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Commander-in-Chief's Comments

In life, we learn early that things matter: words, symbols, actions—each of these takes on an importance that may overshadow its reality. Sometimes, the value results from the impact of the event, and sometimes the event occurs because of its relationship to something else of great importance.

In American history, there is perhaps no more important date than July 4, 1776. On that date, representatives of the United States of America resolved formally that they were (and of right ought to be) free and independent of the bonds which had tied them to Great Britain. As the musicians of Lord Cornwallis later observed, that resolution marked a world turned upside-down, and the effects of that declaration were felt well beyond the time and the place of the resolution.

The importance of that date in our history later caused other events to be observed on the same date, or important actions to be taken on the occasion of some future Fourth of July. Sometimes, the coincidence was purely that, as in the cases of the deaths of three of our founding fathers, each of whom later became president of the United States he helped to found.

Almost every schoolchild in America knows something of the story that John Adams had hoped to live to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration. It was, then, almost mystical when, on that half-century mark in 1826, Adams pronounced his last words: "Thomas Jefferson still survives," just before dying at his farm in Quincy, Massachusetts.

Of course, as we all now know, Jefferson did not survive his friend and political rival. Instead, about six hours earlier, the drafter of the Declaration had asked, "Is it the Fourth?" And he died in Monticello, shortly before Adams.

But these were not the only American icons whose lives (and deaths) were so closely linked to our Independence Day: James Monroe, America's fifth president (and the last to wear a powdered wig and knee breeches) also died on the Fourth of July, 1831.

The significance of certain dates and some events frequently influences what we do—and when we do it. Because of the importance of Independence Day, the United States Military Academy at West Point was formally opened on July 4, 1802. And in 1803, the Fourth of July was chosen as the date upon which the Louisiana Purchase was announced publicly to the American people, doubling the size of our infant Nation.

In 1831, it was on our National holiday that "America" was first sung, in Boston.

In 1884, the date marked the occasion for the ceremony at which the Statue of Liberty was presented to the United States in Paris.

And in 1950, the first broadcast of Radio Free Europe was undertaken on Independence Day.

The important events in the life of a nation or of an individual tend to define each of them. They affect the way we view them by determining the lens through which we will examine their history and their future actions. We are inextricably linked to the values we have held up as important, and what we do in the furtherance of those values is as important as the values themselves.

The values of the Military Order of the World Wars are pretty easily understood by all of us. They are laid out in simple, concise terms in the Preamble. But how well do we as Companions of the Order pursue the achievement of the goals which we have set for ourselves? Are we recruiting the next members of our organization? How well do we fund the purposes for which we were organized? Are we using our experience in national security affairs to inform our fellow citizens of the dangers that lie in wait for an unprepared and unconcerned nation that is unwilling even to defend its own borders?

As we celebrate the 234th anniversary of the birth of our country this month, let's remember the patriotic role for which our Order was created, and let's evaluate the degree to which each of us is supporting that role. Help Spread the Fire!



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Commander-in-Chief's End of Tour Report, 2009–2010

Companions:

When I became Commander-in-Chief in Baltimore, I had certain ideas regarding what would constitute success during my tour. Following the convention, I massaged those ideas, and in the October issue of this magazine, I published my goals in four areas: Membership, Finances, National Security, and Youth Leadership and Patriotic Education. Some may believe that the goals were too ambitious—and they may be right; however, I think they were all attainable with even a moderate amount of effort on all our parts.

So, after almost a year, how did we do?

Membership

It's hard to match our Order's fiscal year with our operational year. In addition, there's always a time lag between the date of a report and the date of the underlying data upon which the report is based.

Nonetheless, I think trends are pretty clear, and should provide us all with some real cause for concern.

I'm writing this over the Memorial Day weekend, for the July issue of *Officer Review* magazine. The most recent data available from the Region Report are for the period beginning 30 June 2009 and ending 30 April 2010. There will certainly be some changes in the final quarter; however, it's unlikely that a years-old picture is likely to change materially over the near term.

In the nine months covered by our most current membership data, the Order picked up 218 new members and reinstated another 15, for a total increase of 233. That doesn't seem too bad, does it? That's about 2.32% of our membership at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Remember, though, that our goal was to increase our membership by five percent. Adjusted for the fact that we're using the results from only nine months of the year, that means that we should have grown by about 375 members. So, our "achievement" was really that we signed up only about 61.8% of our goal. But wait a moment: We didn't say we wanted to sign up a certain number. Our goal was to INCREASE our numbers by five percent. We need to see whether there were any losses that offset any of our gains. In fact, there were—and more.

As I travel to chapters around the country, I am reminded that we are an aging Order, and that death isn't a factor



over which we have much control. That's true. It's also a superficial response to a serious question. Only 48 of our members died during the nine months in question. Unfortunately, that's also the same number of Companions who resigned during the same nine months. Even worse, 248 members who were on our books decided that what we were doing wasn't worth

the reinvestment of their time or money, and when it came time to renew their memberships, they declined to do so. Why? I hope that someone in the chapter called each annual member when his renewal date was approaching, to inquire about his intentions, or to see what concerns might

need to be addressed in order to maintain the interest of those we had already recruited. But hope aside, I know that didn't happen. We are too easily pleased with recruiting new members, and too often forget that retention is just as important. In this case, instead of increasing our rolls by an apparent 2.32% in the nine-month period, we actually lost 111 members, or 1.10%. Even less encourag-

ing is that the Region Report shows that EVERY SINGLE REGION in the Order lost living members during the nine months. That is unsustainable. It's also an indicator of a systemic problem, and the continually repeated suggestion that we can solve such a problem simply by enlarging our pool of eligible candidates is a mirage. It's an excuse to explain our failure to BUILD THE ORDER.

Finances

I think we all understand the financial realities of life. Basically, we realize that what we do costs money, and whether we're speaking of family budgets or national ones, we cannot long live beyond our means. In the Order, we simply limit our activities to what we can afford to support. Most of us would like to be active in more areas of our lives, but we understand that we are all pulled in many directions by a variety of worthwhile causes, and our resources as individuals are not without very practical limits.

Nonetheless, all our programs are trying to extend opportunities to increasing numbers of participants, and costs seem to rise—especially in difficult economic times—at a rate that exceeds any corresponding rise in our income.

As CINCs have done in recent years, I asked you for additional contributions from our membership, in order to help us meet a minimal budget in support of the programs outlined in the Preamble to the Constitution of our Order.



And as reported in the June issue of *Officer Review* magazine, our Companions responded: we raised \$90,400 this year, against a target amount of \$90,000. I thank those who were able to contribute to this solicitation, and I'm pretty certain that some final contributions are likely to add to this total before the end of our fiscal year.

To assist the Order in our long-term financial planning, I urge everyone to consider making contributions to the Endowment Fund. Such contributions are recognized on the Donor Wall at the Headquarters, and (tax deductible) contributions of at least \$1,000 are also recognized with an American Eagle in ceramic material.

Finally, as supportive members of the Order, we ought at least to consider including a bequest in our estate planning. I encourage everyone to look at these programs that enable us to FUND THE AGENDA.

National Security

At the national level, I am most appreciative of the increasingly professional results we see from the National Security Committee. More relevant articles, discussions and fact sheets are routinely available on the Order's website, at a dedicated page located at: www.mowwnationalsecurity.com

At the local level, however, I haven't seen the activity I had hoped for. Each chapter ought to have a National Security Committee that includes a speakers' bureau. One of the assets of an organization such as ours is a collection of members with demonstrable experience in the politico-military area. At a time when our Nation's role in the world arena is the subject of great discussion, that experience should be shared, both within our ranks and at meetings of local civic, social and fraternal organizations. Few groups have such a wealth of information at their disposal as we do, and we need to be eager to share our experience at a time in our country's history when our future is more than ever likely to be determined by informed discussion.

With the exception of a handful of chapters, however, I don't see that we are doing nearly so much as we should in this area. Look at what you can do for your country and your community, and help to INFLUENCE AMERICA'S SECURITY FOCUS.

Youth Leadership and Patriotic Education

This is one of the bright spots in our Order. Certain chapters and Regions continue to develop and to expand their hosting of Youth Leadership Conferences, and it appears in my travels that increasing numbers of chapters are sponsoring students at the established conferences. At a time when the public education systems across the country are being generally criticized for their failure to teach the basic subjects needed to produce an informed citizenry, our conferences—participation in which is approved by the National Association of Secondary School Principals—are



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the only national alternative of which I am aware that offers Leadership, Patriotism and Free Enterprise as the foundation for student development. We need to continue to stress and to expand these opportunities.

Additionally, our support of ROTC and JROTC programs continues to increase. The ROTC Committee has also developed the relationships established in recent years through the Resolutions of Cooperation with Pershing Rifles, Scabbard and Blade and the Arnold Air Society. These, along with the programs to provide medals to ROTC and JROTC programs offer us the opportunity to develop future leaders in our military and in our communities.

Finally, more chapters appear to be participating in programs to recognize achievement by Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

The strength of these youth programs is a source of continuing (and increasing) success for the Order in our quest to DEVELOP AMERICA'S FUTURE.

An Overview

Serving as the Commander-in-Chief of the Order for the past year has been a great honor. It has allowed me the opportunity to see at first-hand examples of the many contributions made on a regular basis by our Companions. I thank particularly those who have volunteered to serve in leadership positions within the Order, and those whose dedication has drawn them to organize and oversee the committees and programs that distinguish the Military Order of the World Wars from the dozens of other Veterans groups that are represented in American society. Our work is important. It matters. It can be accomplished only through the continuing dedicated service of those who have chosen to benefit others instead of themselves. That's a special kind of person: one who represents our membership. HELP SPREAD THAT FIRE!

Respectfully,

PHILEMON A. ST. AMANT II
Colonel, US Army (Retired)
Commander-in-Chief

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Lieutenant General Robert F. Foley

United States Army (Retired)

MEDAL OF HONOR 1966

Lieutenant General Robert F. Foley, United States Army (Retired) graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1963. In 2009, the West Point Association of Graduates presented the 2009 Distinguished Graduate Award to Lieutenant General Foley. The remarks from that presentation follow as they are also a good introduction to MOWW's 2010 Distinguished Service Award Recipient.

"Throughout his life of service as an Army officer, scholar, and leader, Lieutenant General Robert F. Foley has continuously dedicated himself to the principles of Duty, Honor, and Country.

