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My recent concentration of visits to participate in chapter and region meetings has reinforced my unwavering commitment and passion for the Military Order of the World Wars. I have met the next generation of leaders of our Military Order. They are impressive men and women of different ethnic and military backgrounds who have demonstrated their inherent belief in the Preamble. The tenets expressed in the Preamble fuels the engine that will drive our Military Order to new heights.

It has also been rewarding to see current and former national officers heavily involved in the activities that define our Veterans Service

Organization. They are positive, inclusive and enabling. It is not uncommon for me to witness strong recruiting efforts by the Past CINCs. Youth Leadership Conference directors, and those individuals who chair local and national committees, deserve special recognition. Thank you for your selfless service.

The fourth of July, 1776, is the date on which the Declaration of Independence was adopted. Please commemorate the Fourth of July by proudly flying your American Flag.

Finally, please take the time today to register for the National Convention in San Diego, and to purchase your airline tickets and secure your hotel reservations. This will be a great national convention!

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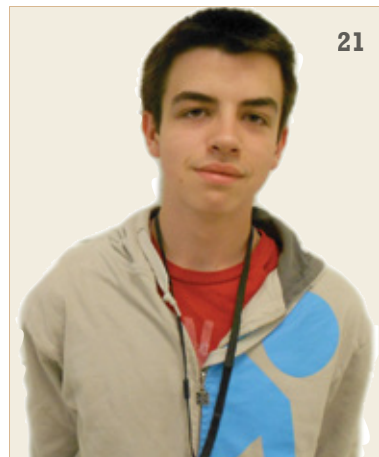
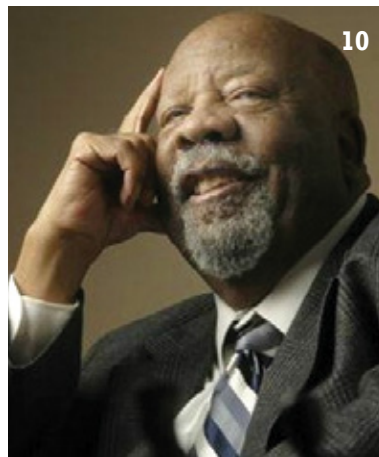
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# Warum Bomben über Linz?

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**Willard A. Holbrook, Jr., (31 May 1898–1 July 1986), nicknamed “Hunk,” was a Brigadier General in the US Army. He served as the commander of Combat Command A of the 11th Armored Division during World War II.**

In the first week of May 1945, Brigadier General Willard A. Holbrook, Jr., drove across the Danube River into the Austrian city of Linz. General Holbrook commanded Combat Command “A” of the US 11th Armored Division. Entering Austria in the last week of April 1945, the 11th Armored Division had earned the distinction of advancing further east in Europe than any other American Division. Holbrook’s entry into Linz also provided the combat command and division with a unique distinction. Was this armored formation liberating or capturing this Austrian city—a favorite of the Führer, Adolf Hitler?



**Major General George S. Patton, the son and namesake of the World War II armored commander, was a veteran of combat in the Korean and Vietnam Wars.**

It has never been resolved as to whether Linz was a captured city or a liberated one. In May 1945, it really did not matter to the joyous Austrian citizens who swarmed into the streets, dancing and throwing flowers at the bemused Americans and offering them all kinds of libations. Fifty years later it still did not matter as to Linz’s 1945 status as the inhabitants celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of entering the city with commemorative events, concerts, memorabilia presentations, and lectures.

Present at these events were the children of General Holbrook and World War II General Patton’s son, two-time recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross, MG (later) George S. Patton

IV, the husband of Joanne Holbrook and I, then a contract employee of the city, witnessed the effusive reception the Holbrook family, Patton’s son, and other representatives of Russia and the United States received via the city’s activities.

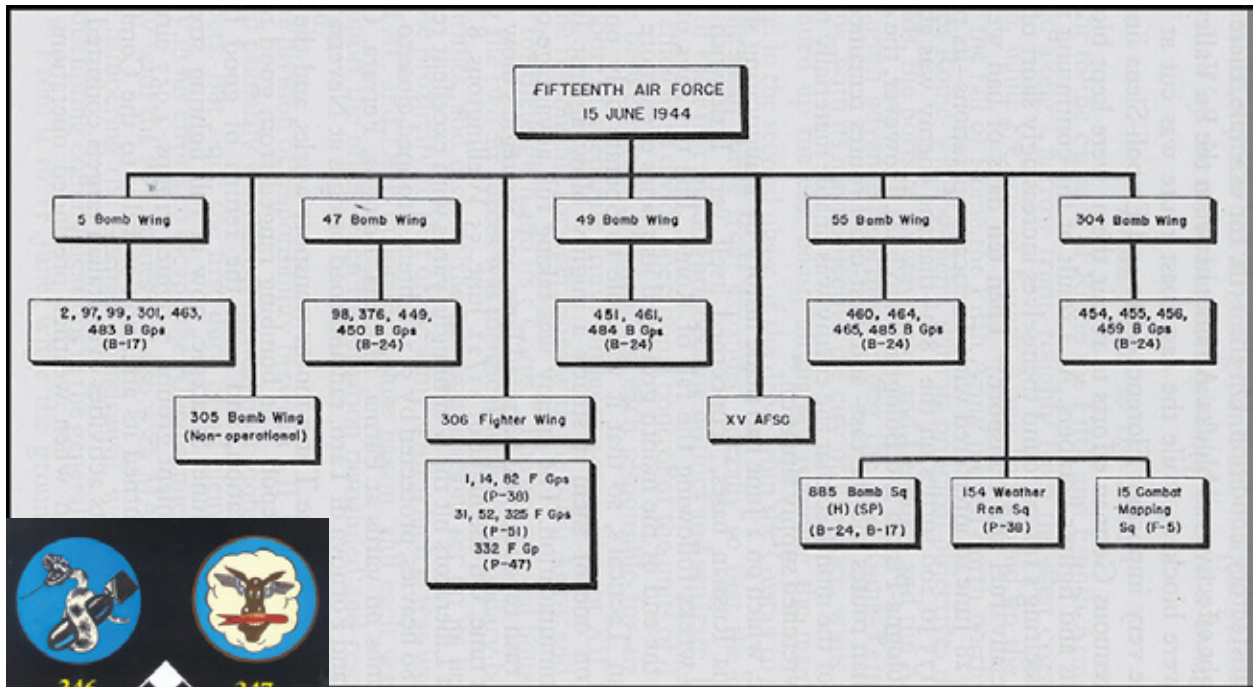
As part of the celebration, it was my privilege to address a large body of Linz’s citizens on the subject of the arrival of members of Combat Command “A.” After I gave a halting speech in German, the floor was opened up for questions. A few rather innocuous queries later, a gentleman stood up and asked why the Americans had bombed Linz during the war as there was nothing in the city of military importance. There was only one answer I could think of: Reichswerke AG “Hermann Göring” Linz, the large and important tank manufacturing plant located close to the city that used foreign, POW and prisoner workers. The audience had to admit that the installation was a logical target, but why had there been bombs over Linz itself? I did not know.



Almost fifteen years after my lecture I inadvertently stumbled on the most plausible explanation as to why Linz was bombed. The landlord of my apartment in Washington, DC, John W. Gill, had been a B-17 bomber tail gunner in World War II. When he visited my building one day, I asked him what his aerial bombardment

**Generalfeldmarschall Göring arrives at the excavator to break ground on the planned buildings in Reichswerke Hermann Göring Linz.**

**Page 4: The 99th Bomb Group in Foggia, Italy, ca. 1944.**



99th Bomb Group and Squadron Insignias.



unit was. He told me he flew with the 347th Bomb Squadron out of Italy. We left the subject at that.

A few days later I was conducting research at the National Archives. I looked up the squadron and found records on the missions flown by his unit; I came up with two mission reports which listed Gill as the tail gunner in a B-17 bomber. I copied down the data and presented it to him in the form of a time memento.

In return, he told me that some of the mission data I had given him was for his very first aerial mission. At the time, he was a Private First Class in the US Army Air Forces and had never before flown in a B-17. Not only was he new to the bomber, but he had never flown high enough to require oxygen or worn a heated flight suit, gloves and boots. Also, he had never used a flight communications system, but he did know all about twin .50 caliber machine guns.

His first mission was on Christmas Day, 1943, against a target near Udine in

northern Italy. Cloud cover over the target resulted in the bombs not being dropped and all the mission aircraft returned safely to base in southern Italy. End of story.

