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Commander-in-Chief's Comments

The 4th of July: Every year in July we celebrate our Country's Independence. I remember well two days in July, 1953—the 4th of July and the 27 of July. They are forever etched in my memory and are described in a separate article in this issue (*see page 9*).

On July 4, 1776 the Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence. Interesting note is that the first celebration of same occurred on July 8, 1776 in Philadelphia with the reading of the Declaration and the ringing of the Bell in Independence Hall, then known as the "Province Bell". This bell was later re-named the "Liberty Bell". The first Independence Day celebration took place on July 4, 1777 and the 4th of July has been accepted as the official anniversary since. In addition to your backyard Bar-B-Qs, golf and tennis matches, softball games and other outdoor activities, take time during the day to remember all the gallant fighting men and women who have made it possible—since 1776—for you to enjoy the day.

North Korea: As I write this, we are witnessing their defiance of the free world with continuing nuclear testing and missile firings. If the UN will not stand up to them and take military action, not just rhetoric, then the US should go ahead and destroy their nuclear and missile facilities. It is not rocket science, just **Make It Happen!** All of you reading this can spread the word through your Speakers Bureau. That is my personal opinion and I do not mind being quoted. We have pussyfooted long enough with this crazed idiot. Same goes for Iran.

Membership: Here are the results for end of May 2009: We had a **Plus 46 difference** so far for the year. Good news is that we had **394 New Members** and **12 Members Reinstated**. Bad news is that we had **47 resign**, **66 deceased**, and **248 Non-Payment of Dues (NPDs)**. If the dues had been paid on time we would be a **Plus 642** so far for the year! So clearly the answer is for the **Leadership** of this outfit to get busy and get those annual dues paid now before the end of June so we will have **ZERO NPDs**. One of my Goals for the year is to "Increase the Living Members by 400 (3.3%)". We can easily do it if you get the NPDs to Zero. Congratulations to the following: Region I **Plus 33** with Greater Boston, MA **Plus 35**; Region IV **Plus 31** with VA Beach **Plus 11**; Region V **Plus 30** with Columbus, GA **Plus 21** and Augusta, GA **Plus 14 and with no NPDs**.

All Companions: Let's all get busy in these last weeks of the MOWW year (through June 30th) and "**Everyone of you gets a new Member**" and **get all annual dues paid up before 30 June**. This is your priority for June. **Leaders get results! Make It Happen!**

Visits: My wife, Eilene, and I attended an excellent Region IV Conference in Richmond, VA, chaired by Region Commander CDR **Bob Rawls**. Richmond Chapter Commander LTC **Guthrie Ashton** and his Companions were great hosts for the Law & Order dinner Friday evening and the Conference program on Saturday. We were pleased to see former CINC's **Col Bert Rice** and LTC **Alfred Shehab**, and Vice CINC **Col Fred Graves**, with his wife, Norma, and Vice CINC **CAPT Russ Vowinkel** in attendance. Special mention is due **Mr. George Lutz** who received the Silver Patrick Henry Award for his efforts on the "**Honor and Remember**" **Flag initiative** and **Detective Jason Norton**, the Region IV Law & Order Award recipient. Later we drove to Tallahassee, FL where I spoke at the YLC at Florida State University, chaired by LTC **John Cahoon** and ably assisted by LTC **Henry Adams**, with his wife **Kate** and daughter **Samantha "Sam" Adams**. It was great to be able to see and talk to these outstanding young Americans. YLCs have been the highlight of our travels.

2009 National Convention, August 11-16, 2009: Sign up for the hotel and tours, and make your travel arrangements now. Let us all, every Companion in the Order, come to the Baltimore BWI Marriott for **Your Annual National Convention**. Spread the word. This one will be a fun one which you do not want to miss. I would like to personally shake every Companion's hand for doing such great work for the Order this past year. As we say in Georgia, "*Y'all Come.*"

Final Note: Since this is a July/August issue, this will be my last CINC's Comments. It has been my distinct honor to be your leader. Eilene and I thank all Companions for the great hospitality and friendship we received during this past year. You are all Great Patriots and Great Americans who continue to work hard to make MOWW the Premier Military Organization in our Country. My "End of Tour Report" will be in the National Convention Delegates Book and will be published in the September issue of *Officer Review* magazine. Finally, I wish to extend my personal compliments to All Leaders in the Order who stepped up to the plate this past year to **Make It Happen!**



LTG ROBERT L. "SAM" WETZEL

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“One Nation, Under God, Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for All.”

By CINC LTG R. L. “Sam” Wetzel
Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter

In March, I attended the El Paso, Texas, Chapter’s Massing of the Colors. Between 90 and 100 units participated, from Border Patrol to ROTC to Boy and Girl Scouts to Veterans to Firemen to Police to Active Duty and Reserve Units—you name it—they were there

I stood for what seemed forever, with my hand over my heart, as they marched in, one unit at a time, into this large Catholic church. Seeing all those great colors before me, reminded me that “Freedom Is Not Free”, and that the American Flag they carry has lead all of us as we fought for our freedom in a number of wars and battles.

Let me tell you about a ceremony held in Columbus, Georgia, last March.

Sacred soil, gathered from battlefields all over the world, was scattered on the newly dedicated Parade Field which is part of the new National Infantry Museum.

Actual soil was gathered—*actual sacred soil* from Yorktown, Pennsylvania, in the Revolutionary War—and was scattered by Douglas Hamilton, a fifth generation grandson of Alexander Hamilton—Alexander Hamilton, who led the culminating battle of the Revolutionary War at Yorktown.

Actual sacred soil from Antietam, in our Civil War, was scattered by former Secretary of the Interior, Governor and Senator from Idaho, Dick Kempthorne—great grandson of Private Charles Kempthorne of the 3rd Wisconsin Infantry—who was a wounded Union soldier at Antietam.

And sacred Antietam soil was also scattered by Henry Benning Pease, Jr., a descendent of Henry Lewis Benning—the Confederate Commander at Burnside Bridge.

Actual sacred soil from Soissons, France, in World War I, scattered by Samuel Parker Moss—grandson of Samuel Parker, who earned the Medal of Honor with the 28th Infantry. And, World War I sacred soil was also scattered by George York—son of Sergeant Alvin York, the WWI legendary hero who earned the Medal of Honor.

Actual sacred soil from Normandy, France, in WWII, scattered by Theodore Roosevelt IV—grandson of Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., who earned the Medal of Honor on D-Day and the great grandson of Theodore Roosevelt, who earned the Medal of Honor in the Spanish-American War.

Actual sacred soil from Corregidor, in the Phillipines, from WWII (and I’ll mention Bataan a little later)—soil that was scattered by Mr. Kirk Davis—son of Charles Davis, who earned the Medal of Honor with the infantry at Guadalcanal.

Actual sacred soil from Korea and the Korean War, scattered by Colonel Olin Lee Mize, Medal of Honor recipient at Outpost Harry, and by General Sun Yup Paik, South Korea’s



Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Basil Plumley, center, and Retired Lt. Gen. Hal Moore, scatter soil from Vietnam as part of were a part of the Sacred Soil ceremony at the National Infantry Museum.

most decorated and distinguished Veteran, who commanded a division and corps during the Korean War.

Actual sacred soil from LZ X-Ray in Vietnam was scattered by LTG Hal Moore and CSM Basil Plumley—the Battalion Commander and Sergeant Major of the 1/7th cavalry that fought the first major conflict of the Vietnam war on LZ X-Ray. The book and movie, “We Were Soldiers” covered this battle.

Actual sacred soil from Desert Storm and the Global War on Terror were scattered by CSM Marvin Hill, Central Command’s CSM, who is the senior enlisted advisor to General David Petraeus.

These, and many more battles were fought by gallant Americans from all walks of life. Side-by-side, buddies-by-buddies, so that we, the people, may live in peace and freedom. Fought so that we may be anything we want to be—in the pursuit of our happiness, or profession, as the Constitution and Declaration of Independence so states.

War is ugly-War is dirty-War is not nice.

There are Americans in the trenches today—and *they are Americans*—they are not African Americans; they are not German Americans; they are not Spanish Americans —*they are Americans*.

In my opinion (which some will not agree with), we have come too far in the name of political correctness.

Take the Pledge of Allegiance, where it says “...one Nation under God...”—it is the Pledge of Allegiance to that flag that you see here today.

We in the audience, either place our hand over our heart or salute, when the Pledge of Allegiance is said, or when the flag passes.

What is wrong with saying that Pledge of Allegiance “under God” in our schools, as we did in my childhood in West-‘By God’-Virginia. By the way, that is the way we still say our beloved state, “West-‘By God’-Virginia,” when asked, “Where are you from?”

Your American flags are sacred—your organizational flags

are sacred as well—and never to be tarnished.

Let me tell you about my organization, my wartime regiment—the 31st Infantry Regiment.

A short history: formed in the Phillipines, they guarded the Trans-Siberian railroad in 1919, and got the nickname of “Polar Bears” which they keep to this day.

They were stationed in Shanghai in 1932, and the ladies of the regiment gathered up a number of silver dollars and had a beautiful silver punch bowl made by a silversmith there in Shanghai, along with some cups, with the Officers name engraved on each one.

Since then, there is a special ceremony each year with this punch bowl and cups.

In World War II, the Polar Bears were stationed on Bataan in the Phillipines—when the Japanese were about to overrun the 31st Infantry Regiment.

They buried their colors and the punch bowl and the cups, so the Japanese would not be able to desecrate them. After the war, they went back and dug them up.

These 31st Infantry regimental colors and the punch bowl and cups reside with the 4th Bn 31st Infantry (my Vietnam Battalion), in Fort Drum, New York.

These regimental colors are treasured and protected—even in battle in Iraq and Afghanistan during their four deployments.

Cherish and take care of your flags—the American flag and your organization flag. Do not allow them to be tarnished or sullied

We must continue to protect our freedom—freedom that many have fought and died for since 1776.

I am proud of each and every one of you here today.



Pictured top, 31st Infantry Regiment's Shanghai Punchbowl made in 1932; The Shanghai Bowl Ceremony is a time set aside as members of the 31st Infantry Regiment assemble for the purpose of rededicating themselves to the profession of arms; and below, MOWW CINCLTG R. L. "Sam" Wetzel raises a cup to honor all who have come before during a rededication ceremony.

You are great Americans, proud Americans who stand for our Country's principles.

Dedicate your lives, and fight for those principles for which our great American flag stands, “one Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

My personal compliments and special thanks for all you do for our Order and for our Country; continue to “make it happen”.

God bless all of you and God bless America!

Address delivered by CINCLTG R. L. "Sam" Wetzel on March 28, 2009 at the El Paso, Texas, Chapter's Massing of the Colors and on May 1, 2009 at the Region IV Convention, in Richmond, Virginia.

Fourth of July in the Korean War, 1953

*By CINCLTG R. L. "Sam" Wetzel
Columbus, Georgia, Chapter*

My Infantry Company, I Company, 3rd Battalion, 279th Infantry Regiment, 45th Infantry Division was on “Sandbag Castle” in 1953 during the Korean War.

On July 4, 1953 I was pulled out to be part of the 5-man Battalion Advanced Party to go to “Christmas Hill” (just west across the Mundung-ni Valley from Heartbreak Hill) to check the positions of the 20th Republic of Korea (ROK) Division. It was raining like hell and the trenches were full of water. The ROK Company that I Co was to relieve was on a Combat Outpost, down the forward slope of the MLR (Main Line of Resistance) looking up to the hill of the Chinese positions.

I checked the positions and asked the ROK Captain if there were any mines or any incoming fires. He said “No” to both. This was completely false as we later learned. The Chinese registered their mortars on my position every afternoon at 4:00 p.m. (“OK guys, get in the bunkers”) and I later had to help carry four dead from the minefield in front of our positions.