LTG Foley began his Army career after graduation from West Point in 1963. He advanced quickly through junior Officer assignments while honing the skills he learned at West Point. During this phase of his career, he began demonstrating a characteristic of service to others and compassion for the Soldier, themes which would be reinforced throughout his life both in and out of uniform. An early indication of his commitment to these values became most evident when he earned the Medal of Honor in the Vietnam War for conspicuous gallantry on November 5, 1966 while serving as Company Commander of A Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division. His professionalism and caring concern for Soldiers are a sterling reflection of the spirit of "Duty, Honor, Country."

When General Sam Walker became Commandant of Cadets in 1969, he specifically asked for then-Captain Foley to be assigned as a Company Tactical Officer for the Corps of Cadets. According to General Walker, Foley stood out as an Officer of tremendous courage, not only for his award of the Medal of Honor for actions during the War in Vietnam, but also for the courage of his convictions and character traits that he demonstrated to members of his company and to the Corps at large.

LTG Foley continued to expand his leadership experience during the next phase of his career by holding positions of increased responsibility including Commander, 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry in Aschaffenburg, Germany; Commander, 2nd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division in Kitzingen, Germany; and Assistant Division Commander, 2nd Infantry Division, Republic of Korea. Between these



commands, he continued to contribute to the war fighting capabilities of the Army, serving in various positions in and out of the Pentagon, where he focused his efforts on the readiness of our forces world-wide.

LTG Foley returned to West Point in 1992 as the 63rd Commandant of Cadets. As Commandant, he established a core value "Consideration for Others," now called "Respect," which inspired cadets to be responsible for treating others with respect and dignity. This became an Army-wide program that focused leaders on the kind of trust and cohesion essential to successful mission accomplishment. The program

he began at West Point was and remains an integral part of the inculcation of values and cadet leadership development.

In his final assignment on active duty, LTG Foley became Commanding General of Fifth US Army at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. In this assignment, he was responsible for integrated training support and wartime mobilization for Army National Guard and Army Reserve units, as well as disaster relief support to civilian authorities. After completing thirty-seven years of active duty in 2000, he became the President of Marion Military Institute, a junior college in Marion, Alabama. Since 2005, LTG Foley has been Director of Army Emergency Relief, a private, non-profit organization that has provided emergency financial assistance to Soldiers and their families for more than 67 years.

LTG Foley has distinguished himself for nearly fifty years of selfless service to West Point, the US Army, his Soldiers, their families, and the Nation."

General Foley's Awards for peacetime and combat include the Congressional Medal of Honor, two Distinguished Service Medals, Defense Superior Service Medal, six Legions of Merit, five Meritorious Service Medals, the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge. He also wears the Parachutist Badge and the Ranger Tab.

General Foley and his wife, Julie, have two sons and a daughter.

The MOWW is proud and honored to award the Order's highest award, the 2010 Distinguished Service Award to Lieutenant General Foley.

Safety Wired

By Lt Col Bruce M. Bailey
Fort Worth, Texas, Chapter

There were many systems in aircraft that were to be used only in emergencies or certain combat situations. Following numerous accidental activations of those systems, it became common practice for the switch controlling those units to have a soft wire running through it, holding it in the OFF position to assure that it wasn't tripped accidentally. That was known as "Safety Wiring".

One of the crewmembers in my recon outfit was exceptionally slow to grasp things and would foul everything up in some way. It used to be said that he could screw up a free lunch or a one-car funeral. I once had the misfortune of being tasked with writing an effectiveness report on that man. After considerable thought and soul searching, I finally came up with an appropriate evaluation. It was a simple one liner, "Throughout this reporting period, Lieutenant "X" has been safety wired to the OFF position."



"The rules had just changed and we could have crew pictures taken with our airplane in the background. The individual in the article was not on our crew." Pictured above is the author's RB-47H crew around 1963. Lt Col Bailey stands third from the right.

A Century of Service to Our Nation

By COL James A. Wasil
COL George C. Woolsey, California, Chapter

Three of us Wasil Brothers fought in World War II—Capt. Nicholas "Nick" Wasil, Seaman 1st Class Frank Wasil, and myself, COL James A. Wasil.

I survived the fighting in the PBS (Peninsular Base Sections in Italy), which was a part of the MTO (Mediterranean Theatre of Operations) which was part of the overall ETO (European Theatre of Operations). I was combat infantry with the 83rd Ohio Infantry Division. Frank fought in the Pacific Islands, and came home safe, just as I had. It was another story for Nicholas, who was a pilot of a B-24 bomber, in North Africa, in 1943. He was shot down, and he and his crew were all KIAs. However, when no remains were found, they became MIAs. A pregnant wife survived him.

Three of my relatives fought in the Viet Nam War— Sgt Gary Wasil and Cpl. Russell "Rusty" Brown. My nephew, Gary, came home with a bad case of Agent Orange; it was the cause of his death. My son, James Allan Wasil, also is a Viet Nam War Veteran. Russell was KIA. Gary was awarded two Bronze Stars. Russell is a cousin of Gary.

Lastly, I refer to my late Father-in-Law, CAPT Clyde E. Schetter, US Navy. He fought in World War I, as a Marine. He enlisted in World War II, and eventually retired as a Navy Captain. Of note is my brother, CWO4 Raymond A. Wasil, who fought in the Korean War, 1951, wounded and Bronze Star. Then 40 years later he fought in the 1st Gulf War in 1991 and was wounded again and recieved a second Bronze Star.

Essentially, some member of our family fought in every great war of the 20th century.



MILITARY DEATH TOLL BY WAR (ALL FORCES)

Deaths	War	Dates
1 20,000,000	Second World War	1937-45
2 8,500,000	First World War	1914-18
3 1,200,000	Korean War	1950-53
4 1,200,000	Chinese Civil War	1945-49
5 1,200,000	Vietnam War	1965-73
6 850,000	Iran-Iraq War	1980-88
7 800,000	Russian Civil War	1918-21
8 400,000	Chinese Civil War	1927-37
9 385,000	French Indochina	1945-54
10 200,000	Mexican Revolution	1911-20
10 200,000	Spanish Civil War	1936-39
12 160,000	French-Algerian War	1954-62
13 150,000	Afghanistan	1980-89
14 130,000	Russo-Japanese War	1904-05
15 100,000	Riffian War	1921-26
15 100,000	First Sudanese Civil War	1956-72
15 100,000	Russo-Polish War	1919-20
15 100,000	Biafran War	1967-70
19 90,000	Chaco War	1932-35
20 75,000	Abyssinian War	1935-36

Stealth Jihad in The U.S.

By Past CINC LTG R. L. "Sam" Wetzel
Columbus, Georgia, Chapter

"Last spring in El Paso, Texas, I got my battery charged at a superb Massing of The Colors — over 90 units with their National flags and organization flags paraded into this large Catholic Church—Army Units, Border Patrol Units, Boy and Girl Scouts, Firemen, Police, Sheriffs, all kinds of organizations.

Seeing all those Patriots reminded me that "Freedom is not free" and that we have to be aware when our freedom and National Security is threatened — and that is what I want to focus on today: *our freedom and National Security is threatened*—and I will explain why.

We are in a number of wars: an Iraq War, an Afghanistan War, a potential nuclear war concerning Iran (which I speak on and will be glad to answer questions after my remarks); a Border Drug War; a potential war with North Korea; a potential war with China; and — very important — an ideological war—or a religious war—the often called "War On Terror" which term by the way is verboten in Washington!

This religious war is my focus today. I call it "Stealth War"—or "Stealth Jihad in the Untied States".

'Stealth Jihad' is a term coined by a title of a book by Robert Spencer titled "Stealth Jihad-How Radical Islam is Subverting America Without Guns and Bombs".

We see it happening all over the world—in the Philippines—in Thailand—in Indonesia—in Africa—in South America—in the Middle East—and really spreading throughout Europe!

The radical Islamists goal is world domination—and they are very patient about it.

Look at Europe for example—54 million muslims. Here is how it works: First, they immigrate in large numbers. Second, they populate with as many as ten to a family. Then they gain control of their neighborhood. Next, they gain control of the district they live in, and finally, they gain control of the town or village—and impose the Islamic Shari'a Law.

What is the Shari'a Law?

Different countries have their own versions—none of them very nice.

In Saudi Arabia [The "Qatif Girl" Rape Case, 2006] a girl 18 years of age was gang raped by seven men. She was called an adulterous and sentenced to six months in jail—plus

received 200 lashes for violating the country's strict segregation law by sitting in a car with her boyfriend.

In 2002, a man in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, was given 4,750 lashes for sexual relations with his sister-in-law.

Another man was imprisoned for three years and received 3,000 lashes for "religious nonconformity"—in other words, practicing Christianity.

I just last week heard about a Saudi who converted to Christianity and is in hiding since the Shari'a law penalty for converting to Christianity is death.

Teenagers directing insults against their faith or their teachers are often whipped and jailed.

One day I was in Ryadh, at noon on a Friday and asked what was going on in the town square. Thieves lose their hands at noon on Fridays in Ryadh, Saudi Arabia.

Shari'a law is the body of Islamic religious law. It is the legal framework within which the complete public and private aspects of life are regulated.

France made the mistake of letting Muslims—living in France—live by the Shari'a law in some enclaves in the country.

The Archbishop of Canterbury recently said that it "seems unavoidable" for the Muslims in Great Britain to use the Shari'a law for some "enclaves" for their people.

In Denmark: the Muslim population is growing so fast that in 40 years one third of the population will be Muslim.

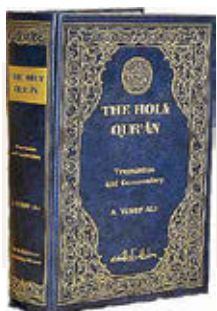
Right now it is 5%, but they consume 40 percent of the welfare spending—and make up most of the convicted rapists.

So the Danes toughened their immigration laws. You must live in Denmark for 7 years before applying for citizenship and must attend three years of language and pass a test on Danish history, culture and language. Not a bad idea!

By the way, why don't we have a law that requires three years of English to live here. I am tired of "Push 1 for English, 2 for Spanish" and so forth.

The Danish female Minister of Immigration and Integration refused to pay for "blood money" when a Muslim was murdered in Copenhagen, her house was torched while she and her husband and children slept—and now they are in a secret location with bodyguards—unheard of in Denmark.

That's just the tip of the iceberg in Europe. What about the United States? Remember "The Russians are coming! The Russians are coming!" Well, I say to you that "The



Sharia has been defined as "Muslim or Islamic law which governs both civil and criminal justice as well as regulating individual conduct both personal and moral. The custom-based body of law based on the Quran and the religion of Islam. Because, by definition, Muslim states are theocracies, religious texts are law, the latter distinguished by Islam and Muslims in their application, as Sharia or Shari'a law."