Not quite. My interest was now piqued, so I plowed through mission report after mission report at the archives. I figured that if I could locate fifty mission reports for aircraft in which Gill had flown, I might discover something else interesting. When I picked up the research again, I found he had been promoted to Corporal and was now a regular member of a crew—which pretty much stayed together through the summer and fall of 1944. By December, he had been promoted to Staff Sergeant, which was the case for most all enlisted men with whom he flew. By this time, I was seriously questioning why I was tracking down all this information.

The answer came in the Fifteenth Air Force's mission number 228 flown on July 25, 1944. During my random search, I came upon Gill's eleventh bomber mission as a member of his squadron in the 99th Bomb Group of the 5th Bomb Wing. Target: environs of Linz, Austria's Hermann Göring Tank

Works. Here could be a possible explanation for why Linz itself had been bombed.

Headquarters, 5th Bomb Wing, Order Number 639 of July 24, 1944, sent 28 B-17 bombers from the 99th Bomb Group and 28 B-17s from each of the wing's other five groups against the tank factory. But the 5th Bomb Wing was not to make the attack alone. In all, a total of four bomb wings were to bomb the tank works.

The 49th Bomb Wing was to hit the target at 1100 hours followed by the 304th Bomb Wing at 1110. Next, the 55th Bomb Wing came at 1120, and finally the 5th Wing came at 1130.

The 99th Bomb Group had four squadrons and each squadron planned to fly seven aircraft on the mission for a total of 28 bombers. Then-Sergeant Gill flew in his normal position as tail gunner in Aircraft Number 209 which was piloted by 2nd Lieutenant R. G. McIntosh (mission reports did not give crews' first names). These six enlisted men had flown together on many of their missions with the exception of the right waist gunner, a Sergeant Soltis. Of the four officers, only two—the pilot and bombardier—had consistently flown together. Time of take-off was 0725 hours—into a clear Italian sky with a few cumulus clouds.

The mission was directed at a target which was heavily protected by elaborate anti-aircraft defenses, arranged in rings centered on the tank works outside Linz. Some 164 anti-aircraft weapons defended the Linz area. The weapons were so placed that there was an overlap with 95 guns in the St. Valentin-Steyr area (southeast of Linz) and 24 guns to the southwest at Wels. The defense system included fixed heavy 88 mm Flugabwehrkanone ("acht-acht"), as well as twin 40 mm light anti-aircraft guns. There were even railroad-mounted anti-aircraft guns positioned to provide a mobile air defense.

To augment the extensive ground air defense system, Messerschmitt 109 (ME-109) and Focke-Wulf 190 (FW-190) fighters flew in from nearby airfields. There were also an estimated fifty fighters in the Vienna area which were available on call. Mission 228 could, therefore, expect a substantial amount

of resistance to its accomplishment by not only flak but by enemy aircraft as well.

The 5th Bomb Wing headquarters had briefed its aircrews as follows on the importance of the mission:

Linz, Austria, W bank, SE of Linz, Herman [sic] Tank Works is a large plant just recently completed, which is largely employed in the manufacture of German tanks. It was built to produce iron and steel also [sic] and is a very important and complete plant. This operation is planned as a direct aid to the ground forces.

On the outskirts of Linz, there was also a significant rail terminus with extensive marshaling yards. The Germans considered Linz a "hinge" for southern German defenses. The city environs held the largest store of



supplies behind the German southeast front. The marshaling yards had, by this time, assumed a vital role as one of Germany's last extensive, active railroad communications centers.

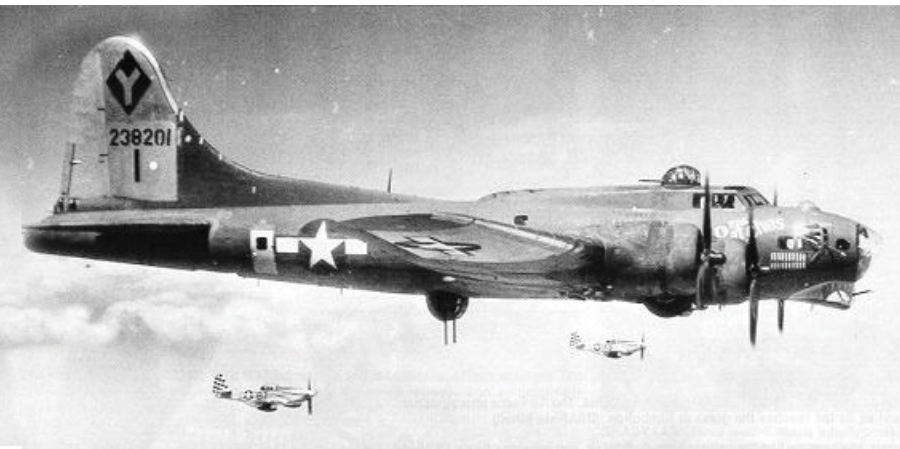
Signs of potential trouble for the attacking aircraft first occurred at 0928 hours over northern Italy when crew members reported enemy planes flying parallel to the bomber formation at a distance of some five miles. The German

**Flugzeugabwehrkanone, 8.8 cm Flak 18 ("acht-acht").**



**Linz, Austria, after being bombed.**

aircraft, however, remained within sight of the bombers for only about five minutes before flying away. It was not until 1020 hours that the escort of long range American P-51 fighters rendezvoused with the bombers over the coast of Croatia. The formation continued to proceed north at an altitude of 25,000 feet without meeting any resistance. The P-51s provided an effective shield against any airborne threat.



**99th Bomb Group (Fifteenth Air Force) B-17 bomber with P-51 fighter escorts.**

By the time the 99th Bomb Group B-17s arrived over the target at 1143 hours, one of the group's bombers had already developed problems and returned safely to base. As the remaining aircraft approached the target, German anti-aircraft guns started to take their toll. Other B-17s in formation ahead of the 99th's 347th Bomb Squadron began falling prey to the guns. Just before Gill's aircraft dropped its bombs at 1140 hours, members of his crew observed a wing falling off a B-17 which

went down taking six crew members with it. Gill's crew observed only four parachutes opening.

Gill's B-17 was luckier. It received three hits which caused minimal damage, with no casualties to the crew. Altogether, each of the squadron's seven bombers received hits from flak, which was characterized as "heavy and intense" over the target site. Of the 99th Bomb Group's twenty-seven aircraft flying over the target, fifteen B-17s received only minor damage and no personnel injuries.

If the anti-aircraft fire found its mark, the German Luftwaffe was singularly ineffective. Fifteen to twenty ME-109s and FW-190s repeatedly rose to meet the arriving American bombers of the four bomb wings and their escorting fighters. American crews identified the ME-109s by their gray fuselage color and black propeller spinners, and the FW-190s by their yellow noses and blue undercarriages.

For twenty minutes before the first wave of bombers struck their target, German fighters attempted to engage the 99th Bomb Group formation at 25,000 feet. The Germans made three or four "unaggressive" attacks. When the enemy planes came within four hundred yards of the B-17s, approaching from eleven o'clock high, they would pass underneath the American formation "hotly pursued" by P-51s. The 347th Squadron reported that P-51s downed two ME-109s. Gill's aircraft encountered one FW-190, which flew harmlessly through the squadron's formation, and was then promptly shot down by a P-51.

The aerial Germans thenceforth did little damage to the attacking Americans while the bombers dropped tons of bombs on the target area. The 99th Bomb Group alone dropped 81 tons of general purpose bombs with each B-17 carrying and dropping six one thousand pound bombs. The bombing run was scored as being effective since no aircraft failed to drop its full load.

Results, however, were different. Captain A. F. Sentous, the 99th Bomb Group's photographic interpreter provided the following assessment in his intelligence report:

Although the target was partially covered with smoke screen and smoke of other bombs, with the possibility that some bombs fell into smoke-covered portion of the target area, it is doubtful, however, if any of our bombs hit the target.

The 99th's statistical report further stated that 162 bombs were dropped by the group, but "...[M]ost fell wide of the target. Some hit marshaling yard. One near miss over Traun River probably caused some damage."

Mission 228 against the Hermann Göring Tank Factory ended when the American bomber fleet landed back at its base in Italy in the early afternoon. Aircraft Number 209 with Sergeant Gill on board touched down at 1420 hours.

The next mission flown by the same crew, this time in Aircraft Number 32016 on July 30, was against a target of lesser significance than the Hermann Göring Tank Factory, the railroad marshaling yards at Brod, Yugoslavia.