Following my conversation with the ROK Captain, I went back up to the Battalion HQ on the MLR. I blew up an air mattress and went to sleep floating in the water in a trench. I woke up and heard some movement and saw the entire ROK Battalion moving south back down the reverse slope of the MLR. The entire Battalion Sector was completely exposed and manned only by our 5-man advance party. Fortunately, the Chinese did not attack. The next night we brought in our Battalion and the following morning were greeted by a loudspeaker with “Welcome 45th Infantry Division”. Why they did not attack on July 4th is a mystery to me to this day. God was surely watching over us.



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U.S. Senator Saxby Chambliss

United States Senator from Georgia

On December 2, 2008, the Honorable C. Saxby Chambliss was elected to serve a second term in the United States Senate in what was one of the most visible and historical victories of the 2008 elections.

Senator Chambliss is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, and the Senate Rules Committee and he is the Ranking Republican Member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry.

Senator Chambliss' leadership and experience on the issues of terrorism, homeland security, and intelligence matters earned him an appointment to the prestigious Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, where he steadfastly advocates that our U.S. intelligence community must dramatically improve its information sharing and human intelligence gathering abilities. To ensure our troops on the ground and the Director of National Intelligence have access to the most timely and accurate intelligence, Senator Chambliss has authored legislation calling for the creation of a Four Star military command for intelligence within the Department of Defense. Senator Chambliss' previous role as the chairman of the House Intelligence Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security made him one of the leading Congressional experts on these issues.

The Savannah Morning News said Senator Chambliss "knows how to do his homework and how to stand up to pressure, as demonstrated by his performance as chairman of the House Intelligence Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, which investigated intelligence lapses prior to the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington in 2001."

Immediately following the tragic attacks, Chambliss' House subcommittee conducted a thorough investigation and released the first comprehensive report detailing critical shortfalls within the United States intelligence community's performance and technological capabilities. In May of 2006, Senator Chambliss was honored with the CIA Director's Award by the Director of Central Intelligence. Recognized for his "extraordinary fidelity and essential service" to the CIA, Senator Chambliss received the agency's highest award.

Senator Chambliss is a member of the Senate Caucus on Military Depots, Arsenal and Ammunition Plants, the Congressional Sportsmen Foundation, the Congressional



Fire Services Caucus, the Rural Health Caucus, the Juvenile Diabetes Caucus and he is the co-chair of the Senate Reserve Caucus. During the 109th Congress, Senator Chambliss served as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry and, according to the Congressional Research Service, is the only Senator since 1947 to have chaired a full standing Senate Committee after serving in the Senate for just two years.

Georgia Trend magazine has consistently named him one of Georgia's Most Influential Georgians and says "he is a highly visible and well-respected presence in Washington," and "has a reputation as an affable but straight-talk-

ing lawmaker." In January 2009, *Georgia Trend* magazine named Senator Chambliss the '2009 Georgian of the Year.'

In 1994, Chambliss was first elected to Congress to represent Georgia's 8th congressional district. Throughout his legislative career, Chambliss has been honored with numerous awards from both the private and public sector for his work in the fields of National Security, National Defense, Budget, and Agriculture. In January of 2008, he was presented with the National Legislative Advocacy Award by the Naval Reserve Association for legislation he spearheaded in the Senate to reduce the age at which members of the National Guard and Reserve can receive retirement pay. He is a past recipient of the Air Force Association's W. Stuart Symington Award, the top civilian award given annually for outstanding contributions in the field of National Security and was awarded the Reserve Officers Association's Minuteman of the Year Award in 2005. In 2008, he was the recipient of the National Guard Association's distinguished Harry S. Truman Award, which is the Association's highest honor and is given to civilian and military leaders who demonstrate continued contributions to National Defense and National Security.

Senator Chambliss earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Georgia in 1966 and earned his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Tennessee College of Law in 1968. Chambliss and his wife, Julianne, have been married since 1966, and reside in Moultrie, Georgia. They have two children and four grandchildren.

The MOWW is proud and honored to award the Order's highest award, the 2009 Distinguished Service Award to Senator Chambliss.



By Col John W. Lazur
Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter

As background, citizen protection against actual nuclear or biochemical attacks requires that citizens are both prepared and sheltered for such events. While knowing how to minimize the effects of terrorist attacks is important, only the sealed off, filtered air-fed environment of the shelter can ensure saving lives. Providing this level of citizen protection remains a fundamental deficiency of our Country's Homeland Security System. It constitutes the "next step" in the continuing effort we must make to control and neutralize the threat of terrorism. Otherwise, in any probable size terrorist attack, the impacts could be many thousands of casualties and deaths, and widespread disruption of civic and economic life.

There is an increasing uneasiness that what formerly had the sense of being "remotely possible terrorist acts" has begun to take on the aura of inevitability. People are also growing aware that in this age of terrorism, an essential part of the Nation's infrastructure must be dedicated to insuring the survival and well-being of its citizens and their families. This goal should have high priority, in conjunction with maintaining the structures that will retain economic prosperity and our standard of living.

Sheltering options for our citizens are currently very limited. They range from addressing the needs of selected citizens in government, business, and public services who must have wide spectrum threat protection available to them to allow for the protection of all public interest. Protections for the bulk of Americans are currently limited to wide-scale vaccination, distribution of antibiotics and other medications to provide short-term protection against specific biological threats. Distributions of Potassium Iodide would be made to help reduce injury from nuclear events.

Another option that has been exercised for some time has been "doing essentially nothing in the way of providing shelters for most citizens." The reason for not doing anything varies from administration to administration. For some, the cost of any National Shelter Program was considered prohibitive. For others, such a program was not considered of high enough National priority. Some opined that the threat was not real enough. Still others believed technology had not progressed sufficiently to allow effective shelter use. Terrorist attacks had to first be detected, specific agents used identified and released toxic cloud paths tracked. This all had to be done quickly and accurately enough to allow disseminating local warnings and instructions of sufficient accuracy to allow citizens timely and effective use of their shelters. The two components—effective

shelters and proper warnings with continuing instructions, working together, constitute a valid and effective Shelter System protection against terrorist attacks.

There is a "critical shelter occupancy time" that must ultimately be met to avoid premature or non-useful shelter occupancy. Likewise, the time of last entry into the shelter before sealing it up, and the critical minimum required length of occupancy there, must be met to avoid incurring injury from the toxic agents released.

The National Warning System, working with local Emergency Operations Centers and Emergency Management Centers, along with the local media, will cooperate to disseminate the type of information that can guide Shelter occupancy.

There are two major classes of terrorist weapons that constitute the primary threat to life: Nuclear weapons and Chemical, Biological and Radiological weapons. Both shall be addressed.

NUCLEAR THREAT CONSIDERATIONS

During the Cold War-era, the prevention of nuclear war between the United States and the Soviet Union was a major diplomatic, military and psychological challenge. It defied for sometime any simple, straight forward solution of how best to deal with the problem. Hence, the Mutual Assured Destruction Doctrine was conceived and implemented. It had both the U.S. and Russia agree to hold themselves vulnerable and hostage to the possibility of their national destruction to assure each other they would not first launch an attack against the other. A major provision of this agreement involved neither Nation building any protective shelters for their citizens. As a result of the length of the Cold War and the somewhat ambiguous situation currently prevailing, shades of the same mind set against implementing citizens shelters has continued.

Today's total nuclear threat to U.S. citizens has become greater than before. The Soviets' nuclear threat is still very real, only it has been added to by the numbers of terrorists that present the possibility of carrying out in-country attacks. In addition, a few Third World nations have developed nuclear weapons or are currently doing so. Nuclear attacks launched against the U.S. by any of these groups means almost inconceivable destruction, loss of life and long lasting chaos in America. The distinction between megaton and suitcase nuclear weapons—while vast, seems a technicality, considering the impact either would have upon Americans.

CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL AND RADIOLOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS

The possibility of biochemical weapon attacks adds a whole new dimension to the possible destruction that can be heaped upon America. Interestingly, the biochemical threat can be more easily dealt with than the utter devastation accompanying nuclear attacks.

“Ultimately the Nation will have to decide how many lives are to be saved versus how many miles of new highway are to be added.”



Wide-scale protection of families in their own homes and groups of workers in their offices can be achieved at costs of approximately \$17,500 for a small, simple but thoroughly effective in-home biochemical shelter. Considering the lethality calculations of modern biochemical threats, many thousands of Americans could live when protected by shelters. Whereas now, they would be completely vulnerable and subject to the vagaries of wind and weather acting on released biological or chemical weapons as to whether they live or die. Thousands of citizens of all income levels can be protected, particularly if modest subsidization by the Government were provided. Considering the Nation is seriously considering expanding both the National Health program and an Infrastructure enhancement program, what better cornerstone for those programs could be provided than preserving citizens' lives and well-being through a National Sheltering Program. Today's threat is not going away, and in most minds, is actually increasing. Attaining some significant level of protection in the near term is essential to avoid incurring significant citizen casualties and for assuring continued viability of the Nation. Ultimately the Nation will have to decide how many lives are to be saved versus how many miles of new highway are to be added.

In considering the threats that have to be addressed in designing shelter systems, some general considerations are appropriate:

1. Nuclear weapons present the greatest magnitude and spectrum of possible civilian threats. As a result of the Cold War, large quantities of 'at the ready' nuclear weapons exist, many of which had been held under tight security. The collapse of the Soviet empire has resulted in their nuclear weapons and stockpiles being held under uncertain security. In some instances, serious lapses of any strict control have occurred. The current financial and political condition of Russia has put in jeopardy any plans to regain strict control.

Likewise, because of the United States' financial difficulties, U.S. plans to subsidize aid in removing large numbers of Russian weapons and materials from their active inventory are uncertain.

The net of all this is that there is a much increased risk worldwide of nuclear weapons and materials available to terrorists and rogue nations. The nuclear risk to the U.S. population is high and increasing. In the best of worlds, shelters providing protection against nuclear weapons and devices, as well as chemical, biological and radiological (CBR) weapons, would provide the best basis for an all-threat family shelter. Because of the costs involved (approximately \$50,000 per underground family shelter), implementation complexity and time involved, such a program will probably continue to be "on hold."

2. Dirty Bombs are a threat that is also growing. Aside from being involved in the direct blast or outside in the area surrounding the detonation, the nuclear materials spread by the bomb could fall on roofs of buildings containing individual shelters. Days of protection against the bomb's nuclear products would be considered and provided.

3. To date, no significant biochemical weapon has been utilized by terrorists in the United States. Expectations continue that this will no longer be true in the near future. In the meantime, the toxicity, threat diversity, methods of delivery and weapon numbers are all increasing. Biochemical weapons can have extreme lethality potential and present complex physical, political, social, psychological and health consequences when used. Every individual must be carefully protected from exposure to even the smallest quantity of a number of these compounds. Biochemical threat and the occasional industrial chemical accident currently constitute extensive and challenging threats to our population. Terrorists also use commercially available "dual use" chemicals (that serve industrial or agricultural purposes) to cause civilian casualties or death.

Many types of totally effective CBR shelters are available for possible in-home use. They can be combined with other structures to provide multi-threat protection (i. e. tornado plus CBR protection) all at modest prices.

4. One of the most severe natural threats which causes considerable casualties and property damage each year are tornados. Their time of occurrence, location, ground path, persistence, vortex and ground velocity present important threat parameters that are difficult to determine even when using the most sophisticated modern technology. Interestingly, the methods of protection from tornados are relatively simple but require application of brute strength. To be useful, the shelter must be available to the user in minutes, be of sufficient durability and well anchored to withstand winds in excess of 175 miles per hour. Cost of these structures can be part of the original cost of a house or office, or as part of the cost of an add-on structure or shelter. CBR shelters can be contained within such shelters.



In one of the biggest steps taken towards modernizing defenses against smallpox, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) dedicated one of its two maximum containment laboratories to smallpox-only research in 2002. A senior researcher is shown through a glass viewer entering the Biosafety-Level-4-Lab wearing a biohazard protective suit. AP/WIDE WORLD PHOTOS

LIMITED THREAT CITIZEN SHELTER PROGRAM

To more rapidly, and least expensively, implement a Nationwide Citizen Protection program, an individual citizen's shelter objectives should match (if possible) the spectrum of natural and terrorist threats their shelter must withstand. Not every citizen will realistically be subjected to the same serious biochemical threats, nor likely tornado or hurricanes exposures. Nor do particular threats—although widespread—apply universally. But each shelter should be pre-stocked, readily accessible, immediately useable and accommodate the number of planned occupants for the necessary stay time.