Source: Wikipedia

Muslims are coming!”—the Radical Islamists are coming—to the United States—and—they are bringing their lovely Shari’a law to be the law of the land.

There are over 7 million Muslims in the US and over 1 million in Canada.

This 8 million will grow to 16 million by 2014—just four-years from now.

Their growth rate is 6% versus 0.9 % for the rest of the US, 67% of American Muslims are under age 40—67% of the American population is over 40.

Additionally, 17-to-30% of US Muslims are converts; 30% are Black Americans (some say African American) and many recruited in our jails and in the military.

There are over 3,000 mosques in the US: 45 are in Georgia—2 here in Columbus, 26 in Alabama; 19 in Tennessee; 18 in South Carolina; 34 in North Carolina; 227 in California— 56 in Texas—67 in Pennsylvania, and so forth.

One mega-mosque in Boston, costing \$20 million, was built on discounted city land, with massive funding from Saudi Arabia and other Gulf sources—the city bent over backwards for the Muslims!

Twenty percent of these 3,000 US mosques have fulltime madrasses (schools) teaching the Koran, and 80% of the US mosques are controlled by Radical Islamists who teach anti-west extremism.

I read an article last week about a secretive foreign network of Islamic Radicals operating dozens of charter schools in the US. As charter schools, they are entitled to receive government money and they are not required to adopt the state approved curriculum.

These schools are run by the Daisy Education Corporation and promoted by a Turkish preacher named Fethullah Gülen. These charter schools are designated as “science academies” to advance science and math—but they also have another mission— and that is to promote Islamic beliefs.

These charter schools are concentrated in Texas, Ohio and California. Authorities in Arizona and Utah are investigating their charter schools as we speak, [Editor’s note: with Utah closing their school in May, 2010. According

to Utah’s *Deseret News* “The vote to revoke the Beehive Science & Technology charter, a state contract that grants the independently run school public education dollars, was unanimous.” For an online source concerning this issue visit www.Charter.School.Watchdog.com]

I understand there are also government-funded programs to bring Arabic-speaking students here to encourage US students to learn Arabic. Why?

Next, let’s focus on Radical Islam’s first training camps here in the US.

Did you know that at last count there are 35 known Radical Islamic training camps in the US? One is in Georgia. It is near commerce just off Highway 326. I think there is another one near Jessup, but I cannot verify that.

These radical training camps have over 3,000 members learning weapons skills—explosives—ways to silently kill with knives at *your throat*.

Owned by the “Muslims of America” with 25-300 acres each. Much of this is orchestrated by the “Muslim Brotherhood” of Egypt.

In 1982, the Muslim Brotherhood developed a plan to spread jihad in the US. Muslim student associations were created. There are now over 600 of these on college campuses in the US. Early funding was provided by Saudi Arabia.

They have been around for a long time—for example—the first Muslim student association was started in 1963, at the University of Illinois.

These fifth column, Muslim student associations, have web sites saying “kill the infidel”—*that’s you and me*—spreading hate against Israel and the US. I call it “jihad in academia”

The University of Pennsylvania’s Muslim Student Association has a budget of \$50,000—only \$20,000 of it comes from student fees; however, college Democrats and Republicans get no money from the university.

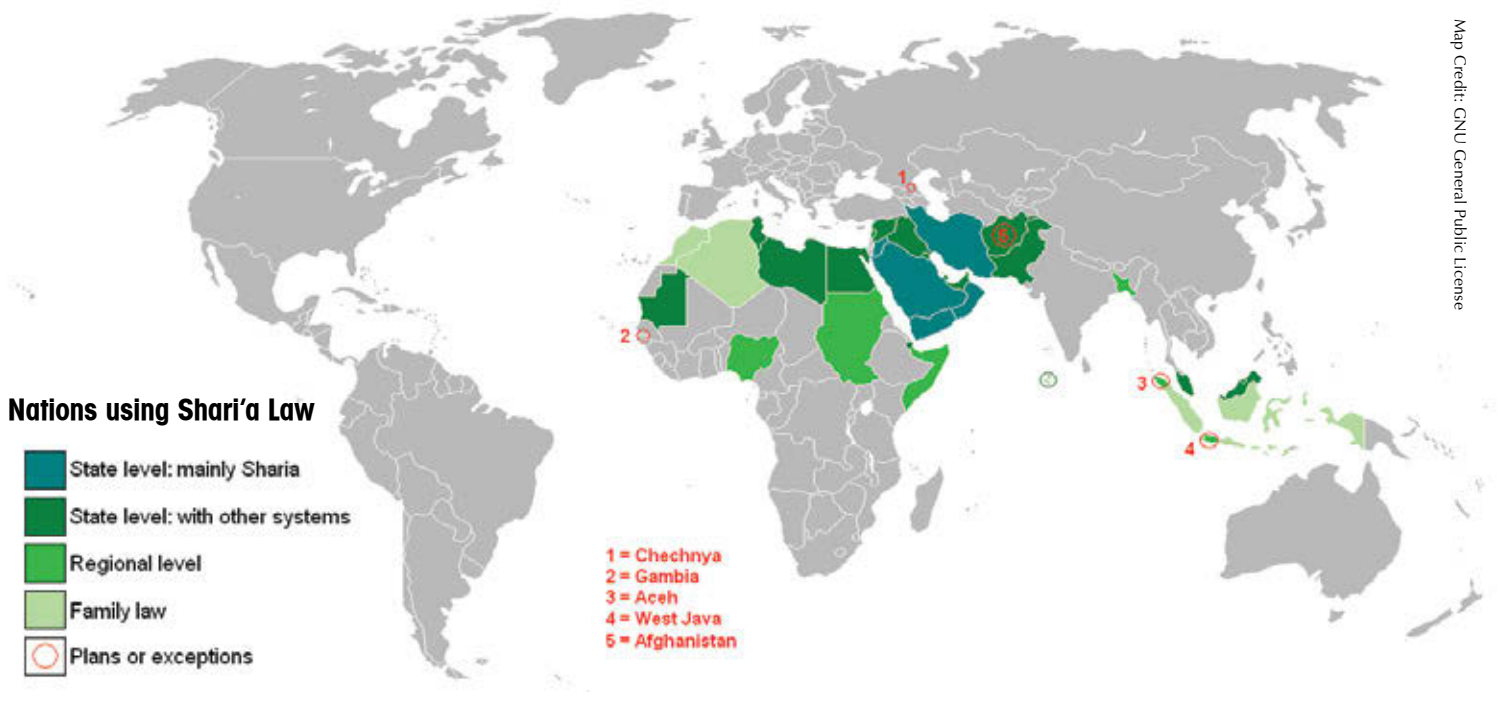
These student associations have close links to the “Muslim World League” -a terrorist organization.

New subject: the Koran does not permit interest payments—so Minnesota is offering Islamic mortgages—here is how it works—the state buys the home—and resells to the Muslim buyer at a higher price at no interest.



Shari’a law caused over 80 Iraqi women in Diyala province to commit suicide to escape the shame of having been raped. They chose

to become suicide bombers to escape the shame, and punishment of being buried and stoned (pictured above). Their rapes were planned in advance by 51-year-old Iraqi woman Samira Jassim (inset left), who confessed to Iraqi police that she organized their rapes so she could later persuade each of them to become a suicide bomber to escape their shame.



Now—that is really bending over backwards for the Muslims. More “political correctness”.

Muslim enclaves are spreading all over the US, from Little Rock, Arkansas to Minnesota, California, Lansing and Dearborn Michigan, New Jersey, over here in Macon, Georgia, and many other locations around America. Just like Europe.

Islam is a complete way of life, not just religious, but economic—social—laws—government.

The goal is complete world domination with the Shari'a law as ‘the law of the land’ in every country.

The conquest of America from within will not take place overnight. The Muslim brotherhood is intent to gradually gain control of every aspect of our lives—and using our quote “political correctness”. And our bending over backwards to them only plays into their hands and fuels their intensity.

Many examples around the country include special facilities for Muslim taxi drivers in airports, such as foot baths and prayer rooms.

Radical Islamists’ long term strategy is to quietly undermine our National Security — forcing ever greater accommodation of Islamic practices — minimizing any criticism whatsoever of Islam or any Islamic individual.

Their plan is to own their own TV stations — have their own political party, their own newspapers, their own radio stations — and an Islamic Central Bank.

One of the Muslim Brotherhood’s goals is to establish a central Islamic court to mete out the lovely Shari’a Punishments I mentioned — and a Muslim attorneys society.

And-get this — interestingly enough- is to eventually get a Muslim US President — who can appoint Muslims to the US Supreme Court! Now isn’t that interesting?

What can we do to prevent all this from happening? First of all, cut out the “political correctness” garbage.

That we cannot call them what they are— they are radical Islamists — not nice guys. They have no desire to assimilate into our culture — they want their own enclaves.

Robert Spencer, in his book *Stealth Jihad*, suggests a number of things we should do that include:

- Examine and eliminate the non-profit status of the Muslim Brotherhood’s front organizations that include the following: CAIR (the Council on American Islamic relations); The Islamic Society of North America; The Muslim Public Affairs Council; and Muslims of America, among others.
 - Close the Radical Islamists training camps. Make it an act of sedition or treason to preach or publish materials that call for the deaths of Americans.
 - Audit sovereign wealth funds in America
 - Cancel the scholarship student visa program with Saudi Arabia and ban their textbooks promoting hate and jihad—that are in our schools. Check your local school libraries and textbooks, since they have been infiltrated very quietly throughout the US. (Reminds me of the WW II Fifth Column Operations).
 - Enforce existing laws—Section 2385 of the Federal Criminal Codes clearly provides for taking down these organizations and individuals who call for the complete Islamization of the US.
 - Cancel all Saudi Arabia training contracts and block the sale of munitions to Saudi Arabia.
 - Restrict visas for the religious imams who come from countries that do not permit our non-muslim clergy to visit.
- Now — here is what else I say:
- Take the offensive with our own propaganda against

these Radical Islamists.

- Clean house in the military of radical Islamists be not afraid!

- Speak out and spread the word throughout this great country of ours—to all of the American people—of what is gradually happening to them—by this dangerous, ever so quiet movement of radical Islamists to take over our Country. Islam is like a cancer—working its way into every culture like a disease.

We must protect our freedom—freedom that many of us, here in this room, and our ancestors fought for since 1776.

It is time to take back our Country and stop this virus from spreading. Stand up and say “We will not take this anymore!”