This aerial episode now comes full circle. An incidental encounter with John W. Gill, the landlord of my apartment in Washington, DC, reveals that he was a tail gunner in a B-17 during World War II flying out of Italy. Any connection to the encounter with a lecture I gave fourteen years prior in Linz, at which the question, "Why bombs over Linz," was asked is not made at the time. A trip to the National Archives and the chance examination of B-17 missions flown by Sergeant Gill's squadron reveals that on July 25, 1944, his aircraft dropped bombs in the target area of Linz. The bombs dropped by his squadron landed all over the place, doubtfully on target.



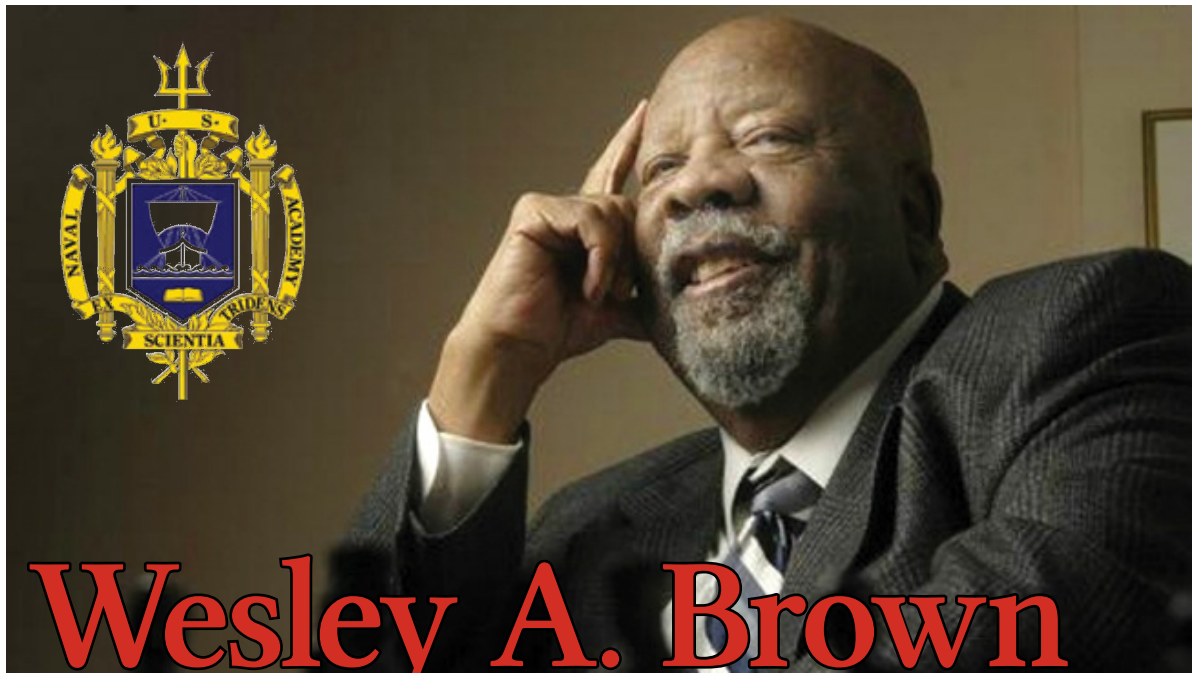
**Germany's Minister of Armaments and War Production Albert Speer (far right) with forced labor prisoners of the Mauthausen Concentration Camp at Reichswerke AG "Hermann Göring" Linz.**

If the bombs did not hit the target because it was obscured by smoke from a smoke screen and smoke raised by other bombers, which preceded the attack by the 99th Bombardment Groups' 347th Bombardment Squadron, where did the bombs land? A plausible answer to the Austrian citizen's question as to why Linz was bombed now appears quite obvious. Because the Hermann Göring Tank Works lay adjacent to the city of Linz proper, it was almost inevitable that if the bombs missed the factory complex itself they would land in many different places. Most assuredly at least some would fall within the Linz city limits. John W. Gill, as tail gunner on Aircraft Number 209, was in a good position to confirm how imprecise the American bombing was in trying to destroy a prime enemy target.

Brigadier General Holbrook's liberation, or capture, of Linz in the first week of 1945, and an Austrian citizen's question fifty years later, unwittingly provoked a unique quest which resulted in a plausible answer formulated more than fifteen years further on. It was also Army Air Forces Staff Sergeant John W. Gill's fate that he was an eye witness to bombs falling somewhere in the vicinity of the lucrative Hermann Göring Tank Works target. His observation gives credence to the likely reason as to why metropolitan Linz, an Austrian city in the German Third Reich, was bombed during World War II. ★



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# Wesley A. Brown



## The Nation's First Black Naval Academy Graduate

BY PAUL VITELLO; REPRINTED COURTESY OF *NEW YORK TIMES*

**WESLEY A. BROWN**, a retired Navy lieutenant commander who endured intense racial hazing to become the first black graduate of the United States Naval Academy, died Tuesday [22 May 2012] in Silver Spring, MD. He was 85.

Mr. Brown, who entered the academy in 1945 and graduated in 1949, was the sixth black man admitted in the 100-year history of the Annapolis military college but the first to withstand the kind of hazing that had forced the others to leave within a year, according to Navy historians.

White cadets refused to sit next to Mr. Brown, racial epithets were whispered behind his back, and fellow plebes barred him from joining the

choir — all of it mixed with and hidden behind a torrent of regular hazing that underclassmen were expected to bear. He told interviewers that not a day passed when he did not consider quitting.

But unlike his predecessors, he said, Mr. Brown had the support of a handful of fellow cadets, who were friendly to him despite receiving threats from hostile classmates, and from the academy commandant, who intervened to protect him from excessive harassment. “If not for that, I’m not sure I would have made it,” Mr. Brown told an interviewer.

One cadet who visited his dorm room to talk and encouraged him to “hang in there,” Mr. Brown said, was Jimmy Carter, the future president, who was then an upperclassman and fellow member of the academy’s cross-country team. In a speech last year at a Naval Academy event, Mr. Carter recalled Cadet Brown as part of “my first personal experience with total integration.”

“A few members of my senior class attempted to find ways to give him demerits so that he would be discharged,” Mr. Carter said, “but Brown’s good performance prevailed.”

Blacks had served in the American armed forces since the Revolution. But for the most part they remained in segregated units until 1948, when President Harry S. Truman ordered the integration of the services. Attempts to integrate the academies, beginning after the Civil War, had met intense resistance. Only half-dozen blacks had graduated from West Point, for instance, by the time Mr. Brown decided to seek a commission

**Midshipman Wesley A. Brown, circa 1949. He graduated in that year from the U.S. Naval Academy.**

Courtesy of the U.S. Naval History & Heritage Command Photograph.

**Reunion of early African-American U.S. Navy Officers on board USS Kidd (DDG-993) in April 1982.**

**They are (seated, L-R): Jesse W. Arbor; Dalton L. Baugh; William S. White; Samuel E. Barnes; (standing, L-R): George C. Cooper; James E. Hare; John W. Reagan; Graham E. Martin; Wesley A. Brown; Frank E. Sublett. Brown was the first African-American graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. The others were members of "the Golden Thirteen", the first African-American Navy officers, who were commissioned in 1944.**

Courtesy of Surface Warfare Magazine, 1982.  
U.S. Naval Historical Center Photograph.



as the first black graduate of the naval academy.

Mr. Brown's career as a naval cadet was widely covered in both black newspapers and mainstream ones. When he graduated, he told *The New York Times* that he had "really enjoyed" his four years as a midshipman — except for the publicity, which he called "a bad angle."

"I feel it is unfortunate the American people have not matured enough to accept an individual on the basis of his ability and not regard a person as an oddity because of his color," he said. "My class standing shows that around here, I am an average Joe." He was ranked 370th in a class of 790.

He first publicly discussed his hazing with the Navy historian Robert J. Schneller, Jr., who interviewed him for his 2005 book, "Breaking the Color Barrier: The U.S. Naval Academy's First Black Midshipmen and the Struggle for Racial Equality." In an interview on Thursday, Mr. Schneller expanded on Mr. Brown's version of why he made it through four years when others had not.

"He made it because he was a gentle guy, and a hard worker, who came from a community where

they taught their children not to believe the bull white people gave them about the black man's 'limited abilities' — who taught them that they could do what they wanted," Mr. Schneller said.

Wesley Anthony Brown was born in Washington on April 3, 1927, the only child of William and Rosetta Brown. His father drove a truck for a produce market, and his mother worked in a laundry. During most of Mr. Brown's childhood the family shared a large house near Logan Circle, owned by his grandmother Katie Shepherd, with many other relatives.

Mr. Brown became active in the neighborhood church, a nexus for community activists. He recommended Mr. Brown to the Harlem congressman Adam Clayton Powell Jr., who wanted to appoint a black candidate for the naval academy.