In the Cold War, one of the possibilities considered was that there would be saturation nuclear bombing, and with

it, the consequence of irradiation of most of the earth. This "Limited Threat Shelter Program" does not apply and would only be used to address scenarios involving employment of CBR weapons by terrorists or rogue nations. This is the major threat of concern. The proposed program would see many millions of citizens protected in the near term against the likely kind of CBR and limited natural disaster threats many citizens could be exposed to. In effect, we are trading off full protection in some remote time period for a more immediate, more practical, less-than-total degree of protection.

While full spectrum, maximum threat protection is possible, it is hardly something the Nation is prepared to implement now or in the near future. However, it can be done, as the Swiss nation has proven. The Swiss have created an advanced infrastructure designed to protect their people. Since World War II a national shelter system had been put in place that provides high level nuclear, chemical, biological and radiological protection nationally for homes, apartments, offices and public buildings.

An effective National Sheltering Program is both financially and technologically possible. It now requires an insistent citizenry and a responsible and forward-looking Government for its implementation.

Citizens Corps Council—Homeland Security Grant Program

By COL James "Tom" Roberts, Jr.
Chair, Law and Order Committee,
Savannah, Georgia, Chapter

With the approval of the 2009 Homeland Security Grant Program, Federal funds are now available through your State homeland security or emergency management organization. These funds provide the state and its local communities a resource to bring together the appropriate leadership to form and sustain a Citizens Corps Council, develop and implement a plan (or existing plans) to expand citizen preparedness and participation, and to implement volunteer programs and activities to support emergency responders. For more information visit the FEMA website, www.fema.gov. To learn how funds are disseminated in your state, contact your state's Citizen Corps point of contact.

Homeland Security Speaker

By LTC Harry R. Lascola
Sun City Center, Florida, Chapter

Since 9/11, those counties that have an airport, seaport, sports stadium, large rail terminal, important bridge, military installation, or VIP visitors, etc; receive, or have received, large sums of both federal and state funds to support homeland security. The amount of funds received is in proportion to the threat on these potential targets and the effect of their destruction. Most of our chapters are located in these target areas and have significant homeland security departments within the sheriffs' offices.

Our chapter is in Hillsborough County, Florida. McDill Air Force Base, Tampa International Airport, Tampa Seaport, many heavily trafficked bridges, this year's Super Bowl, and several large cities, are located in our county. The Homeland Security Force, an important unit of the Sheriffs Office, is adequate, well-trained and has the necessary equipment. Major Ed Duncan is the Commander of Homeland Security and was scheduled to be our December guest speaker; however, he could not get out of Washington, D.C. because of snow and had a substitute speaker, Sergeant Todd Anthony (pictured above, right) make the presentation. It truly was a learning experience and we were most impressed with Sgt. Anthony.

Homeland Security is implied in both the "Law and Order" and "Defend the Supremacy of our National Government" sections of our Preamble. Your county will have well-trained speakers who are anxious to make a formal presentation at your chapter's meeting. Try it; I promise it will add enjoyable depth to your meeting.



The Female Mystique

By CAPT LeRoy Reinburg, Jr.
Bethesda, Maryland, Chapter

The ship which I commanded, the Coast Guard Cutter PONTCHARTRAIN, had been attached since January 1970, to Coast Guard Squadron Three, our Operational Commander at Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.

Along with five other High Endurance Cutters (HECs), we composed the offshore patrol force assigned to Commander, Task Force 115, the U.S. Navy Commander of the Coastal Surveillance Force. Our mission was to interdict any North Vietnamese junks and trawlers who were constantly trying to land personnel, munitions, and supplies to the Viet Cong in The Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam).

The most probable period for this activity was the dark of the moon, every 28 days or so. Several months before, three HECs attacked four trawlers attempting to penetrate the barrier. After a series of fierce firefights, two of the

trawlers were sunk, a third beached and was attacked by Republic of Korea Rangers ashore, and a fourth turned tail and retreated back to North Vietnam. So the threat was real, and we went to full alert during this period, that is, 'War Cruising Condition III', with our main battery continuously manned. We never had a repeat of that large infiltration force, but we had many probables, such as junks cruising at night with no lights. All of these we stopped and boarded.

Well into our first patrol of about three weeks, we found it necessary to refuel, rearm, and reprovision. U.S. Navy AOs (fleet oilers), AEs (ammunition ships), and AOE's (we called them "one stop shopping" because they provided fuel, ammunition, provisions, mail, and occasionally, personnel) were on a continuous round-robin, starting in Subic. They would stop at Yankee Station, our carrier battle group off North Vietnam, and then proceed slowly south along the South Vietnam coast, provisioning the offshore patrol ships until they reached An Thoi, a U.S. Naval Base in the Gulf of Thailand. Here they would make



Numbered clockwise from top left: Off the coast of Vietnam, 1970: (1) The USCGC Pontchartrain (WHEC-70) during underway replenishments; (2) Receiving ammo from USN vessel during the same replenishment. Photos provided by the author; (3) Showing two ships steam in formation during a current day refueling probe during a replenishment at sea in the South China Sea on March 19, 2006. Photo by Seaman Marc Rockwell-Pate, U.S. Navy; Page opposite, top right: On deck, setting up the lines on the USCGC Pontchartrain to join up with the replenishing ship off the coast of Vietnam, 1970.

themselves available for INREPS (inport replenishment). The underway replenishments were called UNREPs. After they had exhausted their provisions, they would proceed to Subic Bay, replenish, and start the whole process again. This meant that there were always replenishment ships fairly close at hand.

On this one occasion, we arranged for an offshore rendezvous with an AOE. We arrived at the appointed time, made radio contact by secure voice, and were given the replenishment course, speed, and side on which the replenishing would take place. The doctrine for this was that the replenishment ship maintained a steady course and speed, in this case 12 knots, while the replenishing ship approached from astern at about 16 knots and came alongside the AOE, adjusting its course and speed so as to be parallel to the AOE, at a distance of 60 to 80 feet, and in a position to match our replenishment stations with those of the other ship. For ships that are new to this maneuver it can be very unsettling to be thundering along that close to a thirty to forty-thousand ton ship.

Using a hand-held "police whistle", the replenishment ship gives one blast meaning 'stand by', then three blasts, which means 'all hands to the replenishing ship should take cover'. A shoulder-held line throwing gun on the replenishment ship then fires a heavy metal projectile with a light flax line attached to the replenishing ship, hopefully hitting no one, or the superstructure and going over the other side. This method is used to pass progressively heavier lines, and eventually a wire rope to which fuel hoses are sent over. Other wires are sent over in similar manner to carry ammunition, provisions, mail personnel etc. The first line to go over, however is the distance line, which has a sound



powered telephone line, and is conspicuously marked off in ten foot intervals. This is brought immediately to the bridge of the replenishing ship, for two purposes. The first is to give an accurate measure of the distance between the two ships, and the second is to permit the two commanding officers to communicate directly with each other.

Since this was perhaps our second time for an UNREP, I was understandably skittish about being that close (60 to 80 feet) to a vessel five times our size going 12 knots, and I tended to move out to the maximum distance. We would then correct and move in a few feet. On one occasion as we wandered out about 100 feet, suddenly, the bull horn on the AOE came on and a sultry, female voice said, "Why don't you come a little closer, Honey?" Since there were no women on board military ships at this time, this came as a complete shock and surprise to the young men in the deck force, who were craning their necks to see the "woman." Of course, it was a recording, but it took a long time for this to sink in to the young men's minds. In any event, it was a real tension breaker for all hands, who had a good laugh.

Second Largest Artificial Reef— USS Gen Hoyt S. Vandenberg



KEY WEST, Fla. — A 13-year project to create a new artificial reef off the Florida Keys for sport divers and anglers culminated with the scuttling of a 523-foot-long former U.S. Air Force missile tracking ship.

It took just one minute and 54 seconds to sink the Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg after demolition experts triggered a series of explosives that lined both sides of the ship's bilge area below the waterline. Key West City Manager and Vandenberg project administrator Jim Scholl confirmed the ship settled on the bottom of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary in an upright position.

"It was a pretty cool experience," said Joe Weatherby, who organized Artificial Reefs of the Keys in 1996 and chose the Vandenberg from about 400 decommissioned military ships rusting away in "Ghost Fleets" across the country. "We waited for it a real long time.

"We think this is really going to be a home run for both our environment and our economy down here," he said. "This is good business and at the same time we're taking pressure off our natural coral reefs."

"She's an eye-popper and doesn't look like anything else out there," Weatherby said, noting the large electronic tracking dishes that are to be removed and then reinstalled on the ship before sinking. "Portions (of the ship) will come up to within 40 feet from the surface, making it a world-class dive."

The ship is now the second largest vessel in the world ever purposely sunk to become an artificial reef. The sinking also completes the Florida Keys Shipwreck Trail, a series of intentionally sunk vessels that begins off Key Largo with a former Navy landing ship dock, the Spiegel Grove, and ends with the Vandenberg.

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NOAA Has A New Leader



“Scientific knowledge should inform decision-making. Scientists have an obligation to communicate their knowledge in a clear, credible, relevant and useable fashion, and that management and policy decisions should focus on the common good and the long-term.”

— Jane Lubchenco

is well known in international and national arenas. She is a former president of the International Council for Science, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Ecological Society of America. She was a presidential appointee for two terms on the National Science Board, which advises the president and Congress and oversees the National Science Foundation. Dr. Lubchenco is an elected member of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Philosophical Society, the Royal Society, and the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World. She has served on the Pew Oceans Commission and the Joint Oceans Commission Initiative.

Dr. Lubchenco has received numerous awards including a MacArthur (“Genius”) Fellowship, nine honorary degrees, the 2002 Heinz Award in the Environment, the 2003 Nierenberg Prize for Science in the Public Interest, the 2004 Environmental Law Institute Award and the 2005 American Association for the Advancement of Science’s Award for Public Understanding of Science and Technology.

All Companions of the Order wish Dr. Lubchenco success in her new endeavor. For this article, or more information about Dr. Lubchenko and NOAA, please visit their website at www.noaa.gov.

(All Federally Commissioned Officers of NOAA are eligible to become members of MOWW)

New Undersecretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Dr. Jane Lubchenco (*pictured left and below right*) was confirmed by the Senate as Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and Administrator of NOAA. In this capacity, she will serve as the ninth administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Nation’s top science agency for climate, oceans, and the atmosphere. Dr. Lubchenco is the first woman and the first marine ecologist to lead NOAA.

“Dr. Lubchenco is an outstanding and accomplished environmental scientist with a proven ability to communicate, lead a dynamic team, and inspire action,” White House Council on Environmental Quality Chair Nancy Sutley said. “Dr. Lubchenco joins a distinguished group of scientific leaders in this administration that will ensure that science plays its proper role in shaping policy.”

With a budget of \$4 billion, and 12,800 employees in every U.S. state and locations around the world, NOAA understands and predicts changes in the Earth’s environment, from the depths of the ocean to the surface of the sun, and conserves and manages our coastal and marine resources.

“I am truly honored and humbled to be part of the NOAA team,” Lubchenco said. “With hard work and the best science as our guide, NOAA can spur the creation of new jobs and industries, revive our fisheries and the economies and communities they support, improve weather forecasting and disaster warnings, provide credible information about climate change to Americans, and protect and restore our coastal ecosystems.”

Dr. Lubchenco, a Denver native, is a graduate of Colorado College, received her Masters degree from the University of Washington and Ph.D. from Harvard University in marine ecology, taught at Harvard for two years, and prior to assuming her new duties as NOAA administrator has been on the faculty at Oregon State University since 1977.