- Take up the gauntlet and fight for what is right—not what is “politically correct”. The radical Muslims are using the ACLU. They are using “political correctness”—they are using “diversity”—they are using “multiculturalism”—to their benefit and ruining our Country.

When we saw the Fort Hood shooting by an Army Major, it woke up a lot of people of what could happen in Columbus, Georgia, and elsewhere, but the first thing I

heard from the Army Chief of Staff was his worry about its impact on “diversity”. I should have sent him Robert Spencer’s book—a primer on *Stealth Jihad*.

And last week, we heard about “Jihad Jane”. They are among us more and more each day.

Why can’t the Pledge of Allegiance with “One Nation, Under God” be said in some of our public schools, and have the children be taught to show respect for our Flag—as we did here today. Next time, at an athletic event, take a look around and see how many show the proper respect to our Flag. Then do something about it.

Final note: Our Country is in trouble—not just for the current huge debt we have—and many other reasons—but is in trouble long-range—from Radical Islamists—bent on gaining control of our Country and imposing their Shari’a law.

You are all great Americans. Continue to support our troops. Speak out! American depends on you.

I appreciate being with you today.

Address delivered by Past CINC LTG R. L. “Sam” Wetzel to the Kiwanis Club, Columbus, Georgia, on April 6, 2010.

Dallas Companion Weighs In on Afghanistan

*Submitted by LT Wes Gross
Dallas, Texas, Chapter*



Dallas Chapter Companion COL John Antal (pictured left) was one of five Senior Officers on a panel, “Afghanistan—The Next Phase” at the Army Symposium

prior to the Dallas Military Ball on April 17, 2010.

The Keynote speaker for this event was General George W. Casey, Jr., Chief of Staff of the United States Army.

This was the third symposium concerning critical National Defense issues held in Dallas, Texas since 2008. The 2010 presentation included “Afghanistan – A Historical Perspective of Western Involvement” by COL Antal, “Boots on the Ground, The US Army Perspective” by BG Ierardi, “Boots on the Ground, The Marine Perspective” by MG Wissler, “Two Front War, The Navy’s Perspective” by RADM Ballance and “Readiness Impacts of a Two Front

War” by LTG Swan.

General Casey, the Chief of Staff of the United States Army, said: “We have a good strategy, we have resourced it appropriately, we have seasoned forces who understand this type of warfare, and we are at a point where we can facilitate the success of the Afghans, but it is going to take time.” General Wissler, USMC, stressed that Marines hope to gain “the respect and cooperation of the Afghans.” The symposium continued for two hours to discuss ways to win the war, primarily by staying the course and employing a population-centric counterinsurgency strategy that secures and protects the Afghan population from the Taliban and Al Qaeda. “Gaining the support of the people is the mission in Afghanistan,” Colonel Antal surmised. “The war will be won, not just by destroying the enemy, but by persuading the people to reject the Taliban and Al Qaeda.”



The speakers are, from left to right: LTG Don Jones (US Army, Ret.)-not pictured, LTG Guy Swan (US Army), General George Casey (Chief of Staff, US Army), Major General John Wissler (USMC), BG Anthony Ierardi (US Army), RADM George Ballance (US Navy) and COL John Antal (US Army, Ret.)

General Patton and Me

By MAJ Carroll J. Jones, Sr.

Joseph H. Pendleton, California, Chapter

I was a 2nd LT Reconnaissance Officer with the 135th Engineer Combat Battalion, XX Corps, 3rd United States Army on August 14, 1944 in France. The Battalion Commander, MAJ Harold F. Dyer, the Operations Officer, CAPT Robert Clapp, myself and about six enlisted men in three jeeps were enroute between Le Mans and Chartres France, when it became nightfall. We bivouacked well off the main road somewhere in the vicinity of Courville-sur-Eure.

The next morning, after the cold "C" rations, MAJ Dyer told me to proceed on down the road toward Chartres, see what was going on and report back. I took off down the road with the driver and my Reconnaissance Sergeant who also served as interpreter. We encountered no one else on the road. Arriving at the outskirts of Chartres we came upon a blown out railroad overpass and a gruesome scene of dead American and German soldiers. Obviously there had been a great deal of action the day or night before. A truckload of Germans had been run off the road and burned up with the truck.

There was a 2 1/2-ton truck over in the field burned up with ten or twelve U.S. soldiers strewn about who had been burned to death. Out in the field, on both sides of the road, there were a great many German foxholes some of which were occupied by dead German Soldiers still looking down the sights of their rifles. It appeared they had been defending the overpass. There was not a live human anywhere in evidence.

We were reconnoitering the overpass when two French Red Cross men approached on a motorcycle equipped with a side-car. The Sergeant spoke to them and learned they were looking for wounded. Finding no wounded, the Red Cross men quickly mounted up and got out of there. We proceeded to complete our report of the overpass condition which showed a large separation in the center section rendering it impassable. We walked across to the other side jumping over the separation and spent quite some time leisurely measuring and discussing the damage with no apparent threat to our safety. After completing our inspection we remounted and proceeded back up the road to report.

We were stopped by a number of Field Grade Officers from the 7th Armored Division asking us what was going on up there. Although I wanted to talk to my own commander before making any report, I felt obliged to answer



General George S. Patton, Jr.

Photo Credit: U.S. Army Center Of Military History

their inquiries, which I did. However, before allowing me to give a full report they gathered in a huddle excluding me and started discussing the overpass among themselves which somehow became a long bridge over a river. MAJ Dyer and CAPT Clapp arrived on the scene and joined the group in discussion rather than ask me for a report. Finally, CAPT Clapp left the group and asked me for the details, which I gave him, recommending that a bailey bridge be laid across the existing abutments which were still intact.

Company "C" of our Battalion under the command of CAPT Paul A. Kalashian was dispatched to the scene to secure the area and put in the bridge. Later MAJ Dyer told me to go on back up there, stick around and keep him posted as to what was going on. I went back up as told. Upon arrival at the vicinity I found abandoned "C" Company trucks all up and down the road parked every which way, but, all out in the road. The men were dismounted and out in the ditches on both sides. I was stopped and advised not to go any further as they had run into enemy rifle fire and it was not wise to proceed. Therefore, I dismounted and directed



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The German forces employed the 88 extensively in World War II, not only in its original role as an anti-aircraft gun, where it performed well, but also as an anti-tank gun. Above, 88 with crew, France, 1944. Photo Credit: German Federal Archive

my driver to pull the jeep off on the side of the road.

(I learned later that our men had taken a number of German prisoners from around the area over which my men and I had previously been traversing without incident. Most frightening was the information that two manned German 88s were positioned on the enemy side, trained on the overpass. Why we were not killed I will never know, except that God does look after fools and dumbbells.)

We had just gotten the jeep off the road and I was leaning against it, nonchalantly smoking a cigarette, when men from the rear of the convoy called out, "Heads up, brass a coming". I had no more heard the warning than I looked up and there was General George S. Patton, Jr., Commander of the 3rd Army, in his greatest glory standing up in his jeep



while proceeding up the road and chewing butt all the way. It was not immediately clear to me what his problem was, but, this was soon to become crystal clear.

When he came abreast of me I "popped to" and rendered a snappy salute which was never returned. He glared at me and shouted, "Lieutenant, you are alright, but, it's Officers like you that stand around with their thumbs up their asses and let these men f___-up; now get these G__damned trucks off the road". I immediately did what the man told me to do. I got the "G__damned" trucks off the road.

I had no more than completed the task of truck removal and returned to my stance beside the jeep when I heard the warning again, "Heads up, more brass a coming". This time it was General Walton H. Walker, Commander of XX Corps coming from the same direction from which General Patton had come. I saluted him as he passed and he politely returned the favor without blood letting.

Not too long after General Walker passed by, General Patton returned, followed by General Walker. This time General Patton returned my salute as he said, "That's more like it, Lieutenant. Now, why in the hell didn't you do that in the first place?"

General Patton was right. Why in the hell didn't I do that in the first place? He taught me a very valuable lesson that remained with me for the rest of my twenty-two years in the service. "An Officer in the military is responsible for the conduct of all those below his rank within his presence whether or not they are under his command."

When MAJ Dyer learned of my encounter with General Patton he thought it was a great joke but said nothing to me about it. A few days later, however, he summoned me to his tent and started dressing me down for something or other. Observing my nonchalance while being dressed down, he asked, "What the hell is the matter with you? You aren't reacting?" I responded, "Sir, you can't phase me anymore. I've been chewed out by the master." MAJ Dyer laughed so hard I thought he would die. Then he bellowed, "Get the hell out of here!" Which I did, with pleasure.

Pictured left, MAJ. GEN. WALTON H. WALKER, XX Corps Commander (center), with Maj. Gen. S. Leroy Irwin, 5th Infantry Division, and Col. Paul O. Franson, General Irwin's Chief of Staff. Using a terrain model, General Irwin points out features of Verdun forts across the Moselle River at Dornot, France.

Photo Credit: U.S. Army Center Of Military History

“Like Father...Like Son”

John C. Metzler, Jr.

Caring for the Final Resting Place of
Our Veterans and Their Families

Walking in Arlington National Cemetery’s Section 60, the flat field he picked out years ago for what is now “the saddest acre in America,” Superintendent John Metzler Jr. is at home.

More than 600 fallen from Iraq and Afghanistan are buried there, including [female soldier] Army PFC Sam Williams Huff, whose name reminds Metzler of a famous Washington Redskin linebacker and who was killed at 18 by a roadside bomb in Iraq in 2005. On the back of her marble headstone is inscribed the name of her mother, Marine Cpl. Margaret Joyce Williams. She died of cancer and a broken heart four years later and is interred with her daughter.

Jack Metzler, longtime superintendent at Arlington National Cemetery, is retiring on July 2, 2010.

“I hope we’re winding this down,” Metzler said before his eyes fixed on some sunken graves and a patch of dead grass by a Medal of Honor recipient’s headstone. Climbing into his black Crown Victoria with ANC-1 plates, he gets on the car radio. “Poppa, this is Alpha,” he says to a groundskeeper at the other end. “Let’s fill those in and get some sod in here before Memorial Day.”

Today is Metzler’s 20th and final Memorial Day as the caretaker of America’s premier shrine to its heroes. After a career managing National Cemeteries before taking the job once held by his father here, he will retire July 2nd. Next year, when he is living with his wife in Pittsburgh near his seven grandchildren, he expects to feel a void.

“I’ve never had a Memorial Day in my entire life off,” he said as he drove past shaded graves. “We are usually at our very best -- all the grass has been mowed, the trees are trimmed, the headstones are clean, the flags are on all the graves, and the cemetery is as good looking, if you will, as it can be.”