As a Navy civil engineer, Mr. Brown served in the Korean and Vietnam Wars and worked on Navy construction projects around the world before retiring in 1969. He was a facilities manager and planner at Howard University in Washington until 1988.

In 2008, the Naval Academy dedicated a new facility for athletic programs, the Wesley Brown Field House. The \$25 million structure was built with many innovative features, academy officials said, including a skin-like shell made from blast-proof glass.

Throughout his life Mr. Brown loyally attended class reunions. In a 2006 interview with *The Baltimore Sun*, he described former classmates who sometimes approached him. "They'll say, 'I was very mean and ugly to you when you were a midshipman,'" he said. "Lots of times I'll say, 'I don't remember you and don't remember you doing anything like that, so forget it.'"

He added: "You remember the good stuff. A lot of the bad stuff—I can't relate to it." ★



**Chief of Naval Operations ADM Jonathan W. Greenert, USN, right, welcomes retired Lt Cmdr Wesley Brown to the historic Tingey House at the Washington Navy Yard in Washington. Brown was the first African American to graduate from the US Naval Academy.**

Photo by Spc. 1st Class Peter D. Lawlor

## Commander-In-Chief

DEAR COMPANIONS –

This report summarizes my tour of duty as Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the World Wars. It was an amazing year. I will highlight Companions who have stood out in their work for the Order. I will also emphasize events forever embedded in my memory. Most important, I admire all Companions for their continuing dedication.

Why does the MOWW mean so much to me? Servicemen and women are my heroes. Their tradition of continuing to transmit American ideals to generation after generation upon leaving active duty proves they are twice a citizen. The dedicated work of our Youth Leadership Conferences has insured that our Constitution lives and breathes in the hearts and minds of American youth. I commend COL Dick Minor (Chair, Patriotic Education Committee), his committee and the YLC directors for their tireless work.

This was an exciting year for the EXCOM. We may not realize just how much we accomplished, so let me share several milestones. The change of command at Bozeman changed my life. The enormity of the responsibility vested in the EXCOM was evident almost immediately. With unspeakable good fortune I inherited a Chief of Staff, Brig Gen Art Morrill, and an Executive Committee graced with talent. Evidence of their skills soon became apparent; we bonded in the spirit of service.



The EXCOM and I were tested when tasked with co-hosting with the Veterans Administration the national Veterans Day observances on 11.11.11. With consummate skill, LTC John Hollywood, General Morrill, LTC Ruth Hamilton and many other great Companions collaborated on one of the most successful National Veterans Day Receptions to date following the observances at Arlington National Cemetery. We had to split the MG Meade Chapter forces so that our time-honored tradition of sponsoring the General of the Armies John J. Pershing Memorial Service at Arlington could continue

without interruption. PCINCs Rice and Shehab led with their usual excellence. The EXCOM executed flawlessly at the reception—with the highlight of the event being the visit of Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki and Mrs. Shinseki. I cannot forget that day or why the MOWW shines so brightly among the many Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) of our great nation.

The EXCOM devoted a significant effort to improving communications, guidance and an enhanced chapter focus in the command structure this past year. Pledging to lead this effort, I want to acknowledge with appreciation the efforts of LTC Michael Wilgen, Chair of the Council of Region Commanders. His work leading the development of the various commander checklists—which are on the MOWW website and are

great sources of information for all Companions—was brilliant. The Chief of Staff contributed to this effort by introducing the “Chief’s Notes” which are published in the *Officer Review* magazine, and developing the “Chapter Planning Guide,” which is also on the MOWW website. Helping chapter commanders was our goal—and that goal guided all our efforts. Undertaking a giant task, General Morrill, with assistance from the EXCOM, committee chairs, and a number of other Companions, published a totally-revised *Policy Manual* to replace the outdated Handbook. Simplification and rebalancing the information was the goal. Well done to all who assisted in this project.



Two national committees achieved notable results. First, VICINC Captain Debbie Kash led a talented team tasked with rethinking and rewriting the awards submission process. They did a superb job and the results of their complex effort will long benefit the Military Order. Companion Jo Anne Barton made concrete suggestions in this effort as the Chair, Awards Committee. Second, VCINC Captain John Hayes also chaired the Membership Committee tasked with ramping up our recruiting effort. Flag streamers will be issued to Chapters achieving modest gains in new members, which will be added to their MOWW flags. More information on this effort will be rolled out in San Diego.

Additionally, Region IV Commander John Baumgarten chaired the Financial Development Committee, and more to come in the near future about their efforts. A smart salute is offered to all Companions who wear two or more hats. CDR John Baumgarten is an excellent example. As noted, he chaired a national committee, he is the Region IV Commander and he is the Richmond Chapter Commander. His chapter strongly supported the National Reception on Veterans Day 2011—as did the Maj Gen Wade Chapter, the MG Meade Chapter, and many other Companions.

The Past CINC's deserve special mention. PCINC's Chabot, Elmer, Rice, St. Amant, Shehab, Stevens, Titus, Way and Wetzel are all active in the Order in the fullest sense of the word. I commend all of them for all that they do. I also want to thank all the Committee Chairs who served the Order so well this past year. Your efforts are much appreciated and the results you made possible helped move us all forward.



A MOWW icon retires in September 2012: Mr. Ken Staples. He has our eternal thanks for the many contributions he made to the Order throughout his distinguished MOWW career of 24 years. Mr. Ken Staples, you have the heartfelt appreciation of the entire Military Order.

Did we accomplish everything we set out to do? No, but we did accomplish a great deal! Was the experience exhilarating beyond description? Emphatically yes! Thank you for this humbling opportunity to serve.

For the good of the Order

RUSSELL C. VOWINKEL,  
CAPT, USN (Ret)  
Commander-in-Chief

# Congressman Duncan D. Hunter

*US Representative to California's 52nd Congressional District*

**CONGRESSMAN DUNCAN D. HUNTER** represents California's 52<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District consisting of East and Northern County San Diego. In 2008, Hunter was elected to his first term in the House of Representatives, succeeding his father, Duncan L. Hunter, who retired after serving 14 consecutive terms in Congress.

Congressman Hunter is a native of San Diego. He graduated from Granite Hills High School in El Cajon and earned a degree in Business Administration from San Diego State University. He worked to pay for his education by creating websites, and programming databases and ecommerce systems, for high-tech companies. Immediately after graduation, he went to work full time in San Diego as a business analyst.

Soon after our nation was attacked on September 11, 2001, Duncan Hunter quit his job and joined the United States Marine Corps. He entered active service as a Lieutenant in 2002 and excelled in the area of field artillery, much like his grandfather, Robert O. Hunter, who was a Marine Corps artillery officer in World War II.

Over the course of his service career, Congressman Hunter served three combat tours overseas: two in Iraq and one in Afghanistan. In 2003, he deployed to Iraq with the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division. He completed his second tour in 2004, where he and his fellow Marines were at the center of combat operations in Fallujah, Iraq.

In September 2005, four years after he quit his job and joined the Marine Corps, Congressman Hunter was honorably discharged from active military service and started a successful residential development company. Still a Marine Reservist, he was promoted to the rank of Captain in 2006.

Less than two years before he was elected, he was recalled to active duty and deployed to Afghanistan. He returned home after more than six months on the front lines and, with the support of the San Diego community, became the first Marine combat veteran of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan elected to Congress.

Congressman Hunter is a strong conservative who is committed to strengthening national security, enforcing our borders, creating opportunities for American workers and protecting the interests of taxpayers.

Congressman Hunter and his wife, Margaret, live in Alpine, CA. They are the proud parents of three children: Duncan, Elizabeth and Sarah.



Congressman Hunter talks with troops in Afghanistan on Memorial Day weekend

## **REP. DUNCAN D. HUNTER USMC OIF/OEF VET**

### **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

- Committee on Armed Services
  - Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces
  - Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities
- Committee on Education and the Workforce
  - Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education (Chairman)

### **AWARDS, DECORATIONS & BADGES**

- Combat Action Ribbon
- Navy Presidential Unit Citation
- National Defense Service Medal
- Afghanistan Campaign Medal
- Iraq Campaign Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Service Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- Navy Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with 2 service stars

★ Note: See the convention website for complete tour menu information.

