



Thanks to an innovative idea by a Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) employee, veterans can now track the status of most of their prescriptions online.

The new 24/7 service allows online tracking for most prescriptions mailed from the VA Mail Order Pharmacy.

The Prescription Tracker was recommended by VA employee Kenneth Siehr, a winner of the President's 2013 Securing Americans Value and Efficiency (SAVE) Award. Siehr's idea focused on the use of technology as a way to save money and improve the services VA provides to its patients.

"Our nation's veterans deserve a first-class pharmacy and quality customer service as a part of the exceptional health care available from VA," said Siehr, the National Director for Consolidated Mail Outpatient Pharmacies. "It is an honor to be part of serving veterans and to have been recognized for an idea that enhances our services to them."

More than 57,000 veterans are currently using the service through My HealtheVet, an online feature that allows veterans to partner with their health care team. The number is expected to grow as VA starts to educate veterans about the new feature. Later this month, the tracking feature will include images of the medication that dispensed. Over the next year, a secure messaging alert will be added so that veterans know when a medication was placed in the mail. ★



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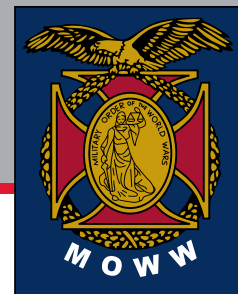
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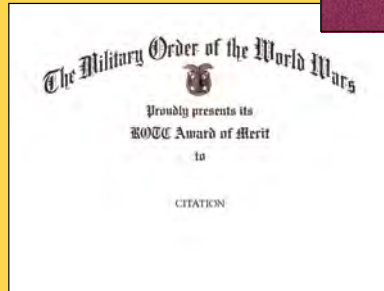
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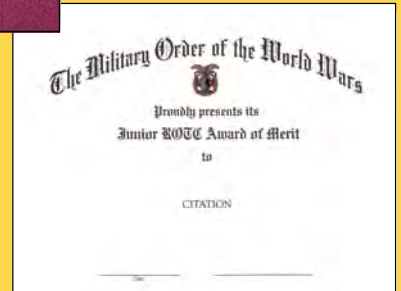
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