There have been more noteworthy days for Metzler: the 1994 funeral of Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis and the burial last summer of Sen. Edward Kennedy in a spot he handpicked. The ceremonies for the victims of the September 11th attack who were buried within sight of the Pentagon. The services for astronauts, Supreme Court Justices, medical pioneers and, of course, military heroes. More than 110,000 funerals since 1991.

And then there are the living dignitaries who come in a constant procession to pay homage. On this morning, Metzler escorted the Japanese minister of defense. Earlier this month, he toured Section 60 with Afghan President Hamid Karzai. Perhaps his biggest thrill was hosting Britain’s Queen Elizabeth II, who visited during a fierce thunder and lightning storm and insisted on holding a



John C. Metzler, Jr. with President George W. Bush.

metal-tipped umbrella. “That was a little nerve-wracking,” he recalled.

Yet none compare to Memorial Day. Metzler has accompanied every President for the ceremonial wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns since 1992. Today the Vice President will attend ceremonies at Arlington while the President, who was here last year, participates in observances at a Veterans Cemetery in Illinois.

“This,” Metzler said, “is my favorite time of year.”

BORN TO CARE FOR THE DEAD

Jack Metzler was born in Brooklyn, but his earliest memories are in the white stucco Cape Cod cottage in Section 1, where his family moved in 1951 when his father, John Metzler, became superintendent. Just 4 years old, he and his three brothers grew up behind tall hedges that hid the gravestones a few yards away. From his bedroom dormer window, though, young Jack looked out on ornate markers the boys used for cover during snowball fights.

Metzler brushes dirt off the gravestone of his father, John Metzler, who served as superintendent of Arlington National Cemetery from 1951 to 1972. The elder Metzler served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

When he was 6, he watched the funeral of Gen. Jonathan Wainwright right outside his house. He knew little about the hero of Bataan who was the highest-ranking POW of World War II. But he will never forget how he got to sit on the caisson horse after soldiers off loaded the General’s remains.

As he got older, his father taught him to drive on the cemetery’s winding back roads. When he wanted to get away from the tourists, he headed to his favorites place: a remote hill in Section 3 where a General tainted by the Massacre at Wounded Knee lies in one of only two mausoleums at Arlington.

“For me, it was normal because that’s all I ever knew,” he said.

After a stint in Vietnam as an Army crew chief on Huey helicopters, Metzler considered going into aviation mechanics but instead joined the family business. He apprenticed at Veterans Cemeteries in Arkansas and South

Dakota and was in charge of 40 cemeteries in the Northeast when he was offered the job at Arlington. Six months before moving back home, his father, who had retired in 1972, died and was buried in Section 7-A, not far from boxer Joe Louis.

The senior Metzler had presided over the burial of President John F. Kennedy in November 1963 as his teenage son watched from the press pit.

Before JFK's funeral, the first to be televised live, Arlington was just another sleepy National Cemetery with 3,000 burials and 1 million visitors a year. The following year, requests for interments more than doubled and 7 million people visited. Eligibility rules were soon tightened to prevent running out of space in the cemetery established in

1864 in General Robert E. Lee's backyard as payback for his allegiance to the Confederacy.

Somewhere in Arlington's 624 acres is the current superintendent's future final resting place. He claims no preference for location. "Anywhere in the cemetery and I'll be happy," said Metzler, whose tie clip is a tiny shovel given to him by his father.

Editor's Note: All Companions of MOWW thank Mr. Metzler for his service to our Country and his assistance to MOWW during his many years of service at Arlington National Cemetery, and we wish him well.

Reprinted in part from an article written by Andrea Stone, Senior Washington Correspondent for aol.com

Companions Attend Miramar National Cemetery Dedication

"The next time you see COL Jesse Ugalde, thank him. Jesse was on the original planning board for the new cemetery at MCAS, Miramar.

It was dedicated on January 30, 2010. Ceremonies were held in front of a sea of Veterans applauding the work of volunteers like Jesse who devoted countless hours to make a dream come true.

The 300+ acre site will be ready for burials in September. No longer an annex of Fort Rosecrans, it is officially named the Miramar National Cemetery."

—VCINC Capt Russell Vowinkel



The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) held a dedication ceremony on January 30, 2010 in San Diego for the Miramar National Cemetery.

Veterans Affairs Acting Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, Steve L. Muro, gave the keynote address and was joined by elected officials as the dedication plaque was unveiled. Military honors included a firing salute and the ceremony ended with the playing of "Taps."

The 313-acre Miramar National Cemetery will include both gravesite and columbarium development, providing a full range of burial alternatives to approximately 235,000 Veterans in the San Diego County area.

Originally planned as an annex to Fort Rosecrans National Veterans Cemetery, it is now a stand alone National Veterans Burial Ground on the Miramar Marine Corps Air Station reservation. The nearby Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery closed to first interment casketed burials in 1966, although it stays active with casketed interments of family members of those already interred and inurnments of cremated remains. Riverside National Cemetery, 90 miles from Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, is currently the nearest National Cemetery offering full burial options.

The first phase of construction will include approximately 11,500 conventional gravesites; 4,500 in-ground cremation sites; 10,000 columbarium niches; an administration building and maintenance complex; two committal service shelters; and a public assembly area.

The VA chose Kirk Leopard as director of the cemetery. He will continue as the director of Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, a position he has held since 2007.

In the midst of the largest cemetery expansion since the Civil War, the VA operates 131 National Cemeteries in 39 states and Puerto Rico and 33 soldiers' lots and monument sites. More than 3.4 million Americans, including Veterans of every war and conflict — from the Revolutionary War to the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan — are buried in the VA's National Cemeteries.



Far left, Soldier saluting during ceremony; left, MOWW Companions from San Diego, California, Chapter from left to right, Captain Will Hayes, VCINC Captain Russell Vowinkel, and Commander Ray Skinner. Not pictured, San Diego Companion, Colonel Jesse Ugalde, who was on the original planning Board for the cemetery.



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The Official Visitor's Guide is a good resource to request before your trip to El Paso, or contact the El Paso Convention & Visitors Bureau at 800-351-6024 or 915-534-0600.

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- 1000-1500 Tour #3-Mission Tour-Optional
- 1100-1150 Hann-Buswell Memorial Chapter Meeting
- 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 Guest Speaker (Members & Guests)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 2010

- 0800-1800 MOWW Hospitality Lounge
- 0800-0830 Opening Ceremony of 2010 National Convention (**ALL INVITED**)
- 0830-1045 First Joint Session of the Pre-Convention GS Meeting and National Convention
- 0900-1700 Registration
- 1200-1415 MOWW Awards Luncheon & National Security **SEMINAR** with Guest Speaker (**ALL INVITED**)
- 1430-1600 Membership **SEMINAR** (**ALL INVITED**)
- 1615-1745 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 7, 2010

- 0730-0850 Memorial Service (**ALL INVITED**)
- 0800-1600 MOWW Hospitality Lounge
- 0900-1200 Registration
- 0900-1050 Second Joint Session of Pre-Convention GS Meeting and National Convention
- 1000-1500 Tour #4-El Paso Shopping Tour- Optional
- 11000-1150 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 (Location TBA)
- 1700-1800 OPEN TIME
- 1800-1900 CINCs Formal reception (**ALL INVITED**)
- 1900-2200 National Convention Formal Banquet (**ALL INVITED**)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2010

- 0730-1030 EXCOM Post-Convention Breakfast Meeting
- 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

2010 NATIONAL CONVENTION

GOLF OUTING Tuesday, August 3, 2010 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. \$45.00 per person

Those participating will need to arrive at the hotel by Monday evening. Butterfield Trail Golf Club is located adjacent to Fort Bliss and the El Paso Airport. It was designed by world renowned architect Tom Fazio, boasting a spacious 8,800 square foot club house. Transportation will be provided by the Wyndham Hotel Shuttle for those needing transportation. NOTE: Golf outing is EARLY MORNING due to the usual August temperatures in El Paso. Tee Time: 08:30 a.m. Fees includes cart. Fees DO NOT include breakfast or lunch.



TOUR # 1 CATTLEMAN'S STEAKHOUSE AT INDIAN CLIFFS RANCH

Tuesday, August 3, 2010 6:00 p.m.–11:00 p.m. \$49.50 per person

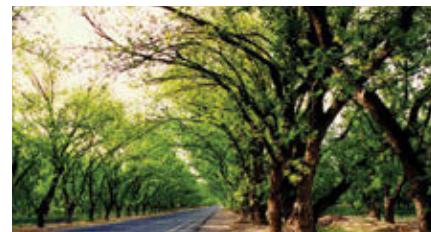
Cattleman's Steakhouse is situated on a working ranch and is surrounded by miles of desert scenery. Steaks are aged, tenderized and cooked to perfection. Meals include ranch style beans, pineapple-laced coleslaw, and other sides. Cattleman's has been voted as one of Texas' top ten restaurants by readers of *Texas Highways* magazine and has been named "Best Steak in the County" by Michael Stern—*People Magazine's* food critic. Located in the restaurant, there is also a gift shop with Southwestern Jewelry, Art, and Novelty items. Hollywood has made various movies on the ranch...including stars Jack Nicholson, Chuck Norris, and David Carradine. Movies filmed there include: "The Border", "Glory Road", "Resurrection" and many more. Price includes: transportation, Tour Guide, Meal (steak), Tax and Tip.



TOUR # 2 OLD MESILLA TOUR

Wednesday, August 4, 2010 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. \$42.25 per person

The Don Juan de Onate trail leads to the "Santa Fe" style village of Old Mesilla, New Mexico, a resting stop since 1535. It is located just outside of Las Cruces, New Mexico., on the banks of the Rio Grande. Old Mesilla is now home to specialty shops and fine art galleries. The famous trial of Billy the Kid was held here. Lunch is served at the Historic Double Eagle Restaurant. If time permits on the return trip, a stop at Stahmann Farm's County Store on Old Highway 28 will allow you to sample ice cream and shop. Miles of pecan trees line Highway 28 on the way to Stahmann's Store where you can find pecans, confections, and gifts. Price includes transportation, tour guide, and lunch.



TOUR # 3 HISTORIC MISSION TOUR

Thursday, August 5, 2010 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. \$32.50 per person

You will visit the Ysleta and Socorro Missions, which are the oldest in Texas, and view the only jail Billy the Kid ever broke *into*, plus tour the San Elizario Presidio Chapel. Following ancient Native American trails, Don Juan de Onate's colonists established El Paso del Norte (The Pass of the North). The close knit valley of 4 major missions has endured the test of time. Price includes transportation, tour guide, and lunch.