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 Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Current Office(s) Held \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ e-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_ Special Dietary Needs? \_\_\_\_\_

### CONVENTION FEE & SCHEDULE:

*Delegate fee covers: Registration, Delegate Book, Administrative Expenses, Welcome Buffet, Awards Luncheon, Entertainment, Formal Reception and CINC's Formal Banquet. Spouse/Guest fee covers the same items as the Delegate fee, less the Delegate Book.*

- Delegate/Companion Fee On or before 15 Jun: \$240/person OR After 15 Jun: \$270/person = \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Spouse/Guest Fee On or before 15 Jun: \$225/person OR After 15 Jun: \$255/person = \$\_\_\_\_\_

### OPTIONAL EVENTS (See Tour Descriptions)

- **TOUR #1** - 30 Jul: MCAS Miramar Memorial Golf Course Number\_\_\_\_\_ x \$50 = \$\_\_\_\_\_
- **TOUR #2** - 31 Jul: Old Town Number\_\_\_\_\_ x \$44 = \$\_\_\_\_\_
- **TOUR #3** - 1 Aug: USS Midway & Cabrillo National Monument Number\_\_\_\_\_ x \$59 = \$\_\_\_\_\_
- **TOUR #4** - 1 Aug: La Jolla & Stephen Birch Aquarium Number\_\_\_\_\_ x \$59 = \$\_\_\_\_\_
- **TOUR #5** - 1 Aug: San Diego Zoo Number\_\_\_\_\_ x \$73 = \$\_\_\_\_\_
- **TOUR #6** - 2 Aug: Queen Victoria High Tea Number\_\_\_\_\_ x \$49 = \$\_\_\_\_\_
- **TOUR #7** - 3 Aug: Harbor Dinner Cruise Number\_\_\_\_\_ x \$84 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Indicate choice and number of entrées: Chicken\_\_\_\_\_ Meat\_\_\_\_\_ Fish\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian\_\_\_\_\_.

- **TOUR #8** - 4 Aug: Hotel del Coronado & Seaport Village Number\_\_\_\_\_ x \$29 = \$\_\_\_\_\_
- **TOUR #9** - 4 Aug: La Jolla & Stephen Birch Aquarium Number\_\_\_\_\_ x \$59 = \$\_\_\_\_\_
- **TOUR #10**-5 Aug : Viejas Indian Casino & Company Stores Number\_\_\_\_\_ x \$29 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**1. Hotel Reservations:** <http://2012.sandiego-MOWW.org> (or call: 800-992-1441)

Request IN-HOUSE RESERVATIONS and mention "The Military Order of the World Wars."

**Hotel Rates:** The \$109/night group rate is good from 27 July through 8 August 2012.

The cut-off date for the group rate reservation is Sunday, 30 June, 5:00 PM PST.

**2. Make Registration Check Payable To:** MOWW NC 2012 (Make a copy for your records).

**3. Mail Check & Completed Registration Form To:** CAPT Dave Dahmen, 5902 Rocky View Ct., Bonita, CA 91902

**Registration Questions:** COL Jerry Webb @ 619-934-7614 or [gewebb01@att.net](mailto:gewebb01@att.net)

**All Other Questions:** Col Clark Kholos @ 858-361-8432 or [cjkholos@msn.com](mailto:cjkholos@msn.com)

**4. Hann-Buswell Chapter Dinner (Thursday, 2 Aug):** Attending chapter Companions and prospective members must RSVP to: CWO4 Allan Peschek @ 253-752-4944 or [allanpeschek@comcast.net](mailto:allanpeschek@comcast.net), or COL Bri Chabot @ 256-461-0612 or [bchabot@knology.net](mailto:bchabot@knology.net)

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## PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

### MONDAY, 30 JULY 2012

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ATTENDEES</u>
TBD-TBD	All meals at leisure	As desired	All Conferees
0800-TBD	Tour 1: MCAS Miramar Memorial Golf Club (0900 Tee-Off)	MCAS MMGC	All (OPTIONAL)

### TUESDAY, 31 JULY 2012

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ATTENDEES</u>
TBD-TBD	Breakfast at leisure	As desired	All Conferees
0800-0950	PRE-CONVENTION EXCOM MEETING (END-OF-TERM REVIEW)	PALM B (HOLLOW SQUARE-30)	EXCOM MBRS
1000-1150	BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING	PALM A (HOLLOW SQUARE-30)	CMTE MBRS
1200-1250	Lunch at leisure	As desired	All Conferees
1300-1350	BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT): 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR REVIEW	PALM A (HOLLOW SQUARE-26)	BOARD MBRS
1300-1650	YOUTH ENRICHMENT FOUNDATION (YEF) BOARD MEETING	PALM B (HOLLOW SQUARE-30)	BOARD MBRS
1300-1350	CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CMTE (SUBJ: AMENDMENT FLOOR MGT)	PALM C (HOLLOW SQUARE-26)	CMTE MBRS
1400-1550	COUNCIL OF REGION COMMANDERS (CRC) MEETING	PALM C (HOLLOW SQUARE-30)	COUNCIL MBRS
1700-TBD	Dinner at leisure (DRESS: CASUAL)	As desired	All Conferees
1700-TBD	Tour 2: Old Town, Casa Guadalajara (w/dinner)		All (OPTIONAL)

### WEDNESDAY, 1 AUGUST 2012

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ATTENDEES</u>
TBD-TBD	Breakfast at leisure	As desired	All Conferees
0900-1500	Tour 3: USS Midway/Cabrillo National Monument/Phil's BBQ (lunch)		All (OPTIONAL)
0900-1500	Tour 4: La Jolla/Mt Soledad/Birch Aquarium/Bali Hai (lunch)		All (OPTIONAL)
0900-1500	Tour 5: San Diego Zoo/Jasmine's Chinese Rest (Dim Sum lunch)		All (OPTIONAL)
TBD-TBD	Lunch at leisure	As desired	All Conferees
1500-1650	PATRIOTIC EDUCATION, INC., (PEI) MEETING	PALM A (HOLLOW SQUARE-30)	PEI MBRS
1900-2100	CINC's WELCOME BUFFET (DRESS: CASUAL) * WELCOME BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTI EMERALD. INCLUDES GOLF AWARD PRESENTATIONS	PAVILION A-B (ROUNDS-300)	ALL CONFEREES

## CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

### THURSDAY, 2 AUGUST 2012

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ATTENDEES</u>
TBD-0755	Breakfast at leisure	As desired	All Conferees
0700-0850	COUNCIL OF PAST CINCS (CPC) MEETING (WORKING BREAKFAST)	PALM C (CONFERENCE-26)	CPC MBR/GUEST
0800-1050	PATRIOTIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE (PEC) PROGRAM REVIEW	PAVILION A (CLASSROOM-150)	YLC DIR & STAFF
0800-0850	SEMINAR HOMELAND SECURITY	PALM A-B (CLASSROOM-80)	ALL CONFEREES
0900-0950	POLICY-PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING (PLANNING SESSION)	PALM C (CONFERENCE-26)	CMTE MBRS
0900-1050	SEMINAR CHAPTER OPERATIONS	PAVILION B (CLASSROOM-150)	ALL CONFEREES
1000-1050	SEMINAR LAW & ORDER	PALM A-B (CLASSROOM-80)	ALL CONFEREES
1100-1150	SEMINAR FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT	PALM C (CONFERENCE-26)	ALL CONFEREES
1100-1150	HANN-BUSWELL MEMORIAL CHAPTER MEETING	PAVILION B (CLASSROOM-150)	CHAPTER MBRS
1200-1250	Lunch at leisure	As desired	All Conferees
1200-1600	Tour 6: Queen Victoria High Tea		Spouses/Guests
1300-1350	SEMINAR NATIONAL SECURITY	PALM B (CLASSROOM-26)	ALL CONFEREES
1300-1330	TELLER ORIENTATION	PALM A (CLASSROOM-40)	TELLERS
1300-1450	NATIONAL CANDIDATE PRESENTATIONS AND AUDIENCE Q&A	PAVILION A (CLASSROOM-150)	ALL CONFEREES

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### THURSDAY, 2 AUGUST 2012

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ATTENDEES</u>
1500-1650	TELLER SUPPORT MEETING (NOMINATING COMMITTEE SUPPORT)	PALM A (CLASSROOM-26)	TELLERS
1500-1650	NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING	PAVILION B (CLASSROOM-150)	NOM CMTE & DELEG
1700-TBD	Dinner at leisure	As desired	All Conferees
1800-2100	Hann-Buswell Chapter Dinner (DRESS: MESS DRESS/TUXEDO) * <b>SPEAKER: DR. RICHARD LEDERER</b>	Palm A-B (ROUND-100)	H-B Mbrs/Guests