“Jane is the rare person who is both a top flight scientist and skilled policy-maker. Her years of public service with the National Academy of Sciences and the Joint Ocean Commission Initiative and many other organizations have prepared her well for taking the helm of NOAA,” said Co-chairman of the Joint Ocean Commission Initiative, Admiral James D. Watkins.

As an advocate for science, Lubchenco



Photo courtesy: Oregon State University

Rememberance of My Father's Duty

By Capt Norman J. Jasper, Jr.
Roanoke, Virginia, Chapter

My father, Norman J. Jasper, wrote his mother a letter from France dated October 13, 1918 and which was published in the paper. Dad was a Private in the 307th Infantry, 77th Division, called "The Statue of Liberty Division". He was born in Manchester, Illinois on a farm. When the United States declared war on Germany in April 1917, Dad enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was 20 years of age. Dad had four sisters and one brother in his family. My Aunt Meta went to New York to see my father before his ship sailed for France.

On October 2-7, 1918, 600 Doughboys of the 307th and 308th Infantry Regiments, 77th Division were decimated at Charlesvaux in the Argonne Forest. They were called "The Lost Battalion." The 77th Division had 2,110 men Killed in Action of the 53,513 combat deaths in WWI; 8,084 were wounded in combat. More men in World War I died of pneumonia and influenza than in combat.

Dad's dog tags were round and made of aluminum. His name and USA are on one side, the number 3769317 is on the other side. His helmet has the Statue of Liberty Emblem on the front. I have Dad's manual for "Noncommissioned Officers And Privates of Infantry of the Army of the United States" dated 1917. Table of Contents include "Military Discipline and Courtesy; Arms, Rations; Personal Hygiene; Drill; Field Service; Marching; Target Practice; Map Reading; Message Blanks; Signals & Codes; First Aid; Extracts From Articles of War; English-French Vocabulary; etc. Dad smoked Camel cigarettes. These were sent free to the soldiers in France.

My father never talked much about World War I. I have his World War I Victory Medal with Bar. He did state that the Springfield Rifle was very accurate.

I used to watch my father march during the Memorial Day Ceremonies in our small community of Shipman, Illinois in the nineteen thirties. Shipman was about 40 miles from St. Louis, MO. He belonged to the American Legion. They would fire three rifle volleys at the local cemetery, and play TAPS. Services had been conducted at the local High School where they had the Pledge of Allegiance, Prayers of the Day, sang "The National Anthem," "God Bless America" and "America the Beautiful". A man by the name of Herman Kahl, who had a deep voice, would give the commands to fire. We young kids would scramble for the empty cartridge casings, 30.06. These casings would be hot. The shell casings would be saved to be reloaded. I was proud of my father. He was six feet tall.

After the war, my father became a Rural Route Mail Carrier. My brother and I would ride with him during holidays. He was a Carrier for 29 years. Everybody around Christmas were looking for packages from Sears, Montgomery Ward, Spiegels and Aldens.

My father died at the age of 54, in the spring of 1952. He had a heart attack. He also had COPD, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. He is buried in Bunker Hill, Illinois. I was a freshman at Ball State, Muncie, Indiana. My brother, Gordon, served with the 38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Division, (the Indianhead Division), in Korea, 1953. I served in Vietnam as Company Commander, Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines, 3rd Marine Division, Hill #861, Khe Sanh.

I have bought a brick in my father's name for the new Veterans Monument being built beside the Vinton War Memorial, Vinton, Virginia. I am Co-Chairman for this Memorial, "The High Ground", Honoring Those who Serve and Those Who Have Served. On the brick it reads: PVT. Norman J. Jasper, 307th Infantry, 77th Division WWI.

Letter From France.

The following letter was contributed by Mrs. Chas. Jasper, and Norman's friends will be glad to hear from him. Letters from "the boys" are thankfully received.

Oct. 13, 1918

Dear Mother:—

This is Sunday morning, the sun is two hours high and the dew is glistening and shining like many myriads of diamonds. There is evidence of a beautiful day. At this time you are still sleeping and I hope it with that calm balance of mind which tells of rest.

A friend and I are sitting on a large stone wall, seven feet high and two feet wide. This wall takes the place of a fence. There are many such walls scattered here and there over this part of France.

To the right of where I am sitting is a large forest surrounded by a wall. It is an estate which belongs to some Count. There are deer and many different kinds of game in the forest. He has a strain of fine hunting dogs. Before the war nobility came here for the "deer hunt." He had a large mansion (chateau) and a very large barn, where he kept his horses, buggies, carriages and automobiles.

These buildings have been standing for two or more centuries.

I have seen churches that were built in the 11th century. They still use them. This seems like all old historical traditions that I have read about.

To the left of where my friend and I are sitting is our home for the present. It is some home; but nevertheless, we are all feeling well and take life as a pleasure.

The two letters I received from Zora and Euphemia were sure appreciated. Now I will write some other time. Be sure and write me a long, long letter. Hoping the best of wishes to both father and you, I am your son,

Pvt. Norman Jasper.

Co. F, Replacement Depot Bn.,
Sig. Cps. A.P. O. 727. Am. E. F.



Sinai Sunset — Military Police and Port Security

By BG Raymond E. Bell Jr., PhD
Headquarters Chapter

Such a peaceful biblical scene. The sun, blazing golden red, appeared to balance on the crests of the Sinai peninsula's rugged mountains. The brilliant sun's rays still glimmered on the placid water of the Gulf of Aqaba. Then slowly, the solar ball sank behind the darkening peaks.

A small circle of American Soldiers and Coast Guardsmen, their brows caressed by a soft cool breeze, sat mesmerized as they contemplated the lengthening shallows and receding orb to the west. Finally, as the U.S. Army Chaplain began to speak, all heads turned away from the sunset over the Holy Land and focused their attention on the minister's soothing words.

It was the summer of 1987 and Exercise BRIGHT STAR '87 was in full swing. As a corollary to the principal training event in Egypt, a contingent of American forces was training in the desert, east of Jordan's capital, Amman. An even smaller group of American servicemen was exercising with the Jordanian Coast Guard at the port city of Aqaba. Sited at the head of the Gulf of Aqaba on the border with

Israel and adjacent to the Israeli port of Elath, Aqaba's port facilities were being used to unload U.S. military vehicles and equipment.

On the particular evening when the small circle of Americans was gathered to worship on the dock at the Jordanian Coast Guard station, the huge, now empty, roll-on, roll-off, or RORO ship was about to depart. The U.S. Army's Military Police had finished securing the vehicles and equipment as they were unloaded and which were at that moment on their way north to a Jordanian training area. Now it was time to work on developing techniques for securing a foreign port which was also a good target for enemy or terrorist attack in a potentially hostile land. But first, because it was a Sunday evening, the chaplain was offering an evensong to those personnel present.

The fact that the U.S. Army Military Police and Coast Guardsmen were participating in this small gathering, however, was significant for reasons other than just religious ones.

The Coast Guardsmen were Reservists from the 9th Coast Guard District headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio. The contingent included members from Reserve Port

Security Unit 309 then located at Port Clinton, Ohio. The Military Police (MPs) were also Reservists. They were from the 220th MP Brigade headquartered in Gaithersburg, Maryland and its "go-to-war" company in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. They represented the first time that two Reserve military services had ever jointly explored the vagaries of protecting a port of debarkation which could be attacked either from the sea or by land, but most particularly from both.

This small sideshow to Exercise BRIGHT STAR '87 was a unique opportunity to examine and test procedures which had a chance of being implemented "for real." It could not be expected that, in the future, the United States was going to be fortunate enough to have friendly indigenous assistance in securing the port facilities it would be using. In the past, as in Saudi Arabia, the United States had had a relatively easy task working with the host country

in securing such facilities. In countries such as Saudi Arabia and Egypt, nevertheless, strictures on employment of U.S. security units were rigidly followed. In Jordan, however, it was possible to not only establish some realistic parameters, but to actually practice a few of the techniques to be employed.

In the Jordan exercise, a first step was to understand the environment in which the operation was to take place. A key player was the Brigade's Chaplain. Before arrival

in-country he had been charged with learning about, then briefing unit members on the cultural, religious, social, and even economic situation in the area of the port. Upon arriving in Jordan one of his first steps was to visit the local military religious leader, an Iman, to confirm what he had previously learned from the appropriate literature on local religious and political dogma. Not only did he gain valuable information for placing the training exercise in its proper context with Jordanian military authorities, but he was able to establish a working relationship with a key person in the local community.

The chaplain had not performed research for his assignment alone. He had prepared for deployment in cooperation with the Brigade's civil affairs, legal, intelligence, and equal opportunity Officers, all members of the Brigade's "country team." He was thus able to draw upon a complete docket of pertinent information in anticipation of deployment to Jordan.

A second step which tied in closely with the first was the country orientation of all personnel who were going to participate in their training. Because U.S. female Military Police personnel were going to serve in a part of the world



United States Army M-2 Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicles maneuver in the Egyptian desert during Exercise Bright Star, 1987. Courtesy United States Department of Defense

where women's activities are strictly proscribed, for example, it was necessary that female soldiers be well (and adequately) briefed. In this Jordanian exercise, the Military Police platoon leader, an Army Reserve First Lieutenant, was a woman who was particularly effective because she was well prepared and properly attuned to local cultural conditions.

A third step preparatory to deployment was physical conditioning and orientation on personal protective measures appropriate to the local climate. On the docks of the port of Aqaba the temperature was often 130 degrees Fahrenheit. Such measures as drinking lots of bottled water and avoiding ice made from local water sources were stressed. Also, as hot as it was, the temptation to work only in undershirts had to be avoided. Shirts with sleeves rolled all the way down had to be worn both on the water and on the land to preclude heat stroke and acute sun burn. So as part of the in-country orientation the Army Reserve Brigade leadership stressed personal protective measures and once on the ground exercised strict supervision to see that all personnel took adequate precautions.

Having taken such preparatory measures, the MP Brigade staff next turned to how it would conduct port security operations. For example, because the Military Police Brigade was feeling its way in the conduct of protecting and defending ports, it did not fully appreciate with whom it had to coordinate and communicate. As the training event evolved it was discovered that MPs had to communicate with not just the Coast Guard unit, but also the Navy, especially the Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit (MIUWU), then an exclusively Naval Reserve organization, which had to be part of the communications matrix. If there was an airfield in the immediate vicinity of the port, as in the case of Mogadishu, Somalia, the U.S. Air Force Security Forces also had to become participants in the defense scheme and the protection of the airfield had to be considered in the overall defense of the area.

Once having determined the general parameters within which planning for the port security of Aqaba had to be conducted, it was then possible to focus efforts on



Top, the port city of Aqaba Above, Laurie Rush, the cultural resources program manager at Fort Drum, N.Y., has put together a deck of cards for servicemembers participating in the Bright Star military exercise in Egypt. The cards contain tips on safeguarding artifacts and archeologically sensitive sites. Courtesy photo

the task at hand. Helpful in this respect for the 220th MP Brigade Headquarters was the ability to preplan country by country at home station for securing port/airfield complexes in U.S. Central Command's and the Brigade's area of operations.

Now, in the Brigade's area of operations, it was possible to conduct on the ground joint training and exercise such plans. Such was the case in the 1987 exercise in Jordan, even though the largest MP formation available was just one platoon. In spite of limitations imposed by this modestly sized unit, it was still a unique opportunity to explore techniques and procedures which were fundamental to effective port defense and protection, especially in coordination with the U.S. and Jordanian Coast Guards.

The result was that within the grounds of the Jordanian Coast Guard base, it was possible to establish a simulated port defense perimeter. MPs manned positions on the landside and a Coast Guard Port Security Unit (PSU) launch capable of mounting a .50 caliber machine gun patrolled off shore. Then a walk-through of a simulated attack was conducted as an educational instrument for both the PSU and Military Police personnel. It was not an elaborate affair but it was possible to lay down some ground rules for reacting to such a threat.

The procedures experimented with were threefold. First, MP mobile elements resealed the perimeter. Second, PSU members in the sector under attack rallied at one of several predetermined assembly points. Third, a mobile Military Police squad with its three vehicles, simulated maneuvers in conjunction with the PSU to surround and eliminate the threat while incurring a minimum of casualties both civilian and military.