TOUR # 4 EL PASO SHOPPING TOUR

Saturday, August 7, 2010 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. \$31.00 per person

You will go to unique shops of El Paso. Tony Lama Factory Outlet provides an opportunity to purchase cowboy boots. El Paso Saddleblanket, a 2-acre store provides souvenirs, Mexican imports, pottery, rugs, hats, and more. Helen of Troy Outlet includes a variety of small home and personal appliances. There will also be a stop at the Texas Store. Lunch is included at Los Bandidos de Carlos & Mickey's, one of El Paso's premier Mexican restaurants. Price includes transportation, tour guide, and lunch.





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

FEE COMPUTATION SCHEDULE (See Notes Below)

Delegate/Companion (Note 1) No Later Than July 22- **\$220** After July 22- \$250 = \$ _____

Spouse/Guest (Note 2) No Later Than July 22- **\$205** After July 22- \$235 = \$ _____

OPTIONAL EVENTS (See Note 3 Below)

GOLF OUTING AUG 3 HANDICAP(S) ____ / ____ NUMBER ____ X \$45.00 = \$ _____

TOUR #1 AUG 3 CATTLEMAN'S STEAKHOUSE NUMBER ____ X \$49.50 = \$ _____

TOUR #2 AUG 4 OLD MESILLA TOUR NUMBER ____ X \$42.25 = \$ _____

TOUR #3 AUG 5 MISSION TOUR NUMBER ____ X \$32.50 = \$ _____

TOUR #4 AUG 7 EL PASO SHOPPING NUMBER ____ X \$31.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____

HANN-BUSWELL MEMORIAL CHAPTER RECEPTION & BANQUET (Chapter Members & Guests Only)
(If you have not pre-paid, contact Chapter Adjutant CWO4 Allan R. Peschek at the Convention.)

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

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

Note 3) Make sure you have comfortable walking shoes! Prices include meal and transportation for all tours except golf outing.

Make check payable to El Paso Chapter MOWW, and mail with completed registration form and check to:
EL PASO CHAPTER MOWW, P.O. Box 6566, El Paso, TX 79906-0566

QUESTIONS: Contact Col ROY GRAY, by email at RoyGR0619@aol.com or by telephone 915-842-0737

PUBLICITY TIP

Each Chapter Has To Obtain Its Own Publicity

By LTC Harry Lascola
Sun City Center, Florida, Chapter

Of the six Veteran Organizations attending the Sun City Center (SCC) Annual Veterans Dinner Dance, the MOWW Chapter was the only one to pose for a group picture. The photo appeared in three newspapers. Each chapter has to obtain its own publicity.



Have You Heard?

Marine Gunnery Sergeant John D. Fry only had a week left in Iraq when he injured his hand. He could have gone home with a Bronze Star. Instead, he volunteered for one last run to defuse bombs. After working seven hours, Gunnery Sgt. John D. Fry was killed March 8, 2006 by an improvised explosive device.

Now, a new scholarship program named after Fry will allow his three small children and those of other service members who died on duty in Iraq and Afghanistan to apply for benefits under the Post 9/11 GI Bill. Children of service members who died in the line of duty after September 10, 2001 can receive education benefits under the Post 9/11 GI Bill. The VA began accepting applications for this benefit May 1, 2010.

The Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship amends the Post-9/11 GI Bill to include the children of service members who died in the line of duty after Sept. 10, 2001. Eligible children attending institutions of higher learning may receive payments to cover their tuition and fees up to the highest amounts charged by a public, in-state undergraduate institution. A monthly living allowance and books and supplies stipend are also paid under this program. VA will begin to pay benefits under the Fry Scholarship Program on August 1, 2010. Eligible participants may elect to receive benefits retroactively to August 1, 2009, the same day the Post-9/11 GI Bill took effect. A dependent may be married or over 23 and still be eligible. Eligible children are entitled to 36 months of benefits at the 100 percent level. They have 15 years to use the benefit beginning on their 18th birthday, and may use the benefit until their 33rd birthday. Fry's wife Malia said that when people asked him why was in Iraq, Fry told them "to help the children."

From Kevin Secor, Veterans Service Organizations Liaison
Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

National Officer Candidates

(Listed below alphabetically, by rank)

Commander-in-Chief (CINC)

(1 Position)

Sr. VCINC Col Clifford D. "Cliff" Way (AF)

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

(1 Position)

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

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

VCINC LTC Michael S. "Mike" George (A)

Vice-Commanders-in-Chief (VCINC)

(4 positions)

VCINC LTC Gary O. Engen (A)

Treasurer General

LTC John H. Hollywood (A)

Judge Advocate General (JAG)

COL Earle F. Lasseter (A)

Surgeon General

OPEN

Chaplain General

OPEN

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.

It's Time to Make Some Friends

By CDR John A. Baumgarten
Richmond, Virginia, Chapter



Without doubt, the number one problem facing the MOWW today is "membership." At present, there are about 8,000 living, breathing members of the Order remaining among its ever-shrinking number of chapters, and only

about 2,000 of these survivors are active in supporting the many good works the Order accomplishes. As each month goes by, chapters, departments and even regions, are being merged or shut down, as there are no longer enough active Companions to support their operation and continuance.

As non-perpetual Companions continue to age and become infirm, it is becoming more difficult to retain them as annual dues-paying members - many do not even remember that they are Companions of the Order. Advancing age and infirmity also prevents many Companions from actively recruiting new members, as many can no longer drive, are too feeble to travel or man recruiting activities, or do not possess the presence of mind or ability to engage in telephonic recruiting of new members.

Many of our elder members can no longer attend chapter meetings, present ROTC and scout awards, or participate in planning and .executing signature MOWW events such as Massing of the Colors and Youth Leadership Conferences.

In addition, recruiting new Companions for the Order suffers the additional burden of having an organizational name to which most prospective applicants do not relate. Attracting new members to the Order is difficult enough, without having to waste precious time and effort in explaining that we accept all military officers, their family members and descendants, even though they never served in World War I or World War II. Without a name change, leaving a pile of MOWW brochures at public venues on a military base or post, accomplishes little, as a prospective reader of the brochure may not take the time to learn what we are about after reading the title "Military Order of the World Wars."

However, the name-change issue is a "secondary" problem, which should be addressed at some point. The bigger problem in "growing" the MOWW is that our recruiting focus is too narrow. We have great products to sell: patriotism; love of flag and country; support for the Constitution; national security; preservation of military memorials and ceremonies; and the patriotic education of America's youth. With an ever-smaller pool of military officers from which to attract new members, and many among them who "expect" the MOWW to "do something for them" in exchange for their membership, we must expand the reach of our marketing efforts to include all Americans who believe in what we stand

for, and who would be willing to give of their time, talent and treasure to advance the precepts of our Preamble.

To this end, I propose that we create a new echelon of "supporting" membership in the MOWW known as "Friends of MOWW." Persons who we could target to become our "friends" would include: policemen and troopers; firefighters; EMTs; officials of state, county and city government; leaders of Chambers of Commerce and other civic and professional groups; Boy and Girl Scout troop leaders; enlisted members of the active-duty, Guard, Reserve and retired communities and all non-officer veterans; and any other patriotic members of the general public.

To legitimize these supporting memberships, we would have to create a "national" IRS 501(c)(3) organization within the MOWW to permit such "friends" to make annual donations to the Order of \$25, to maintain their "friends" status. These annual "supporter" donations could be applied as follows: \$15 to the Order to support sending our "friends" the national magazine; \$5 to the MOWW General Fund; and \$5 to the parent MOWW chapter to defray membership expenses at the local level. Such donations, along with any other monies our "friends" would be encouraged to give to the MOWW or their parent chapter, would be "tax-deductible." We could even offer "sustaining" memberships at \$250, which would function similar to "perpetual" membership in the Order, with a modest annual rebate to the chapters.

To ensure that command and control of the MOWW remains vested in military officers or their descendants, "friends" of the MOWW would not be eligible for elective or appointive office, or have voting rights at any level within the MOWW. However, they would be welcomed as "volunteers" to serve on chapter committees and attend and assist at all chapter meetings and functions (in non-leadership roles) to include Massings of the Colors and Youth Leadership Conferences.

I believe there are many Americans who would readily embrace involvement in the endeavors of the MOWW. By attracting such patriotic citizens to become "friends" of the MOWW, we can accomplish several important things: (1) we can revitalize failing chapters by expanding participation in chapter affairs and events; (2) we can generate modest, but much-needed financial support for the Order and its chapters; (3) we can promote greater exposure of the MOWW in communities nationwide; and (4) expand our force of able-bodied recruiters for both "Companions" and "Friends" of the MOWW, as many of our "friends" will have relatives or acquaintances who serve, or have served, as officers in the Uniformed Services, or, who are like-minded, non-officer patriots, who would readily become our "friends" and support our mission.

The MOWW is a noble organization with a mission and purpose which we cannot let wither away. We must accept and implement change to ensure its perpetuity. Making new "friends" is a good way to do it.

MOWW Green Mountain, Vermont, Chapter Recognizes SROTC Cadet

Wesley Monaco, a senior political science major from Saint Michael's College in Vermont, was awarded the Bailey H. Goldberg Award at the annual military ball of the University of Vermont ROTC program held March 27, 2010 at the Burlington Hilton Hotel. Cadet Monaco is the son of John and Gay Monaco of Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

The Bailey H. Goldberg Award is presented annually by the Green Mountain Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) to a senior cadet who displays standout academic and military proficiency as well as a commitment to improving his/her community.

As the award recipient Cadet Monaco will have his name engraved on a plaque with past awardees that will hang in the Green Mountain ROTC Battalion Building at 601 Main Street, at the University of Vermont, in Burlington.

The Green Mountain Chapter of MOWW named this award in honor of Lieutenant Bailey Goldberg (UVM '1951), who was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in Infantry out of the Green Mountain Battalion's ARMY ROTC program. Seventeen months later, on Oct 15, 1952, he died while leading his platoon in battle in Korea on the day after Chinese forces entered the war supporting North Korea. Lt. Goldberg was awarded the Silver Star.

This article was reprinted from Saint Michael's College website



Cadet Wesley Monaco, center, shown with Lt Col Michael V. Palaza, left, and Sergeant First Class Sanguinetii.



Patriotic Quilt to be Raffled During the 2010 National Convention in El Paso

El Paso Chapter Commander, Col Roy Gray (pictured left), poses along with Companions MAJ JoAnne Barton (center), and Mrs. Rita Garibay (far right), to present the Patriotic quilt to be raffled during the National Convention. The quilt was made by Rita and it won a red ribbon at the Southern New Mexico State Fair in September 2009.