### FRIDAY, 3 AUGUST 2012

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ATTENDEES</u>
TBD-0755	Breakfast at leisure	As desired	All Conferees
0800-0820	OPENING CEREMONY, 2012 NATIONAL CONVENTION	PALM CNF CTR (CLASS-300)	ALL CONFEREES
0830-1130	1ST NATIONAL CONVENTION SESSION	PALM CNF CTR (CLASS-300)	ALL CONFEREES
1200-1445	MOWW AWARDS LUNCHEON & NATIONAL SECURITY SPEAKER * <b>SPEAKER: COL LUTHER R. LLOYD: "THE ISLAM YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND"</b>	PAVILION A (ROUNDS-300)	ALL CONFEREES
1500-1650	<b>SEMINAR</b> MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING & RETENTION	PALM A-C (CLASSROOM-120)	ALL CONFEREES
1700-TBD	Dinner at leisure	As desired	All Conferees
1800-TBD	Tour 7: San Diego Harbor Dinner Cruise (DRESS: CASUAL)		All (OPTIONAL)

### SATURDAY, 4 AUGUST 2012

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ATTENDEES</u>
TBD-0715	Breakfast at leisure	As desired	All Conferees
0730-0850	MEMORIAL SERVICE	MONTGOMERY THTR (102)	ALL CONFEREES
0900-1050	2ND NATIONAL CONVENTION SESSION	PALM CNF CTR (CLASS-300)	ALL CONFEREES
1100-1150	POST-CONVENTION GENERAL STAFF MEETING	PALM CNF CTR (CLASS-300)	GEN STAFF MBRS
0090-1500	TOUR 8: HOTEL DEL CORONADO/BALBOA PARK/SEAPORT VILLAGE (LUNCH)		SPOUSES/GUESTS
0900-1500	Tour 9: La Jolla/Mt Soledad/Birch Aquarium/Hamm's Lighthouse (lunch)		Spouses/Guests
1200-1250	Lunch at leisure	As desired	All Conferees
1300-1350	<b>SEMINAR</b> RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS (SROTC & JROTC)	PALM A (CLASSROOM-40)	ALL CONFEREES
1400-1450	<b>SEMINAR</b> BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA & GIRL SCOUTS OF THE USA	PALM B (CLASSROOM-40)	ALL CONFEREES
1400-1550	<b>SEMINAR</b> CHAPTER ACTIVITIES & AWARDS	PAVILION A (CLASSROOM-150)	ALL CONFEREES
1500-1550	<b>SEMINAR</b> INFORMATION & PUBLICITY	PALM C (CLASSROOM-40)	ALL CONFEREES
1600-1650	NON-DENOMINATIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE (w/CHAPLAIN GENERAL)	MONTGOMERY THTR (102)	ALL (OPTIONAL)
1800-1850	CINC'S FORMAL RECEPTION (DRESS: MESS DRESS/TUXEDO)	PALM A-D (RECEPTION-350)	ALL CONFEREES
1900-2100	MOWW FORMAL BANQUET (DRESS: MESS DRESS/TUXEDO) * <b>NATIONAL OATHS OF OFFICE, DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER &amp; DSA PRESENTATION</b>	PAVILION A (ROUNDS-300)	ALL CONFEREES

### POST-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

### SUNDAY, 5 AUGUST 2012

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ATTENDEES</u>
0800-0950	POST-CONVENTION EXCOM MEETING (DRESS: CASUAL)	PALM B (HOLLOW SQUARE-30)	EXCOM MBRS
0800-0950	EXCOM SPOUSE BREAKFAST	PALM A (HOLLOW SQUARE-30)	EXCOM SPOUSES
0900-1400	Tour 10: Viejas Indian Casino & Company Stores (lunch)	San Diego	All (OPTIONAL)
TBD	Departure as desired	As Required	All Conferees

NOTE 1: From 31 Jul - 4 Aug, Registration Desk open 0900-1700, Convention (Columbia) Room open 0900-1700, Hospitality Lounge open 0900-1600.

NOTE 2: Other meetings may be scheduled off-line by Companions as Convention events permit.

NOTE 3: Chapter Commanders and Adjutants are especially encouraged to attend all sessions indicated by **Seminar** boxes.

★ Note: See the convention website for complete tour venue information.

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Make Hotel Reservations:

<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/book/2012moww> (or call: 800-992-1441)

Make Convention & Tour Registration Check Payable To: **MOWW NC 2012**

Mail Check & Completed Registration Form To:

**CAPT Dave Dahmen, 5902 Rocky View Ct., Bonita, CA 91902**

## TOUR #1: MCAS MIRAMAR MEMORIAL GOLF COURSE

Price: \$50/Person (includes cart)



**When: Mon, 30 Jul 12, 0900 Tee-Off**

Activities: The Miramar golf course is one of the best military courses in San Diego. Transportation will be provided by the Four Points shuttle for those needing transportation.

★ *NOTE: Cart fee included. Breakfast, lunch & beverages are self-pay. POC: Darryl Peralt @ [peraltadarryl@att.net](mailto:peraltadarryl@att.net)*

## TOUR #2: OLD TOWN

Price: \$44/Person (price includes dinner at Casa de Guadalajara)



**When: Tue, 31 Jul 12, 1700-2000**

Activities: Dinner is at Casa Guadalajara, the site of the first San Diego Mission (1769), which captures the "spirit" of Mexico at its best. The adjacent colorful Bazaar del Mundo has authentic and eclectic folk art, fashion, gifts and more. The group will have a chance to walk through Historic Old Town and visit buildings comprising part of the California State Park System.

★ *NOTE: Price includes transportation, meal, tax and tip. Dinner will include one of four choices, a beverage and dessert*

## TOUR #3: USS MIDWAY & CABRILLO NATIONAL MONUMENT

Price: \$59/Person (price includes admission to USS Midway, lunch, Cabrillo National Park)



**When: Wed, 1 Aug 12, 0930-1530**

Activities: The USS Midway, with more than 25 restored aircraft, holds the distinct honor of being the most visited retired naval ship museum in the world. It is handicap accessible with elevators and benches throughout. Lunch is at Phil's Barbecue, profiled on "Man vs. Food." The tour continues to the Cabrillo National Monument where, in 1542, Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo landed on what is now the west coast of the United States. There will be time to tour the lighthouse, museum, take photos of the Pacific coastline and enjoy the view of San Diego Bay.

★ *NOTE: Price includes transportation, admission to sites, meal, tax and tip*

## TOURS #4 & #9: LA JOLLA & STEPHEN BIRCH AQUARIUM

Price: \$59/Person (price includes La Jolla bus tour, lunch, admission to aquarium)



**When: Wed, 1 Aug 12, 0900-1500 (lunch @ Bali Hai) OR  
Sat, 4 Aug 12, 0900-1500 (lunch @ Ham's Lighthouse)**

Activities: The tour begins in La Jolla at Mount Soledad, with a panoramic view from the Veterans Memorial. It continues along the coast, to include going through downtown La Jolla to the Scripps Birch Aquarium. Lunch will be a private buffet (including dessert and beverage) at the Bali Hai (Wed) or Tom Ham's (Sat). Both overlook San Diego harbor.

★ *NOTE: Price includes transportation, meal, tax and tip*

★ Note: See the convention website for complete tour venue information.

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## TOUR #5: SAN DIEGO ZOO

Price: \$73/Person (includes zoo admission, bus tour, sky tram gondola and lunch)



When: Wed, 1 Aug 12, 0900-1500

Activities: The San Diego Zoo is part of the Zoological Society, known for its conservation and preservation programs. The beautifully landscaped grounds are home to more than 4,000 animals, including giant pandas, polar bears and koalas. The newest exhibit is the Elephant Odyssey; the tour includes a narrated tour on a double decker. The sky tram gondola provides an expansive view of the entire park. Lunch will be Chinese dim sum at Jasmine's restaurant, with an assortment to be enjoyed—along with tea and dessert.

★ NOTE: Price includes transportation, zoo admission, meal, tax and tip

## TOUR #6: QUEEN VICTORIA HIGH TEA

Price: \$49/Person (high tea with extensive Queen Victoria menu)



When: Thurs, 2 Aug 12, 1100-1500

Activities: Enjoy a leisurely, full high tea—from soup to dessert, with delicacies in between, served in a relaxed and opulent atmosphere. There will be an opportunity to shop for tea-related items in the gift shop, as well as walk along the main shopping area in La Mesa. The tour is limited; sign up early to secure your place.

★ NOTE: Price includes transportation, meal, tax and tip

## TOUR #7: HARBOR DINNER CRUISE

Price: \$84/Person (cruise and dinner)



When: Fri, 3 Aug 12, 1800-2230

Activities: This three-hour cruise begins with a boarding glass of champagne or sparkling cider, followed by dinner. Dinner is served at your table with a choice of chicken, meat, fish or vegetarian entrées.