Needless to say, this limited experience at Aqaba proved valuable to both the participating Coast Guard and Army units. For who was to know that in just a few years after the sun set on that then-peaceful biblical scene on the Gulf of Aqaba that what had been practiced in training was to become pertinent not only in Somalia but in Jordan's close neighbors, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait?



Hotel Information

Maryland—More than Three Centuries of Living

Maryland was the 7th state to enter the Union in 1788, and is nicknamed both the Old Line State and the Free State. According to some historians, General George Washington bestowed the nickname “Old Line State” thereby associating Maryland with its regular line troops, the Maryland Line, who served courageously in many Revolutionary War battles.

The nickname “Free State” was created by Hamilton Owens, editor of the *Baltimore Sun*. In 1923, Georgia Congressman William D. Upshaw, a firm supporter of Prohibition, denounced Maryland as a traitor to the Union for refusing to pass a State enforcement act. Mr. Owens thereupon wrote a mock-serious editorial entitled “The Maryland Free State,” arguing that Maryland should secede from the Union rather than prohibit the sale of liquor. The irony in the editorial was subtle, and Mr. Owens decided not to print it. He popularized the nickname, however, in later editorials.

Baltimore’s Inner Harbor and the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis are just a few of Maryland’s popular attractions. In one day, you will see where Francis Scott Key wrote the National Anthem, have a terrific seafood lunch, then stroll through the cobblestone streets of Annapolis where you can find many antique and old world shops.

Just minutes from the city, you’ll find Maryland thoroughbred horse farms, old mills and wide expanses of rolling landscape. Toward the bay, you’ll come across waterside communities that are havens for boating and fishing. Throughout this region, you’ll see why Central Maryland is a rich tapestry of attractions, culture and history woven through a magnificent and vibrant landscape.

In August, Maryland weather will be hot and muggy. Bring light clothing and sunblock if you plan to be outside, and make sure to bring comfortable walking shoes. August also brings thunder showers which can be heavy at times, but are usually short-lived and serve to cool things down a bit.

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Room Rate: \$120 plus taxes, single or double.

Room Block Cut-Off Date: Friday, July 24, 2009

At the cut-off date, the hotel will release the unreserved rooms for general sale at the standard rate. After the cut-off date, your hotel room cost may be as high as \$300 per night. All reservations must be accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card. A reservation may be canceled by 6:00 p.m. on the day of arrival with a penalty. If cancelation is made after 6:00 p.m. the room will be charged to your credit card.

Check In Time: 3:00 p.m. **Check Out Time:** 12:00 p.m.

Parking: Complimentary parking is available

Transportation: Complimentary shuttle service to and from the BWI Airport, as well as the Light Rail Train to connect to the Inner Harbor. Service is available every 15 minutes between 4:00 a.m. and 1:00 a.m.

Questions: Contact COL Hall Worthington:
Home phone 410-923-2443,
Cell 410-382-0479, or
E-mail: hworthin@juno.com



THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE WORLD WARS
2009 NATIONAL CONVENTION, AUGUST 11-16, 2009

MARYLAND

BWI Airport Marriott 1743 West Nursery Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21240
Hotel Direct 410-859-8300

Tuesday, August 11, 2009 Pre-Convention Activities

- 1100-1700 Early Bird Registration
- 1200-1700 Golf Outing-Ft. Meade-Optional
- 1300-1600 Host Chapter Convention-Prep Workshop
- 1300-1700 Youth Enrichment Foundation (YEF), Inc. Board Meeting
- 1800-2200 Dinner on your own

Wednesday, August 12, 2009 Pre-Convention Activities

- 0700-0920 Budget Committee Meeting
- 0800-1700 MOWW Hospitality Lounge
- 0830-1700 Registration
- 0830-1700 Tour #1-Mt. Vernon-Optional
- 0930-1150 Pre-Convention Executive Committee (EXCOM) Meeting (**Members only**)
- 1200-1250 Lunch on your own.
- 1300-1450 MOWW Board of Trustees Meeting (Members only)
- 1300-1450 Policy Planning Committee Meeting (**All invited**)
- 1500-1550 National Security Committee Meeting (**Members only** to evaluate award submits)
- 1500-1650 Chapter Activity Committee Meeting (**Members only** to evaluate award submits)
- 1500-1550 Constitution & Bylaws Committee Meeting
- 1600-1650 Homeland Security Committee Meeting **with Guest Speaker (All invited)**
- 1700-1750 Information & Publicity Committee meeting (**All Invited**)
- 1800-2100 Welcome Reception and Buffet

NATIONAL CONVENTION SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2009

- 0700-0950 Council of Past CINCs Breakfast Meeting (**Members only**)
- 0700-0820 Council of State and Department Commanders Meeting
- 0800-1700 MOWW Hospitality Lounge
- 0830-0950 Council of Region Commanders Meeting
- 0900-1700 Registration
- 0900-1500 Tour #2-Annapolis-Optional
- 0900-1150 Patriotic Education Committee Meeting (For all YLC Directors & Staff)
- 1000-1050 Legislation & Resolutions Committee Meeting (**All Invited**)
- 1100-1150 Hann-Buswell Memorial Chapter Meeting (**Chapter Members Only**)
- 1200-1250 Lunch on your own
- (Note: All attendees should arrive by 1300 hours today to attend the Chapter Officers Information Briefing & New Attendees Orientation)
- 1300-1350 Chapter Officers Information Briefing and New Attendees Orientation (**All invited**)
- 1400-1450 Law & Order Committee Meeting (**All invited**)
- 1500-1550 Caucus-All Regions-Candidate Presentations (**All invited**)
- 1600-1650 Caucus-All Regions-Discussion Breakout Groups
A. Eastern, B. Midwest, C. Southeast, D. West

- 1600-1650 Nominating Committee "Tellers" Meeting
- 1700-1850 Nominating Committee Meeting (Only Nominating Committee members or their alternates per *MOWW Handbook* policy)
- 1900-2200 Dinner on your own
- 1930-2230 Hann-Buswell Memorial Chapter Reception & Banquet with Speaker (**Chapter Members and Guests**)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2009

- 0800-1700 MOWW Hospitality Lounge
- 0800-0830 Opening Ceremony of 2008 National Convention (**All Attendees**)
- 0830-1115 First Joint Session of the Pre-Convention GS Meeting and National Convention
- 0900-1700 Registration
- 1130-1345 MOWW Awards Luncheon & National Security **SEMINAR** with Guest Speaker (**All Attendees**)
- 1400-1550 Membership **SEMINAR (All invited)**
- 1600-1750 Chapter Activities & Awards **SEMINAR (All invited)**
- 1800-2200 Dinner on your own
- 1900-2100 Financial Planning and Development Workshop (**All invited**)
- 1900-2100 Patriotic Education Foundation (PEF), Inc. Board Meeting
- 1900-2100 Patriotic Education, Inc (PEI) Board Meeting

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2009

- 0730-0850 Memorial Service (**All Attendees**)
- 0800-1600 MOWW Hospitality Lounge
- 0900-1200 Registration
- 0900-1500 Tour #3-Ft. McHenry and Baltimore's Inner Harbor-Optional
- 0900-1050 Second Joint Session of Pre-Convention GS Meeting and National Convention
- 1100-1150 Post-Convention General Staff Meeting (**Members of the General Staff**)
- 1200-1250 Lunch on your own
- 1300-1350 Patriotic Education **SEMINAR (All invited)**
- 1400-1450 ROTC **SEMINAR (All invited)**
- 1500-1550 Boy Scout/Girl Scout Committee Workshop (**All invited**)
- 1600-1650 Non-Denominational Ecumenical Service with Chaplain General (**All invited**)
- 1600-1650 Catholic Services (TBA)
- 1700-1800 Open Time
- 1800-1900 CINCs Formal Reception (**All Attendees**)
- 1900-2200 National Convention Formal Banquet (**All Attendees**)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2009

- 0730-1030 EXCOM Post-Convention Breakfast Meeting (**Members Only**)
- 0800-0950 EXCOM Spouse Breakfast
- 1100 Departures

All Companions are encouraged to attend and participate in all of the meetings listed above, except those meetings indicated with "Members Only".
(Chapter Commanders & Adjutants should note the five red highlighted seminars that they must attend.)



Optional Tours

Tour #1 August 12 8:30a.m.–5:00p.m.



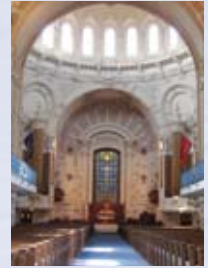
Mount Vernon Pilgrimage

Join us for a trip to George Washington’s Mount Vernon! The new museum and education center is absolutely fantastic! See computer-generated figures of George Washington at various ages. Enjoy shopping at one of the best gift shops in the National Capital Region. Experience a wonderful luncheon of colonial fare at the Mount Vernon Inn while learning more about Mount Vernon from a docent.

Departs from hotel at 0830, in order to beat the summer crowds and heat.

Make sure you have comfortable walking shoes!
Cost includes admission to Mount Vernon and transportation (lunch costs not included): \$35.

Tour #2 August 13 9:00a.m.–3:00 p.m.



Annapolis—A Living Colonial City

One of the most beautiful cities in the Nation, Maryland’s capital features beautiful colonial architecture, breathtaking waterfront vistas, charming streets and shops, and wonderful seafood. The Statehouse is pictured above, left.

In addition to seeing the city, we’ll visit the United States Naval Academy and the crypt of John Paul Jones. The Chapel at the Naval Academy is pictured above right. Luncheon will be on your own at one of the many fine restaurants in Annapolis—we’ll have a list of suggestions!

Make sure you have comfortable walking shoes!
Cost includes transportation (lunch costs not included): \$25.

Tour #3 August 15 9:00a.m.–3:00 p.m.



Fort McHenry and Baltimore’s Inner Harbor

Join us for a memorable Star Spangled Banner visit to beautiful Fort McHenry, pictured left, site of the battle that inspired Francis Scott Key to pen our National Anthem. You’ll never listen to the anthem again without picturing this Fort. After walking the ramparts, we’ll next visit Baltimore’s stunning Inner Harbor (pictured right), one of the most photographed and visited areas of the city. It has been one of the major seaports in the United States since the 1700s and blossomed into the cultural center of Baltimore in the 1970s. Enjoy shops, museums, and superb restaurants.

Make sure you have comfortable walking shoes!
Cost includes transportation (lunch costs not included): \$25.

MOWW Ladies Scarf

LADIES 100% SILK SCARF

\$30 plus postage, payable to
El Paso Chapter MOWW

Contact: Maj JoAnne Barton
4724 G. V. Underwood Drive
El Paso, TX 79924

(915) 751-7076
Email: joannelp@aol.com

Golf Outing

August 11 Noon to 5:00 p. m.

Golf Courses at Fort Meade

Cost: \$45.00



Registration Form

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR REGISTRATION FORM NO LATER THAN JULY 15, 2009

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY—CLIP AND MAIL COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM—MAKE A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS

Name _____ Rank _____ Service _____

Chapter _____

Current Office(s) Held _____

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

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Spouse/Guest _____ Special Dietary Needs? _____

Airport Data: Arrival Date _____ Time _____ Airline/Flight # _____

FEE COMPUTATION SCHEDULE: (SEE NOTES BELOW)

Delegate/Companion (Note 1) No Later Than July 15th-\$225 After July 15th-\$255 = \$ _____

Spouse/Guest (Note 2) No Later Than July 15th-\$210 After July 15th-\$240 = \$ _____

OPTIONAL EVENTS

GOLF OUTING Aug 11 Handicap(s) _____ / _____ Number _____ x \$45 = \$ _____

TOUR #1 Aug 12 Mount Vernon (Note 3) Number _____ x \$35 = \$ _____

TOUR #2 Aug 13 Annapolis/Naval Academy (Note 3) Number _____ x \$25 = \$ _____

TOUR #3 Aug 15 Fort McHenry/Inner Harbor (Note 3) Number _____ x \$25 = \$ _____

Hann-Buswell Memorial Chapter Reception & Banquet (Chapter Members and Guests) Pay at registration

TOTAL = \$ _____

Note 1) Delegate fee covers: Registration, Delegate Book, Shared Convention Admin Expenses, Welcome Reception & Buffet, Awards Luncheon, and Formal Reception and Convention Banquet.