Opportunities for Collaboration: MOWW and Medical Reserve Corps

By CPT Paula Mitchell
El Paso, Texas, Chapter

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a civilian volunteer organization under the Office of the Surgeon General. It was established along with other Citizen Corps programs following the incidents of Sept. 11, 2001. Currently there are more than 880 units and 205,657 volunteers nationally.

The exact role of the MRC is determined based on local needs but with some common themes:

- ❖ Emergency preparedness
- ❖ Emergency response
- ❖ Public health education/prevention roles.

There are many ways for your Military Order of the World Wars Chapter to collaborate with your local MRC. Some of them include:

1. MOWW members with medical/health backgrounds can volunteer as members of the MRC to assist with training, exercises, community education, and response to local emergencies.
2. MOWW members with no medical/health preparation can also volunteer. In an emergency situation or exercise, the MRC and other responding organizations need assistance with drivers, computer assistance, registration, runners, logistics, communication, etc. Specific roles will depend on the type of emergency and the skills of the individual
3. Invite MRC members to provide first aid stations at large chapter events, like the Massing of the Colors, conventions, leadership conferences, etc. These events can provide an opportunity for the MRC members to work together and build teamwork in a non-emergency situation and to provide community service as well.
4. Invite MRC members to serve as speakers on emergency preparedness at Chapter meetings, especially during September—National Preparedness Month.
5. Invite MRC members to write articles on preparedness or other health issues for your chapter newsletter.
6. Recognize your local MRC unit or individual members for their service to the community when you recognize law enforcement, fire, volunteers, and first responders
7. Invite MRC members to serve as speakers at Youth Leadership Conferences and other activities.
8. Check your local MRC membership for former and retired military Officers to recruit as members of MOWW!



An MRC doctor and nurses collaborating together during deployment training.



9. If you don't have a local MRC unit, check with your local emergency management department or local public health unit to see if they need assistance in developing a unit. Work with them to establish a unit, especially if you have retired or former military nurses, doctors, or other health care providers.

10. The Girl Scouts are an affiliate of Citizen Corps and have initiated a Preparedness Patch. Working together with the Girl Scouts and your MRC or other Citizen Corps unit can enhance your partnership with the Girl Scouts! (Remember there's a National agreement between the Girl Scouts and the Military Order of the World Wars if you haven't developed your partnership with the Girl Scouts!).

11. RESPOND as a trained volunteer with a local unit in the event of a local emergency or disaster—if requested through local media.

12. Use the information provided by the MRC to prepare your home and family for local emergencies. Go to www.ready.gov for more preparedness information.

13. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or just want more information, go to the FEMA website at www.fema.gov. There are many free on-line training programs. If you volunteer, complete certain training activities to meet NIMS (National Incident Management System) requirements—e.g. ICS 100, 700.

14. Don't forget to track the activities your unit does with the MRC or the activities of your Chapter members as volunteers and use in your Chapter Annual Reports! These activities may fit under several Chapter Report requirements.

Other Citizen Corps programs may exist in your area and provide parallel opportunities for collaboration with your chapter, based on their mission and membership. These programs are listed in the insert, along with national websites where you can obtain more information.

As a footnote, Citizen Corps is nationally affiliated with the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Affiliate Programs and Organizations offer communities resources for public education, outreach, and training; represent volunteers interested in helping to make their community safer; or offer volunteer service opportunities to support first responders, disaster relief activities, and community safety efforts.

CPT Mitchell is currently Junior Vice Commander of the El Paso Chapter. She also serves in a volunteer role as Coordinator of the West Texas Medical Reserve Corps. She is a Registered Nurse and former Army Nurse Corps Captain and currently serves as Dean, Health Career & Technical Education, Math and Science at El Paso Community College.

Albuquerque Chapter Shows Special Recognition for a Patriot

By COL Bert J. Terrazas

CDR Simpson-LTC Loring, New Mexico, Chapter

Mrs. Sarah Sandoval received the MOWW Silver Patrick Henry patriotism award from the Albuquerque Chapter.

Mrs. Sandoval was cited for her volunteer service and coordinating entertainment for patient Veterans at the Raymond G. Murphy, (MOH), VA Hospital in Albuquerque, New Mexico. As a civilian volunteer, Mrs. Sandoval through her diligent work, played an important role, and demonstrated her patriotism and sincere interest in the welfare of Veterans and well-being of the patients at the VA Medical Center.

Her devotion and expenditure of her own resources brought to the patients many hours of comfort and appreciation for their service. She has exemplified patriotic achievement by her many acts of public service.



Left to Right: Companion Hector Gongora-Immediate Past Chapter Commander, Companion Joel Beccera-former Chapter Commander, Mrs. Sarah Sandoval-SPH recipient and Mrs. Helga Beccera.

MOWW Recognizes Boy Scouts of America Council

By Maj Robert J. Williams

Fort Worth, Texas, Chapter

In recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), the MOWW Fort Worth Chapter presented the MOWW Bronze Patrick Henry Plaque to the Longhorn Council, Fort Worth, Texas BSA, which was also celebrating their own 90th Anniversary. Companions presented the Plaque during the Council's Annual Business

Meeting and Award Banquet held on April 29, 2010. The award was presented to Mr. Greg Bird, Longhorn Council President and Mr. Dan Clifton, Longhorn Council Executive. Presenters were Sr. VCINC Col Cliff Way, Captain John Hayes-Region VIII Commander, and Major Robert Williams, Commander Fort Worth Chapter.



Pictured left, the Bronze Patrick Henry Plaque presented to the Longhorn Council, BSA. Pictured above, at the presentation, from left to right: Mr. Dan Clifton, Council Executive, Mr. Greg Bird Council President, Sr. VCINC Col Cliff Way, Captain John Hayes. At the podium is Maj Robert Williams.

"Attainment of Our Membership Goals"

By COL Gorham L. Black, III
MOWW Membership Committee Chair
General George G. Meade, Maryland, Chapter

I have heard nothing but questionable rhetoric about our great Order. The majority of these comments concern our membership numbers. "Why are we not improving our overall membership?" This seems to be a question asked by our CINC and our staffs for many years. Simply stated, what is so wrong with our current great membership that we cannot persuade new members to join our noble Order?

Is there a valid relationship between our loss of chapters who have had no obvious recent activity and the inability of what we refer to as our active chapters to grow our ranks? Even our friends with no active chapter within their living areas can join the National MOWW Chapter-at-large.

Our CINC, COL Philemon St. Amant, II, has again stressed the attainment of two membership goals:

1. Every Companion recruits one candidate every 12 months.
2. Increase the size of our Order by five percent.

Why have we been so unable to fulfill these clearly obtainable goals?

While some of us have been recruiting new candidates for membership, we have chapters that let their own membership fail. Specifically, chapters lose Companions for "Non-payment of Dues." As stated at almost every National Convention, losing a Companion for "Non-payment of Dues" may mean a chapter has not given enough encouragement for a good Companion to stay!

Chapter Commanders, have you considered a hand written letter to every Companion that you have not seen or heard from in one or two months, inquiring about their health or how are they doing? This simple old-fashioned gesture just may encourage a Companion to stay a member or you may even find that Companion in need of your help.

What ideas exist to increase MOWW membership? Region IV (Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia) has a program of "matching funds" grant for newly commissioned Officers from a service academy, ROTC or OCS commissioning program. Region IV also awards membership grants to newly commissioned Officers, regardless of their commissioning source (these programs support PCINC Col Jim Elmer's Membership Scholarship Program).

Are we ready to give up because we are not growing? This tragedy simply cannot happen. But, it is our individual and collective responsibility to stop this loss of membership.

Re-read the Preamble of our Order and focus on two of my favorite tenets:

- To cherish the memories and associations of the World Wars waged for humanity; and
- To foster fraternal relation among all branches of the Armed Forces.

Simply put, to me, these two tenets from our Preamble are the benchmarks of having and retaining members. Don't you agree?

See you August 3-8, 2010 in El Paso, Texas, with your extensive lists of new members.

As our CINC states, "Help spread the fire."



Mail Call

Letters to the Editor

Over the last year we have been working with many of you to align our national service programs to provide veterans with more opportunities to serve and be served. The goal of this conversation was to shape legislation that would create a new veteran-focused service corps.

As a result, earlier this year we introduced legislation to create a Veterans' Corps—a service corps dedicated to veterans serving other veterans and the greater community. The Veterans' Corps will provide these veterans a new means to serve their country; put veterans back to work and help train them for a civilian career; and provide tangible benefits for disabled or older veterans, as well as the greater public.

We are pleased to report that this legislation was signed

into law on April 21, 2009 and the Veterans' Corps will be established under the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). Tire CNCS can bring to bear a wealth of resources and organizational expertise to work with veterans and long-time veteran advocates, such as VSOs, to perform a variety of projects that meet identifiable needs of veterans. However, the Corporation has been given the task of funding two or more of the five corps created in this law. The Corporations final decision is due by September. We urge you and your members to contact the Corporation in order to let them know of your support for funding of the Veterans' Corps.

We look forward to working with you as this program is implemented to ensure it successfully benefits the veterans of our nation. If you would like more information, please contact Roy Chrobocinski of Congressman Sarbanes' staff at 202-225-4016 or Kemi Jemilohun of Congressman Hare's staff at 202-225-5905.