★ NOTE: Indicate your choice on your registration form.

Price includes: transportation, meal, tax and tip

## TOUR #8: HOTEL DEL CORONADO & SEAPORT VILLAGE

Price: \$29/Person (bus ride)



When: Sat, 4 Aug 12, 0900-1500

Activities: The tour includes time to explore the "Hotel del," as it is affectionately known by locals. Built in 1888, it was the first hotel outfitted with electric lights—personally overseen by Thomas Edison. The hotel is on the national historic registry and offers glimpses into a past era, some of which is depicted in its extensive photo gallery. The adjacent beach, known as the Silver Strand, is perfect for a stroll before continuing to Seaport Village. Seaport Village offers touristy shops and numerous eateries.

★ NOTE: Price includes transportation only

## TOUR #10: VIEJAS INDIAN CASINO & COMPANY STORES

Price: \$29/Person (bus ride)



When: Sun, 5 Aug 12, 1100-2100

Activities: Viejas is the location of one of San Diego's Indian casinos and outlet malls. The casino and shops are located 30 miles southeast of the hotel in the foothills of Alpine, CA.

★ NOTE: Price includes transportation only. Meals are on your own

# National Officer Candidates<sup>1</sup>

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

## Commander-in-Chief [1 POSITION]

VCINC LTC Gary O. Engen, USA (Ret)

## Senior Vice CINC [1 POSITION]

VCINC Capt Deborah A. Kash, USAF (Ret)

## Vice CINC [4 POSITIONS]

Region IV Cmdr CDR John Baumgarten, USN (Ret)<sup>2</sup>

GSO LTC Ruth L. Hamilton, USA (Ret)<sup>2</sup>

VCINC Capt John M. Hayes, USAF (Fmr)

TG LTC John H. Hollywood, USA (Ret)<sup>2</sup>

Open – TBD

Open – TBD

## Treasurer General [1 POSITION]

CDR Robert F. Hartman III, USN (Ret)

## Judge Advocate General [1 POSITION]

JAG COL Earle F. Lasseter, USA (Ret)

## Surgeon General [1 POSITION]

SG CPT Robert E. Mallin, MD, USA (Fmr)

## Chaplain General [1 POSITION]

CH CAPT Theodore O. Atwood, Jr., USN (Ret)

## Historian General [1 POSITION]

HG CWO4 Allan R. Peschek, USN (Ret)

## GSO-at-Large [5 POSITIONS]

LtCol William G. Byrne, Jr., USMC (Ret)

LTC Wayman J. Johnson, USA (Ret)

COL Clay C. LeGrande, Jr., USA (Ret)

COL Richard E. Minor, USA (Ret)

LTC William Rapp, USA (Ret)

**Note 1:** The above list of declared candidates for national office does not preclude individual candidates from being nominated from the floor during the Nominating Committee process or from being nominated from the National Convention floor.

**Note 2:** Two (2) or more VCINC candidates from any given region must undergo a run-off election.



## Constitutional Extract

### MOWW Constitution, Article V (Officers),

Section 2 (Selecting National Officers)

- a. The National Convention shall elect the following officers each year. Each of the following National Officers shall hold office for one year or until his successor has been duly elected and qualified. Members already properly designated as Emeritus members of the General Staff shall not be eligible for election as General Staff Members-at-Large:
  - 1) Commander-in-Chief
  - 2) Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief
  - 3) **Vice Commanders-in-Chief (four each, with no two of whom coming from any one region)**
  - 4) Treasurer General
  - 5) Judge Advocate General
  - 6) Surgeon General
  - 7) Chaplain General
  - 8) Historian General
  - 9) General Staff Members-at-Large (five (5) of the ten (10) members)
- b. The Commander-in-Chief shall appoint five (5) of the ten (10) General Staff Members-at-Large.
- c. The members of the Board of Trustees of the funds of the Order shall be elected to three (3)-year terms by the General Staff at the Post-Convention Meeting of the General Staff, with one member being nominated by the Commander-in-Chief and elected by the General Staff in each year. In addition, one of the three members of the Board of Trustees should be nominated by the Commander-in-Chief and elected by the General Staff to be Chair of the Board of Trustees for the following year.
- d. The newly-elected Commander-in-Chief (CINC) shall nominate to the General Staff, at the post-convention meeting of the General Staff, candidates for the positions listed below. These officers shall be elected each year by the General Staff at its annual Post-Convention meeting and shall serve until the following National Convention.
  - 1) Assistant Treasurer General
  - 2) Assistant Judge Advocate General
  - 3) Assistant Surgeon General
  - 4) Assistant Chaplain General
  - 5) Assistant Historian General

# A Change in Perspective

## *A Brief Reflection*

KEEGAN HERSCHEL WRITES ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCE AT THE AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE FOUNDATION OF COLONIAL VIRGINIA

The American Independence Foundation of Colonial Virginia (AIFCV) has given to me a new understanding of words such as leadership, citizenship and being part of a community. The Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) that I attended was both an unforgettable and enlightening experience from which new knowledge came forth. I, along with every student at the conference, now understand that a great deal of community service is done without thanks, leaving nothing to the good-doer other than a finished job.

Fortunately, the students at the YLC and I were able to give those who volunteered at it a proper thanks, and appreciation for their time spent to help us learn. I now know that community service is something that does not require thanks—only an appreciation for a job well done and a willingness to help. However, it is also good to thank those who do community service to show them that they have done a completely unselfish act of good—if for no other reason than just to see the smile on their faces.

Any person who performs community service is a true citizen, because they are willing to help other citizens or help their community prosper in some way. A good citizen helps without question and wants nothing in return; he or she simply helps the community because it is the right thing to do. At the YLC, I learned this not only through the volunteers that came to teach and feed us, but through the way they always did it with a smile on their face, happy to answer questions or

simply help with making second helpings.

With this new realization, I have changed my perspective of the idea of myself committing to community service. Before, I actually thought of it as more of a chore that could help get into college, but now I realize that there is more to it than simply working. To help one's community is typically used as a punishment, which I both find strange and oddly enough, fitting. The simple acts of cleaning up trash in a public center, helping the elderly, volunteering at nonprofit organizations, along with other acts of community service all allow the person who did the work to reflect on what they have done. One could look upon the now spotless park or the happy face of an elderly patient, or get a pat on the back from other volunteers. The person realizes that they have had an impact on someone in (or a part of) their community. It imparts a feeling of accomplishment and a willingness to continue to be an active part of their community.

I now understand that the importance of community service is not simply that there are chores that need to be completed around town; instead, it is that whenever someone completes community service, it is always beneficial to those in the community. This would be why many colleges look for people with many hours of it because it shows that the person wants to genuinely help all the people that are around them, even if they have never met each other. I now want to be a part of my community and be a good citizen by committing time to community service, simply because it is the right thing to do.

# MOWW || Opinion

## America's Youth Are Doing All Right, But...

COL RICHARD E MINOR, USA (RET)  
CHAIR, PATRIOTIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE (PEC)

This article is written not only for our YLC Directors, but it is also offered to help Companions at all levels understand what the Patriotic Education Program (PEP) is intended to do. Those involved in the PEP challenge all Companions to check our “PEP Goals” in the *MOWW Strategic Plan*. This plan is located on MOWW’s website (see [www.militaryorder.net](http://www.militaryorder.net)). Start now—by improving what you already do, by establishing new goals and by helping others meet our Order’s goals and objectives. Chapter Commanders: ask for help with your PE program!

Now to the subject at hand: the future of leadership in America. Our youth are doing quite well under adverse conditions. Just look at our YLC graduates! We need to give them a lot of credit as they are combating a limited public education system that generally neglects a civics curriculum and is behind many others nations in mathematics, science, etc.

International studies—such as the “Programme for International Student Assessment” (PISA)—rate the US notably below many other nations in the overall education that is the necessary preparation for a successful career. The “No Child Left Behind” Act requires testing of only a portion of the total curriculum. On the hopeful side, there are programs in a few states that include civics testing. This inclusion would require educational organizations to prepare students for that testing as well preparing teachers. Parents are also combating the problem

with a surge in home schooling and school choice programs.



There are many schools—some in the public system but others that are charter, parochial and private schools—that are providing minimal civics instruction. The public school system generally only requires one course in the 8th and 12th grades. However, without required testing, this necessary portion of a student’s overall education is sorely neglected.