Note 2) Spouse/Guest fee covers: Registration, Shared Convention Admin Expenses, Welcome Reception & Buffet, Awards Luncheon, and Formal Reception and Convention Banquet.

Note 3) Cost of lunch is not included. Make sure you have comfortable walking shoes!

Make check payable to: MOWW NC 09, and mail with completed registration form and check to:
Mrs. Dorothy Masterson, 221 Ambleside Drive, Severna Park, MD 21146

Questions? Contact VCINC Col Hall Worthington by phone (410) 923-2443 or by email hworthin@juno.com or
Past CINC LTC Alfred Shehab by phone (410) 674-7333 or by email hotspur38@verizon.net

Memorials, Monuments, and Plaques

By Capt John M. Hayes
Chairman, Memorials Committee
Dallas, Texas, Chapter

Our Preamble states that we are “To encourage and assist in the holding of commemorations and the establishment of memorials of the World Wars.” A memorial or monument can be defined as something set up to keep alive the memory of a person or event; a work of enduring significance; anything meant to help people remember a person, event, etc. Honoring Veterans and our Military Forces with a memorial, monument, or plaque is an activity every Chapter should consider.

Chapter XXIV of the *MOWW Handbook* is titled “Memorials, Monuments, and Plaques.” It states the procedures by which the MOWW should address this important, but often overlooked, tenet of the Order’s Preamble.

As the Chair of the Memorials Committee I am charged with the responsibility to establish and maintain an inventory of the memorials, monuments, and plaques that have been established, dedicated to, or associated with the MOWW. This inventory becomes a part of the history of the Order and is available on a section of the MOWW website.

I am pleased to announce that I have reviewed and catalogued the MOWW National Files on Memorials, Monuments, and Plaques. I have updated the inventory on the MOWW website under “MOWW Memorials.” The inventory is based on information provided by a Chapter that established a memorial, monument, or plaque. This information, which should be sent to the Chair of the Memorials Committee (my contact information is on the website), should include (but is not limited to) the following information:

- Name of the memorial, monument, or plaque
- Location
- Date established and/or dedicated
- Description and photograph
- Theme of the memorial, monument, or plaque
- Sponsors or groups that established the memorial, monument, or plaque
- MOWW involvement, to include financial or other support
- Condition of the memorial, monument, or plaque
- Additional comments or information (all helps)

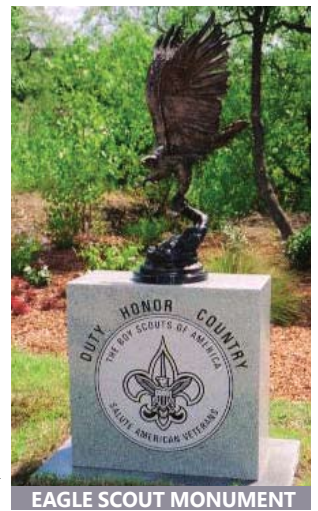
In addition, the Memorials Committee reviews all requests for financial or other support desired to establish or upgrade memorials, monuments, and plaques. The criteria and procedure for this support is listed in Chapter XXIV of the *MOWW Handbook*. Currently,

the Order does not have the funds to support these memorials, monuments and plaques. It is important that the Chapter, Department or Region planning to establish or support one have a plan to raise the necessary funds from their members and in their local community.

I urge each Companion to consider, as an activity for your Chapter, the establishment of a memorial, monument, or plaque. It is a rewarding experience and a tribute that will continue in perpetuity. An additional benefit is the positive publicity that the Order will receive, especially after a well-planned and executed dedication.

National Cemeteries are but one example of a possible memorial site. Most of the newer National Cemeteries have Memorial Walkways, which are ideal areas for the placement of an MOWW Memorial. There may be a memorial or monument in your area that is in need of repair or upgrade. Your local Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts may have a project related to Veterans and a memorial. I am sure your Chapter’s support would be appreciated. Finally, if a memorial or monument will not work for your Chapter, consider a plaque. They are less expensive and can be mounted in many locations.

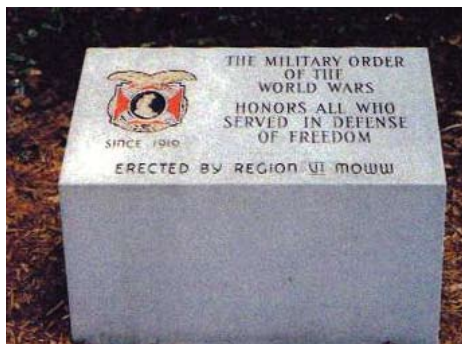
The MOWW Memorials Committee is available to help you. My personal experiences at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery reinforce the value of MOWW Chapter involvement in memorials and monuments. The four MOWW Chapters of the North Central Texas area (Dallas, Fort Worth, Pinson Memorial, and North Texas) established a memorial that was placed on the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery Memorial Walkway (pictured below, left). As we remembered and honored those who had gone before, the MOWW Memorial brought a renewed sense of cooperation and friendship among the Companions of our area, and it brought recognition of the Order in the community. My second experience involved the Dallas Chapter’s contribution to an Eagle Scout’s project that created a monument showing that Scouts “Salute American Veterans.” This Eagle Scout’s monument (pictured above) and memorial garden has inspired four additional Eagle Scout memorial projects at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. Companions, I challenge you to create that “inspiration” through the establishment of memorials, monuments, and plaques. Each time you view “your project,” you will feel the pride that comes with knowing that you have honored our Veterans and Military Forces in a meaningful way.



EAGLE SCOUT MONUMENT



NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS MOWW MEMORIAL



REGION VI (FL, PR) MOWW MEMORIAL



GENERAL CRITZ CHAPTER MONUMENT

Is Your Chapter Ready for Next Year?

By Capt Deborah A. "Debbie" Kash
Chair, MOWW Membership Committee
San Diego, California, Chapter

July is the time for each Chapter to plan its new year of activities and programs. When it comes to membership, each Chapter needs to develop a goal with a plan that is tailored to their Chapter's needs and abilities. Take a moment to think about your Chapter's membership and its strengths and weaknesses by answering these questions with a YES or NO:



1. Are all of your Chapter's Elected and Appointed Officer positions filled for 2009-2010?
2. Did your Chapter gain more new members in 2009 compared to 2008?
3. Did your Chapter meet its membership goals for 2009? Do you have one set for 2009-2010?
4. Has attendance at your meetings improved? If not, do you have a plan to increase attendance?
5. Does your Chapter have at least one new member holding an elected or appointed office this year?
6. Does your Chapter have a plan to have at least one "potential" new member attend each meeting?
7. Does your Chapter have a plan to invite "speakers" for your Chapter meetings for 2009-2010?
8. Is your Chapter easily completing activities that it has done for years, such as: JROTC and SROTC and Boy & Girl Scouts awards and certificates presentations, respectfully, hosting or supporting a local Massing of the Colors ceremony, conducting or supporting a Memorial Day ceremony, participating in a Veterans Day parade or activities, and holding or supporting a Youth Leadership Conference?
9. Is your Chapter starting new programs, such as some of those listed above that your Chapter is not doing?
10. Do you have a "Companion-in-training" to assume the responsibility of handling a Chapter activity currently being done by the "same person" at each meeting?
11. Do you have a Chapter officer who is being trained by the staff to become the next Chapter commander?
12. Is your Chapter ready to try new things for better recruiting or retaining members this year?
13. Do the Chapter officers have a challenging dialogue with your Chapter members?
14. Is the median age of attendees at monthly meetings coming down? Have you checked it!
15. Is the median age of your Chapter officers coming down?
16. Will your Chapter be stronger in two or three years than it is today?



Add up the number of times you answered YES compared to NO. Set a goal for 2009-2010 to strengthen the number of YES answers! Choose specific Chapter goals, write them down and publish them and send it to all Chapter members. Take the next important step and write your plan of attack on "How to achieve your Chapter goals." My husband is famous for quoting a line from the movie, *One Crazy Summer*, which is, "Without a plan there can be no attack; without an attack there can be no victory!"

In addition, please consider the following when evaluating your Chapter for this upcoming year:

- The health, age and other commitments of your Chapter officers and meeting attendees;
- The Chapter's rate of growth (or decline) in membership in 2009;
- The degree of new members' participation in your Chapter activities and offices;
- The impact of a loss of a "key" Chapter member because of health, other commitments, burnout, or death;
- The ease or difficulty of finding a Companion to take on new or additional responsibilities;
- The importance of your Chapter officers holding only one Chapter elected or appointed position;
- The difficulties of Chapter officers holding other elected or appointed positions at all levels of MOWW (Department, State, Region, or National office).

Plan your attack now and win your victory for 2009-2010 for membership and Chapter activities with "everyone" being involved!

Nominating Committee Instructions for 2009 National Convention

Notice to Region, State, Department and Chapter Commanders and all other National Officers

By Past CINC LTC David Titus
Chair, MOWW Nominating Committee
Augusta, Georgia, Chapter

Purpose: To provide guidance on the voting process and Committee membership relevant to attendance at the MOWW National Convention Nominating Committee Meeting. This memorandum will also serve to clarify the verification of Committee members authorized admission to the Nominating Committee Meeting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Chapter Committee Members: The National Convention Rules of the Order for the Nominating Committee meeting are located on the MOWW website and mentioned in Chapter VIII of the *MOWW Handbook*. Each chapter is authorized one representative to the Nominating Committee. The Chapter Commander, by virtue of their election as Chapter Commander, is authorized to be a voting member of the Committee. The Chapter Commander is the PRIMARY representative of the chapter to the Nominating Committee. However, if they should be unable to attend the National Convention, they should name an ALTERNATE representative to represent the chapter at the Nominating Committee Meeting. The Chapter representative (PRIMARY or ALTERNATE) who wishes to be a member of the Committee, will hand carry an authorization letter to the convention (a copy can be found in the *MOWW Handbook* on the Order's web site) and present it to the Nominating Committee Registration Desk prior to the Nominating Committee meeting and receive a numbered ballot. The chapter representative who is going to be a registered Committee member will be required to show their National Convention badge and their numbered ballot to be admitted to the Nominating Committee meeting room.

2. Chapters Without a Selected Representative: In the absence of a chapter PRIMARY or ALTERNATE committee member as designated by the Chapter Commander, the chapter members present at the National Convention may select one of their members present as its chapter Nominating Committee member. A blank Committee Member Selection form may be obtained from the Chairman, Nominating Committee or the Nominating Committee Operations Director (to be announced) at the Committee Registration Desk during the National Convention. Complete this form and present it to the Nominating Committee Registration Desk prior to the Nominating Committee meeting to receive a numbered ballot.

3. Department Commanders as a Chapter Representative to the Nominating Committee: Department Commanders are NOT automatic voting members to the Nominating Committee meeting. However, a Department Commander may elect on their own authority to represent a chapter when there is NO chapter representative present at the National Convention. A blank Committee Member Selection form may be obtained and completed as outlined in paragraph 2 above. The Department Commander will only have one vote and can represent only one Chapter.

4. General Staff Officers-at-Large (Elected and Appointed) as Chapter Representatives: General Staff Officers-at-Large (Elected and Appointed) are NOT automatic voting committee members to the Nominating Committee meeting. However, they may be selected to represent their chapter in the same manner as other chapter members, as described in paragraphs 1 and 2 above.

5. Past Commanders-in-Chiefs (PCINCs) and All Currently Installed Region Commanders as Automatic Voting members to the Nominating Committee:

5a. Chapter II of the *MOWW Handbook* specifies that all Past CINCs and all currently installed Region Commanders (posted on the rolls at MOWW National Headquarters) are automatic members of the Nominating Committee with voting privileges.