— John P. Sarbanes, Member of Congress

— Phil Hare, Member of Congress

Membership Update



NEW MEMBERS

CHAPTER	RANK/NAME/(SERVICE)	SPONSOR
Augusta GA	LTC A. Nancy Sanchez (A)	Titus, D. LTC
Bethesda MD	CDR John J. DeCavage (N)	Reinburg, M.
Central AR	2LT John Atkins (A)	Elmer, J. Col
Central AR	2nd Lt Jamie David (AF)	Elmer, J. Col
Central AR	2LT Taylor O. Headley (A)	Elmer, J. Col
Central AR	2LT Jacob James (A)	Elmer, J. Col
Central AR	2LT Kimberly Santos (A)	Elmer, J. Col
Central AR	2LT Lexington Long (A)	Elmer, J. Col
Central AR	2nd Lt Elizabeth Love (AF)	Elmer, J. Col
Central AR	2LT Jonathan D. Malcom (A)	Elmer, J. Col
Central AR	CPT Villard B. Phillips (A)	Elmer, J. Col
Central AR	2LT Steven J. Steen, Jr. (A)	Elmer, J. Col
Central AR	2LT Matthew A. Thompson (A)	Elmer, J. Col
Central AR	2nd Lt Jeffrey Weir (AF)	Elmer, J. Col
Central AR	2LT Dustin T. West (A)	Elmer, J. Col
COL Theodore Roosevelt NY	LTC Frank R. Dukes (A)	Schlegel, R. COL
Columbus OH	LTC Douglas G. Ferguson (A)	Bultman, R. BG
CPT Grevemberg LA	Jennie F. McIntosh (H) *	Roberts, R. Capt
Dallas TX	LCDR James G. Walsh (N)	Clark, A. CPT
Dallas TX	LTC John W. Byrns (A) *	Clark, A. CPT
Dallas TX	COL Steven J. Minear (A)	Clark, A. CPT
Dallas TX	LTC Michel A. Minear (A)	Clark, A. CPT
Dallas TX	L. Ian Barton (E)	Barton, L. Capt
Gen Critz OK	Maj John W. Perry (AF)	Van Meter, D. Col
Gen George G. Meade MD	Maj Thomas J. Rostkowski (AF)	Burntrock, E. COL
Gen Ridgway-Pittsburgh PA	LTC Lois G. Shirley (A)	Reese, R. COL
Gen Westmoreland SC	Dorothy S. Jordan (H) *	Jordan, W. CAPT
Georgetown TX	LTC JohnF. Yearwood (A)	Website
Greater Boston MA	LT Christopher J. Peters (N)	Clevenger, R. CDR
Greater Kansas City MO	COL John R. Osgood (A)	Tobin, J. Col
Green Mountain VT	2LT John Bassette (A) *	McEnaney, W. MAJ
Joseph H. Pendleton CA	CWO4 William C. Nejd (MC) *	Byrne, W. LtCol
Puerto Rico	COL Ramon R. Iturbe (A) *	Negron, R. LTC
Richmond VA	Capt John W. Roberts (MC)	Tarantino, J. LTC
Richmond VA	LTC Cynthia H. Norwood (A)	Tarantino, J. LTC
San Diego CA	CWO4 Daniel B. Woodward, Jr (N)	Thompson, R. CWO4
Sun City Center FL	CW4 Lynn E. Mead (A)	Halm, S. MAJ
Virginia Piedmont VA	CDR Charles M. Reeves (N)	Fein, M.
Worcester MA	1LT David E. Cameron (A)	Reardon, S. 1LT

New Members—May 1, 2010 through May 31, 2010

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DECEASED MEMBERS CHAPTER

Cape Cod MA
Capt Dilworth TX
Central FL
Charlotte NC
El Paso TX
Gen Joshua Chamberlain ME
Hann-Buswell Memorial
Monterey Bay CA
Puget Sound WA
San Antonio TX
San Antonio TX
San Diego CA
San Fernando Valley CA

Deceased Members—May 1, 2010 through May 31, 2010

RANK/NAME/(SERVICE)

LT Vincent A. Mackesy (A) *
1LT William G. Tucker (A)
LCDR Julius C. Specht (N)
Lt Col Dayton A. Starnes (AF) *
LTC Harlow L. Paul (A) *
LT Vincent A. Mackesy (A) *
LT Vincent A. Mackesy (A) *
COL R. J. Trammell Jr (A) *
MAJ Edward H. Bundick (A)
Mildred F. Stewart (E)
Col George R. Weinbrenner (AF) *
LCDR Lawrence W. Schultheis (N) *
CDR Bernard B. Riman (N) *

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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.

Exercise Revisited

By Col Jerry Wheaton

Past Surgeon General

LTG John M. Wright, California, Chapter

The closest we have to a universal antidote to aging is exercise! Here at Air Force Village West we are fortunate to have Bob Hobson, an expert in the use of machines for conditioning and Mary Anderson Kushi our Fitness Coordinator who now has more than half of our population in different levels of monitored activity.

You can't turn back time, but you can extend your time here on earth by exercise.

The benefits of exercise were recently reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA). Researchers looked at data from more than 100,000 persons whose fitness levels were measured by treadmill tests. The least fit had a 56% higher risk of heart attack and a 70% higher risk of death from any cause than subjects who were fit. Another study published in the British medical Journal (BMJ) by researchers in Sweden showed that men who began exercising late in life and continued for ten years achieved the same longevity as men who had always had a high level of activity. Becoming physically active has the same effect on longevity as smoking cessation.

The impressive list of benefits that accrue from exercise includes decreases in blood pressure, obesity, certain cancers (colon and breast), increased oxygen flow to the brain, strength and balance increases.

Treat exercise as a medication prescription, something that you do regardless of anything else! Above all set reasonable short term goals. Deciding you are going to exercise every day for the next year may work for a few people but more will follow short term goals such as "I will exercise every day at 0800 for the next week." Join one of Mary's classes or individual supervised training and then make that commitment part of your daily or weekly routine, treating exercise the same as brushing your teeth or a morning shower.

In fact, it is probably easier to set a routine of early morning exercise, if you are exercising alone or with a friend by walking, followed by a shower before you dress for the day. Try to exercise at least five days a week and continue for more than thirty minutes, 32 or 33 minutes is sufficient for your brain to send the proper signals to burn fat and increase muscle.

Call your Mary or Bob and get started!



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MOWW would like to know if you have any questions or comments about our Web page. Is it useful? Does it help you in your chapter efforts? What would you like to see on the Web site? Send any comments or questions to: moww@comcast.net attention Ken Staples.



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The website 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

VCINC LTC Michael S. "Mike" George
by email at mnbgeorge@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 website.



GEN TROY H. MIDDLETON, LOUISIANA, CHAPTER
Chapter Cdr LTC Shaun McGarry (left) presented MOWW SROTC Awards to Cadets on Army ROTC Awards Day at Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY, CHAPTER
Fort Knox High School JROTC cadets were the guest speakers at the May meeting. They reflected on how JROTC has impacted their academic and personal lives. From left to right: **Cadet Captain Christopher May**, **Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Karissa Jackson**, **Cadet Command Sergeant Major Scott Huber** and Chapter Cdr LTC Toby Martinez.



HILL COUNTRY, TEXAS, CHAPTER
The Chapter honored Eagle Scouts at the monthly dinner meeting held May 14 at the YO Ranch Hotel in Kerrville. From left to right, standing are Texas Hills Eagles: **Kevin McKeon**, **Tyler Fine**, **Taylor Finley**, **Jared Damm**, **Caleb Thomas**, **Grant Hodel**, **Craig McCain**. Seated are Hill Country District Eagles: **Cade Ottmers**, **David Remschel**, **Brandon Shoots** and **Cullen Sauer**. All Eagles were given special MOWW certificates recognizing their accomplishments.

Names and Faces



J. H. PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA, CHAPTER
Chapter Cdr Lt Col William Byrne (right) presented MOWW Perpetual Membership Certificates to his son, **Mr. William Byrne, III**, (left) and **Maj Theodore Plautz** (center).



GEN HOYT S. VANDENBURG, CALIFORNIA, CHAPTER
Chapter Companions recently recognized Pismo Beach Police **Commander Mark T. Miller** for his 22 years of outstanding service to the community of Pismo Beach. From L to R: Honoring Pismo Beach police Commander Mark T. Miller are Pismo Beach City Manager and retired U.S. Army **Colonel Kevin Rice**, Honoree Police **Commander Mark T. Miller**, MOWW Chapter Cdr and Retired U.S. Marine **Major Jim Murphy** and Pismo Beach Police Chief **Jeff Norton**.



RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, CHAPTER
Companion **Mrs. Julie Baumgarten** presents flowers to **Mrs. Sandra Woodall** during the Chapter's Annual Massing of the Colors.

Names and Faces



COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, CHAPTER

A group photo of the Columbus, GA Companions with Past CINC LTC Sam Wetzel (wearing MOWW Cap) at the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Fort Benning, GA Cemetery on 31 May 2010



DALLAS, TEXAS, CHAPTER

Chapter Cdr LT Wes Gross (2d from right) with Region VIII Commander CPT John Hayes (left) and LTC Don Munson (right) inducted the Honorable Pete Sessions, 32nd District of Congress as a Hereditary Perpetual member of the Dallas Chapter in a ceremony at his Dallas office.



VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA, CHAPTER

Brother and sister, Companions ENS Alex Rawls and Sarah Rawls photographed on the fantail of USS SAN JACINTO.



AUGUSTA, GEORGIA, CHAPTER

LTC Wayman Johnson (left) and VCINC LTC Gary Engen (right) at the line-up of the 2010 Aiken, South Carolina, Memorial Day Parade. They were number 79 in the parade that consisted of about 130 entries, creating visibility of MOWW for the crowds that lined the parade route through historic Aiken.



GENERAL CRITZ, OKLAHOMA, CHAPTER

VCINC LTC Michael George presents Lawton High School JROTC Cadet Donovan Schrier with the Chapter's Guy Rogers Award. The award was created by the Chapter to recognize a promising cadet identified by the JROTC staff as deserving of recognition but not otherwise qualified for an organization award.



GREATER KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, CHAPTER

FBI Agent Bill Ouesley gave an engrossing presentation about the crime families that operated in Kansas City during the 30s, 40s and 50s, based on his book, "Open City". Chapter Cdr Companion Mrs. Pat Snyder presented Mr. Ouesley with an MOWW paperweight memento.

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REGION XIV (CA, HI, NV)

"Recruiting Meeting" originated and moderated by **Capt Debbie Kash** (right), **Capt Ray Kunkle** (left) and **Maj William E. Wilson** (foreground).

Names and Faces



EL PASO, TEXAS, CHAPTER

Chapter Cdr **COL Roy Gray**, standing at right, presents the Chapter's "Citizen of the Year" award to **Mr. Renard U. Johnson**, President and CEO of Management and Engineering Technologies International, Inc., in recognition of his business success and his involvement in quality of life programs in the city of El Paso. Companion **CPT David Thackston** is left of Mr. Johnson.



GAYLORD DILLINGHAM MEMORIAL, HAWAII, CHAPTER

On May 12, 2010, Companion **LTC Don Graham**, 96-years-old, and a graduate of Punahou School in Honolulu, presents MOWW JROTC Awards to Punahou JROTC cadets at their Battalion Awards Ceremony and Review. Pictured left to right: **LTC Bob Takao**, **LTC Graham**, **c/COL David Uchida**, **c/MAJ Amy Li**, **c/MSG Michael Uchida**, and **c/CPL Lindsay Peace**. Punahou School JROTC is the oldest JROTC program in the State of Hawaii (1918) and is also the high school where our current President graduated in 1979.



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