5b. By custom however, as developed over the years, the Chairman of the Nominating Committee (2nd Past CINC) and the Vice Chairman of the Nominating Committee (Immediate Past CINC) will not cast ballots for any candidates or display any favoritism for specific candidates. Additionally, to ensure complete impartiality in voting, Companions and spouses who assist the Nominating Committee with the vote-counting cannot be related or married to any announced candidate for National Office.

5c. When the Region Commander is unable to attend, they may provide written authorization for only the Region's Senior Vice Commander or Region General Staff Officer to represent that Region at the Nominating Committee Meeting. Region Commanders do not have the authority to represent a chapter in their Region when that chapter is unrepresented at the Nominating Committee Meeting.

6. **Announcement of Voting Results:** The previous policy of not announcing the tally of votes for each individual candidate will be continued in 2009. Only the winner's names will be announced for each National office. This is for two reasons: First, so as not to discourage future leadership candidates for office who may not be well known and receive only a few votes; Second, to avoid acrimony and hard feelings over closely contested positions. It should be reminded that the Nominating Committee report is a recommendation to the National Convention. Candidates not satisfied with the results of the Nominating Committee have the option of having their name entered as a candidate from the floor of the full Convention after the Nominating Committee presents its recommendations.

(The National Convention Rules of Order for the MOWW Nominating Committee meeting are located in Appendix N of the MOWW Handbook on the MOWW website: www.militaryorder.net)



Who Is a Delegate at the National Convention?

Each Chapter shall be entitled to two (2) delegates-at-large and one additional delegate for every twenty-five (25) members or major fraction thereof (in addition to Chapter members who are members of the National General Staff) that are in good standing as of June 30th preceding the National Convention.

A member may represent but one Chapter. A duly accredited alternate for the Chapter may attend and vote in the absence of a Chapter delegate. A Chapter delegate requires written certification by the Chapter Commander which must be presented during registration at the National Convention.

All members of the National General Staff are delegates. General Staff members do not require certification as delegates; however, they should identify their General Staff status when registering at the National Convention to be properly identified as a Delegate.

The National Officers of the Order, who constitute the General Staff, shall consist of the following: the Commander-in-Chief, all Past Commanders-in-Chief, the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, the four Vice

National Officer Candidates

(Listed below alphabetically, by rank)

Commander-in-Chief (CINC)

(1 Position)

Sr. VCINC COL Philemon A. "Phil" St. Amant, II (A)

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief (Sr. VCINC)

(1 Position)

VCINC Col Frederick J. "Fred" Graves (AF)

VCINC Col Clifford "Cliff" Way (AF)

Vice-Commanders-in-Chief (VCINC)

(4 positions)

VCINC CAPT Russell C. "Russ" Vowinkel (N)

VCINC COL M. Hall Worthington (A)

LTC Gary O. Engen (A)

LTC Michael S. "Mike" George (A)

Treasurer General

LTC John H. Hollywood (A)

Judge Advocate General (JAG)

COL Earle F. Lasseter (A)

Surgeon General

MG Gale S. Pollock (A)

Chaplain General

MAJ Charlie R. Beasley (A)

Historian General

CWO4 Allan R. Peschek (N)

General Staff at Large-Elected

(5 Positions)

Capt John M. Hayes (AF)

Companion Mrs. Jennie McIntosh

The above list of Candidates for National Office does not preclude individual candidates from being nominated from the floor during the Nominating Committee process or from the National Convention floor.

Commanders-in-Chief, all Region Commanders, the Treasurer General and Assistant Treasurer General, the Judge Advocate General and Assistant Judge Advocate General, the Surgeon General and Assistant Surgeon General, the Chaplain General and Assistant Chaplain General, the Historian General and Assistant Historian General, all three members of the MOWW Board of Trustees, all Department Commanders, one additional member of the General Staff from each Region, all General Staff Emeritus members, the 10 General Staff members-at-large (elected and appointed), the Chairmen of all National Standing and Ad Hoc Committees, the Chairs of the Order's three Counsels, and the Directors of all Youth Leadership Conferences (YLCs) sanctioned by the Order.

Surgeon's Office

My Toe Hurts

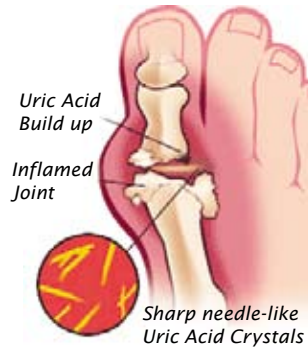
By Col Jerry Wheaton
Past Surgeon General
LTG John M. Wright Jr.,
California, Chapter

It may be a toe or another joint, but typically you wake in the middle of the night with a red hot swollen painful joint.

So painful, that even the weight of a sheet can be excruciating! This happens to about three and a half million men in the U.S. and is one of the oldest recorded diseases that occurs almost ten times more often in men, Gout!

The old medical myth was that it was a disease of old, rich, overweight gluttonous men. The truth is that it is caused by a metabolic imbalance that causes uric acid (a breakdown product of purines) to be accumulated in the blood because enough is not secreted in the urine. The end result is uric acid crystal precipitation in a joint causing irritation swelling and pain. About half the time the joint is in the big toe! It can occur in fingers, wrists, elbows, the forefoot, heel and ankle.

Gout has nothing to do with wealth, age, social status and little to do with diet or drink. It is also not limited by age or sex, since I have treated young men of 16 and 17 years



of age, as well as women, both young and old.

Gout is a form of acute arthritis that will respond to treatment. It also can be caused by treatment for other conditions where low dose aspirin, thiazide diuretics, and niacin are prescribed. Other unrelated causes are binge drinking, prolonged fasting, kidney disease, lead toxicity, sustained muscular exertion such as a marathon run and certain diseases such as lymphoma.

The test for uric acid usually uses about 7 milligrams per deciliter (7 mg./dL) as a normal value. Levels above 10 mg/dL are usually (90%) associated with an acute episode of gout. However, gout can be the result of a rapid drop in uric acid level. This is why some 30% of the time the uric acid level in an acute gout episode is normal.

Treatment includes avoidance of foods high in purines such as organ meats, gravy, sardines, anchovies, yeast products, beans, peas, lentils, spinach, asparagus, and mushrooms. Allopurinol, Indomethacin, Colchicine, and Probenecid as well as steroid joint injection are treatment entities.

Probenecid (Benemid) in a dose of 250 to 500 mg., taken three times a day, promotes the excretion of uric acid, but since it increases the amount of uric acid in the urine it can cause uric acid kidney stones. Since it lowers blood uric acid fairly quickly it can precipitate an acute attack of gout, so it is seldom prescribed alone, but almost always with a second anti-inflammatory medication such as indomethacin (Indocin).

National Security Web Site

www.mowwnationalsecurity.com

Companions should check this web site periodically for articles, information, and recommended books on National Security issues.

The web site has a listing page called Speakers Bureau. Any MOWW Companion willing to be a guest speaker is invited to be added to the Speakers Bureau listing by contacting

COL Philemon A. St. Amant II
by email at pastamant@aol.com

If you need one of the speakers to address your Region, State, Department, or Chapter meetings—or any other community or business event, please invite the speaker directly, using their contact information listed on the web site.

MOWW® E-Mail Address and Website

E-MAIL ADDRESS: moww@comcast.net

WEBSITE: <http://www.militaryorder.net>

MOWW Hann-Buswell Memorial Chapter Wants You!

The Hann-Buswell Memorial Chapter, a National At-Large Chapter, helps the MOWW HQs to provide service and funding to the Chapters and Companions of the Order that could not have been otherwise supported due to under-funding.



If you are interested in joining the Hann-Buswell Memorial Chapter or attending their formal banquet at the 2009 National Convention in Maryland, please contact Past CINC COL Alfred Shehab at (410) 674-7333, or by email at hotspur38@hotmail.com; or CWO4 Allan R. Peschek at allanpeschek@harbornet.com

Come join the MOWW Hann-Buswell Memorial Chapter who truly live up to the MOWW motto of
"It Is More Noble To Serve Than Be Served."

Don't Forget— Submit Your Report!

All National Officers, Committee and Council Chairs, and Region Commanders must submit their end-of-year report to MOWW National Headquarters not later than July 7, 2009, for publication in the 2009 National Convention Delegate's book. Reports from the ten General Staff-At-Large Officers (elected & appointed) are optional.

Please submit your report by email or snail mail (no faxes please) to be received at MOWW Headquarters by July 7, 2009. The book prepared by MOWW National Headquarters will be provided to all delegates attending the 2009 National Convention meeting in Maryland.

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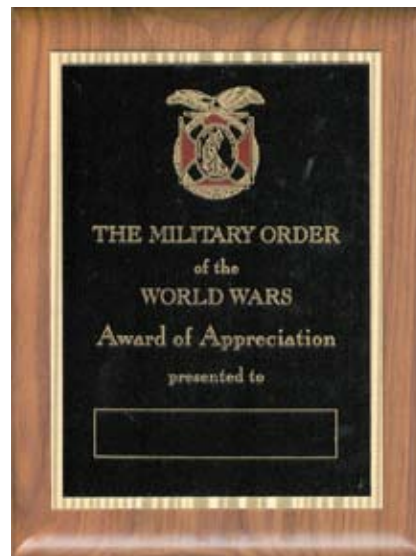
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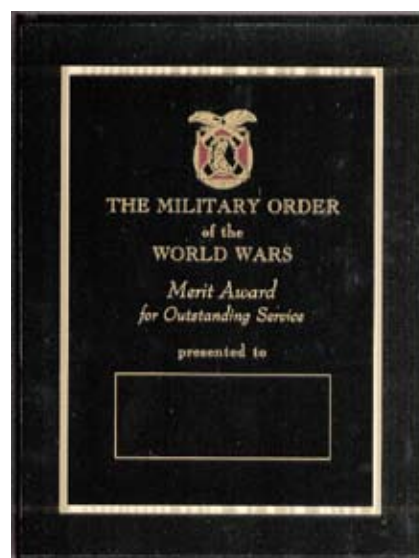
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Apache Trail AZ
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 Bethesda MD
 Columbia SC
 Columbus GA
 Cpt Francis Grevemberg LA
 Gen Hoyt S Vandenberg CA
 Gen Leigh Wade DC
 Gen Ridgway Pittsburgh PA
 Greater Kansas City MO
 Headquarters
 Headquarters
 Miami FL
 Narragansett Bay RI
 Philadelphia PA
 Portland OR
 Prince George's County MD
 Prince George's County MD
 Puget Sound WA
 Southwest FL
 Sun Cities AZ

RANK/NAME/(SERVICE)

Maj Kenneth L. Shook (AF) *
 Col Harold E. Fischer (AF) *
 COL Sunao Ishio (A) *
 LTC Bill H. Hopkins (A) *
 LTC Enah C. Hiatt (A)
 COL James S. Mathews (A)
 CPT Herbert E. Robinson (A)
 BG Joseph F. Wagner (MC) *
 BG Andrew N. Farley (A) *
 COL Jack L. Van Lear (A) *
 LTC Robert B. Clemens (A) *
 RADM Bennett S. Sparks (CG)
 DR John F. Freeman (N) *
 VADM John T. Hayward (N) *
 Brig Gen Elmer S. Friedberg (AF) *
 COL Robert W. Bradfield (A) *
 LT Myrtle L. Hughes (A) *
 Lt Col Kenneth L. Wilson (AF) *
 COL Donald C. Peterson (A) *
 LTC James E. Watt (A) *
 CPT Maren S. Hargrove (A) *

Deceased Members—as of May 31, 2009

**Denotes Perpetual Member*



Preamble

To cherish the memories and associations of the World Wars waged for humanity;

To inculcate and stimulate love of our Country and the Flag;

To promote and further patriotic education in our Nation;

Ever to maintain law and order, and to defend the honor, integrity, and supremacy of our National Government and the Constitution of the United States;

To foster fraternal relations among all branches of the Armed Forces;

To promote the cultivation of military, naval, and air science and the adoption of a consistent and suitable policy of national security for the United States of America;

To acquire and preserve records of individual services;

To encourage and assist in the holding of commemorations and the establishment of memorials of the World Wars;

And to transmit all these ideals to posterity; under God and for our country, we unite to establish the Military Order of the World Wars.



Mail Call

Letters to the Editor

On behalf of the Ohio State University Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Task Group Buckeye, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the men and women of the Military Order of the World Wars for selecting me as a recipient of your Merit Award on April 15, 2008. It is a great honor to be presented with such an esteemed award in light of the bright, strong, and motivated cadets and midshipmen that currently serve in neighboring ROTC units alike. In the spirit of the Military Order of the World Wars award, I will continue to embody diligence and strive for personal achievements, to which the award recognizes. Once again thank you for the award.

—MIDN 3/c Daniel P. Gallant
NROTC Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio

Thank you so much for the Military Order of the World Wars Merit Medal. I am honored to have received it and will wear it proudly. Thank you.

—c/SSgt Brianna Mikolich
Patchogue-Medford High School
Medford, New York

Thank you for the Military Order of the World Wars Award. It is an great honor to have been selected for this award. I will wear the medal proudly.

—c/ Thomas Wetzel
NROTC University of Nebraska
Lincoln, Nebraska

We would like to thank you for your support of our Junior ROTC Program. Please find enclosed a picture of Cadet 1st Sergeant receiving your Award from Cadet LTC Romney Grimaldi, our Cadet Battalion Commander at our Military Ball. It was held in the Statesville Civic Center on April 4th. Again many thanks for your time and support.



—George L. Keckeisen LTC USA (Ret)
Senior Army Instructor, US Army JROTC Battalion
North Iredell High School, Olin, North Carolina

I would like to thank you and your organization for supporting the Dillon High School Army JROTC Program. Your support during our recent awards ceremony was very beneficial to JROTC. The recognition and awards provided to the cadets will have a lasting positive influence on them.

As you know, the young people of today need much encouragement and help in their lives to be successful. Your participation in the awards program helps by building character, pride, confidence, and self-esteem in our young people.

Please continue this important work for the sake of our students and our Nation's future. Again, thank you for the support over the past years.

—CW4 Harold A. Thacker, Jr.
Senior Army Instructor, Dillon Army JROTC Battalion
Dillon, South Carolina

Robertsdale High School NJROTC held its 16th annual award ceremony on April 21, 2009. The MOWW JROTC award was given to our Cadet Commanding Officer c/LCDR Stephan Barnes (pictured left) for his dedicated service



and demonstrated leadership to this unit. The award was presented by U.S. Navy Veteran Master Chief Petty Officer Robert Dairy, (Retired). Attached is a picture of both.

Thank you for your participation in our awards program.

—Master Chief Petty Officer Robert Dairy
JROTC Instructor, Robertsdale High School
Robertsdale, Alabama

Thank you very much for awarding me the ROTC Award of Merit. I feel honored to have been thought of in conjunction with this great citation. I will continue to strive toward my goal of military and Scholastic excellence during my collegiate career. Once again, I am deeply grateful for your special recognition.

—c/Andrew Enriquez
Sam Houston State University
Huntsville, Texas

We would like to thank you for your continued support of our Junior ROTC awards program.

The awards banquet for Wilkes Central High School's Air Force Junior ROTC program was held March 15, 2008. This year's recipient of the Military Order of the World Wars Award was Cadet Joshua Freedman.

We will look forward to selecting a cadet for your award again next year.

—Col Stephen Burrell
AFROTC, Wilkes Central High School
Wilkesboro, North Carolina

I am honored to have been selected for your organization's ROTC Award for excellence in all military and scholarship aspects. As the second time I've been awarded this in my Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Midshipman career, the prestigiousness of winning this award will be an everlasting memory. The Military Order of the World Wars' extensive support of NROTC programs is much appreciated. I look forward to serving my country with the leadership and citizenship skills I am developing in the NROTC program here at Iowa State University. Thank you for providing this incentive as my fellow midshipmen and I strive for excellence.

—MIDN 2/C Tyler J. Spry
Cyclone Battalion, Idaho State University NROTC
Ames, Iowa

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your generous gift. The gift will help me to continue to improve my marksmanship skills. Again, thank you.

—c/ Eric Eng
United States Coast Guard Academy
Havre de Grace, Maryland

The Military Order of the World Wars Award was presented to Cadet Taisha Vargas by TSgt Eric Ramos, Air Force Reserves, a strong supporter of our program. My apologies for the delay but I wanted to include the photo. Thank you again for the continued support of our program.



—Capt Michael B. Hill
Senior Aerospace Science Instructor, Air Force JROTC
Aviation High School, Long Island City, New York

The Clarkrange JROTC Battalion thanks your organization for its continued support of our program. This year we presented the medal to Cadet Donald Dunaway.

Mr. Dunaway also thanks your organization for its support and recognition of our accomplishments.

I apologize for taking two months to thank the Military Order of the World Wars. The end of this year was very hectic and time seemed to fly by. Thanks again for support in recognizing our cadets for all of the good work they do.

—LTC Robert L. Ross
Sr Army Instructor, JROTC, Clarkrange High School
Clarkrange, Tennessee

On behalf of all of us in Old Bridge Air Force Junior ROTC, please accept our sincerest appreciation for providing the Military Order of the World Wars Award at our Annual Awards Ceremony, held 8 May. As you may know it was a wonderful evening which included an

informal potluck dinner provided by the parents of our cadets, the awards ceremony itself, and announcement of Honor Flight. Cadet Dylan Benson was the recipient of your award, and I was the presenter. His note of personal appreciation to you follows (*see next letter, below*).

Thank you sponsoring this award for our AFJROTC cadets. Your interest in their personal and professional development is indeed noble. I hope you will consider participating next year.

Thanks again; we really appreciate it!
—Col Randall L. Lanning
Sr Aerospace Science Instructor,
Old Bridge High School, Matawan, New Jersey

I would like to thank you very much for this great honor. Being awarded the Military Order of World Wars Award of Merit is one of the biggest things that have happened to me at my time in Air Force Junior ROTC. Last year I was awarded a medal and I made a promise to not do any less and keep working hard; being awarded this medal tells me that I have stayed true to my commitment.

I will now make the same commitment again. Being awarded this medal makes me want to continue doing what I am doing, or do it better. I plan to do that for my last two years in Air Force Junior ROTC. Thank you again for this great honor.

—Cadet Second Lieutenant Dylan Benson
Old Bridge High School, Matawan, New Jersey

On behalf of Lt Col Paul Simpson and myself, I want to thank everyone at MOWW for your continued support of our Air Force Junior ROTC Awards Program at Ridgeland High School.



Our recipient of your award was Cadet Harley Duncan. Harley was thrilled to receive this award as you'll readily see in the picture I've enclosed for you. The young lady with him is Ms. Jessica Wyrick, a former cadet, who we asked to make this presentation on your behalf.

Thank you and your organization for making this a night they'll remember. Your generosity and unselfish devotion to our Corps, School, and Country doesn't go unnoticed. Please know that your fine organization is helping to mold these young men and women into responsible citizens; our future.

Again, thanks for support of our recognition program and for honoring these young men and women.

—MSgt Carl L. Gentry, Jr.
Aerospace Science Instructor, Ridgeland High School
Rossville, Georgia

Names and Faces



GENERAL CRITZ, OKLAHOMA, CHAPTER

Chapter members participated in a rainy Lawton-Fort Sill, Oklahoma Armed Forces Day Parade. From left to right are Companions **Capt Joe Ashton**, **MAJ Leslie B. Scott**, Chapter Cdr **LTC J. Wayne Chapman II**, **MAJ Klase R. Longanacre**, and designated driver, **Mrs. Penny Chapman**.



GEN HOYT S. VANDENBERG, CALIFORNIA, CHAPTER

The Chapter welcomed SROTC cadets as their guests for lunch and to award stipends of \$500, \$300, and \$200. MOWW SROTC gold, silver, and bronze medals will be presented at the Awards Ceremony at Cal Poly. The cadets each thanked the Companions, told of their plans for the future and answered questions. Left to right: Cadet **(MS2) Stewart McDougal**, Cadet **(MS2) David Sherwin**, Chapter Cdr Companion **Mrs. Joy Jones**, Cadet **(MS3) Matthew Nichols**, and Companion **LTC Gary Sargent**, Professor Military Science, Cal Poly, who served as guest speaker.



DALLAS, TEXAS, CHAPTER

1LT Wes Gross presented an MOWW JROTC award to Cadet **Noe Olivares** at a ceremony held at Moises E. Molina High School in Dallas.



REGION XI (KS, MO, NE, ND, SD)

Pictured above are Companion **Mrs. Pat Snyder**, National Protocol Officer & Greater Kansas City Chapter Cdr; **MAJ Ronald Jones**, Region XI Cdr and Past St. Louis Chapter Cdr, and **LTC Stanley Sutton**, Region XI GSO and Past Topeka, Kansas, Chapter Cdr.



AUGUSTA, GEORGIA, CHAPTER

During a ceremony at North Georgia College **2LT Marshall Wish** was presented an MOWW SROTC Certificate by **LTC Gary Engen** (right) for his being selected as an outstanding newly commissioned Officer and was awarded an MOWW membership.



LTG TROY H. MIDDLETON, LOUISIANA, CHAPTER

Pictured is Cadet Staff Sergeant **DeQuentin Glenn**, at Robert E. Lee High School in Baton Rouge, after receiving an MOWW JROTC Medal, Ribbon and Certificate from MOWW SR VCINC COL **Philemon A. St. Amant, II**.



PHOENIX, ARIZONA, CHAPTER

Chapter Cdr Companion **Mrs. Deborah Kerr-Minor** (center, back row) presented MOWW Girl Scouts Certificates to 23 Arizona Cactus-Pine County Girl Scouts Gold Award recipients.

Names and Faces



GENERAL WESTMORELAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, CHAPTER

Past Chapter Cdr, **CDR Rudy Matzner** presented MOWW Plaques of Appreciation to **Mrs. Barbara Goldhammer** and **Mrs. Dorothy Ryan** for their dedicated years of service to the Chapter by acting as hostesses in welcoming all attendees to our Chapter meetings.



SUN CITY CENTER, FLORIDA, CHAPTER

Each year the community conducts a one-day extravaganza with over 150 booths, food vendors, entertainment and sales of crafts and art in a large decorated area. Over 6,000 attend the event. This was a special time to recruit new members and to become more visible within the community. Opening the MOWW booth are, from left, **LTC Harry Lascola**, current Chapter Cdr **Lt Col Gordon Bassett**, and **COL Roy Conkin**.



PINSON MEMORIAL, TEXAS, CHAPTER

Pictured from left, Irving Police **Chief Larry Boyd**, Officer of the Year **Officer Steve Burres**, **CWO4 Robert Hohman**, and **Maj David Wirsig** at the Chapter's annual "Officer of the Year" program. Chief Boyd's speech emphasized traits that are important for both police officers and military personnel. Officer Steve Burres is a member of the traffic control division and DUI patrol. Officer Burres was presented with a plaque to honor his service to the City of Irving.



VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA, CHAPTER

Chapter member **Ms. Sarah Rawls** (right) recently led an extremely successful "Cookies-to-Troops" project. Sarah conducted raffles and she, and **Ms. Kassie Brown** (pictured left) along with girls from Troop 932, solicited "Gift of Caring" donations with funds going directly to cookies earmarked for Sailors and Troops. As a result of the project, Troop 932 was able to provide 152 boxes of cookies to military heroes. Half of the boxes were delivered to the Norfolk Naval Air Station USO. The remaining boxes were mailed to the Norfolk-based destroyer USS LABOON (DDG-56), currently deployed.



TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, CHAPTER

CAPT Royal Logan presented Cadet **Adam Anderson** with an MOWW JROTC award at the Fourteenth Annual Awards Banquet at Bainbridge High School in Georgia.



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