Some outside the education system are helping, just as we are. We give credit to these other organizations/programs which are providing at least some civics education, e.g., Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) Seminars; National Sojourners, Inc; JROTC/ ROTC; Boy and Girl Scouts; Joe Foss Program; American Legion; and Project ChalleNGe.

The ideal curriculum for MOWW’s Youth Leadership Conferences (YLCs) incorporates 50% Leadership and 50% Civics. Civics programs should be particularly focused on “Patriotism,” and also include “US History and Government,” the “US Constitution” (30%), and the “Free Enterprise System” (20%).

It is obvious we need to continue to help the youth of our Nation! We can do this by reviewing the sufficiency of each of our YLC programs and ensuring we are adequately emphasizing the civics portion of our curriculum. There is no question (from my experience with

**Mock Trials, which use real judges in combination with active student participation (as lawyers, jury, etc.), allow YLC students valuable insight into the judicial system.**

Source: Photo from a Huntsville, AL, YLC).



## An International Education Test

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development has released the results of its 2009 PISA (Program for International Student Assessment) test of 15-year-old students in 65 countries. In the Math and Science tests, all participating regions of China outperformed the United States.

SCIENCE	PISA SCORE	READING	PISA SCORE	MATH	PISA SCORE
Shanghai, China*	575	Shanghai, China	556	Shanghai, China	600
Finland	554	Korea	539	Singapore	562
Hong Kong, China	549	Finland	536	Hong Kong, China	555
Singapore	542	Hong Kong, China	533	Korea	546
Japan	539	Singapore	526	Taiwan	543
Korea	538	Canada	524	Finland	541
New Zealand	532	New Zealand	521	Liechtenstein	536
Canada	529	Japan	520	Switzerland	534
Estonia	528	Australia	515	Japan	529
Australia	527	Netherlands	508	Canada	527
Netherlands	522	Belgium	506	Netherlands	526
Taiwan	520	Norway	503	Macao, China	525
Germany	520	Estonia	501	New Zealand	519
Liechtenstein	520	Switzerland	501	Belgium	515
Switzerland	517	Poland	500	Australia	514
Britain	514	Iceland	500	Germany	513
Slovenia	512	United States	500	Estonia	512
Macao, China	511	Liechtenstein	499	Iceland	507
Poland	508	Sweden	497	Denmark	503
Ireland	508	Germany	497	Slovenia	501
Belgium	507	Ireland	496	Norway	498
Hungary	503	France	496	France	497
United States	502	Taiwan	495	Slovakia	497
AVERAGE SCORE	501	Denmark	495	AVERAGE SCORE	497
Czech Republic	500	Britain	494	Austria	496
Norway	500	Hungary	494	Poland	495
Denmark	499	AVERAGE SCORE	494	Sweden	494
France	498	Portugal	489	Czech Republic	493
Iceland	496	Macao, China	487	Britain	492
Sweden	495	Italy	486	Hungary	490
Austria	494	Latvia	484	Luxembourg	489
Latvia	494	Slovenia	483	United States	487
Portugal	493	Greece	483	Ireland	487

\*In the study, China was represented by the city Shanghai and by the administrative regions Hong Kong and Macao.

**“The Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) is a worldwide study by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in member and non-member nations of 15-year-old school pupils’ scholastic performance on mathematics, science, and reading. It was first performed in 2000, then repeated every three years. It is done with a view toward improving educational policies and outcomes. The data has increasingly been used both to assess the impact of educational quality on incomes and growth, and to understand what causes differences in achievement across nations. A total of 470,000 fifteen-year-old students, representing 65 nations and territories participated in PISA 2009. An additional 50,000 students representing 9 nations were tested in 2010.**

**The Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) and the Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) by the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement are similar studies.”**

Source: wikipedia

several of our YLCs), that the “Leadership” component is easily reaching the 50% goal and all of us allocate appropriate time for civics programs; however, it is imperative to review the curriculum *each year* and update it as necessary.

Our separate programs in each YLC includes a unique mix of civics and leadership and each category should be given appropriate credit. There are very few civics activities that do not include some leadership instruction (e.g., organizing and completing activities) and some leadership demonstrations by a student (e.g., accepting a leading role in a mock trial or at *reveille*).

Most of you devote a good deal of time to ensure you are following these goals. However, reviewing and possibly reallocating more credit for “leadership” in some of these areas could allow additional time in the much needed civics arena. We might even find some not-so-efficient time usage, and by improving that, be able to add more civics classes. For example, you may have opportunities on opening or closing day. By adjusting arrival time a little earlier, or departure a little later, you could add an hour or so to your academic curriculum—ideally in the civics arena.

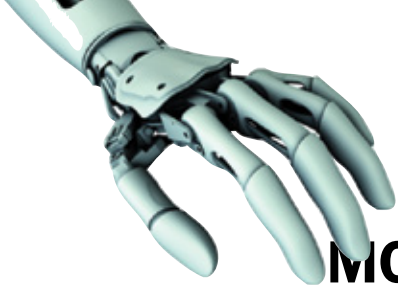
The majority of the students to whom we provide instruction are far above average. They are willing to absorb more information, particularly about necessary civics programs not taught in their own schools.

We know students want to improve their academic and leadership skills—and we must accept the challenge to do the best possible with the limited amount of precious time and money available. Commanders and Patriotic Educators—accept the challenge and lead your own organization to do *even better* than the outstanding job you are already doing. *Be that 10%! ★*



COL Richard E. “Dick” Minor, USA (Ret), served 30 years in the US Army (Artillery) in command, line and staff positions in the US, Korea, Belgium and Vietnam (combat). In MOWW, he has been a Chapter and a Department Commander, and the National Seminar Chair. He is now the Patriotic Education

Committee Chair, and has three years on the EXCOM. He holds Gold and Silver Patrick Henry Awards, and the CINC’s Award. He is in the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame and is the Director of AZYLC.



## MOWW || Surgeon's Tent

# A Chance To Cut Is A Chance To Cure

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

The old surgical saying “A chance to cut is a chance to cure” is usually thought to be a bit egotistical on the part of the surgeon. During the Civil War, it was surely true when referring to limb amputation. Before the advent of modern sterile techniques, early amputation of a shattered limb was mandatory to avoid the nearly certain infection, gangrene and possible death. Amputations were not only lifesaving; they were also the most successful type of surgery performed then. As bad as 25 percent mortality seems to us today, it was much better than the nearly 90-100 percent death rate seen in abdominal, chest or head procedures then. Rapidly, the American Civil War combat surgeon became the best in the world—as admitted by English, French and German peers.

While amputation techniques have come a long way in sterility and post-operative infection treatment, they have not changed much in terms of technique. A Minié ball-shattered limb would still likely be amputated today. The sophisticated nerve and vascular procedures of today would have been of little use when faced with powdered bones from slow projectiles. Today's projectiles are so fast that they sterilize the wounds with friction (damage results from pressure-waves to tissue), provided extraneous matter (e.g., uniform bits, bodily excreta) do not contaminate the area.

However, today's amputations have benefited from the early methods and, sadly, what was learned from the almost unlimited number of procedures done then. Trans- and post-battle, it was common for Civil War surgeons to do seven amputations an hour for prolonged periods, e.g., at Shiloh. At Shiloh, 34 Federal and Confederate surgeons combined treated 26,000 casualties. Two key improvements to the traditional procedures were found, largely by trial and error. First, the generally-used Guillotine type of amputation put a scar where the stump would interface with prosthesis. Soon a flap was developed putting the scar behind the stump and healthy soft tissue in the contact area. Second, elective amputation techniques

were developed. When considered in light of the level of an injury, even then elective amputations facilitated prosthetic use to better restore function.



**SFC Leroy Arthur Petry, USA.**  
Photo by Jane Stevens

Today's prostheses really stress function. Today, competitive runners use spring-like artificial legs. SFC Leroy A. Petry, USA, a Medal of Honor recipient, can pick up a single grain of rice with his marvelous prosthetic hand. A recent article in the *Daily Mail Online* details the regeneration of leg muscles by the

use of a hormone derived from pig bladders! This research was done at Brooke Army Hospital, TX, and shows great promise for salvaging limbs (and other muscles) that would otherwise need to be amputated.

Today's antibiotics and sterile surgical methods generally control infection. It is likely that two-thirds of the 620,000-plus Civil War deaths attributed to diseases and infection would have been markedly reduced had modern antibiotics and surgical methods been available. Then, it was common for fixed hospitals to have almost all patients in sixty-bed wards, infected with gangrene. In contrast, during my hospital training I saw only one case (in an untreated street person). In the century between the Civil War and my medical training, unbelievable advances have occurred. It will be interesting to see what advances the future brings. ★

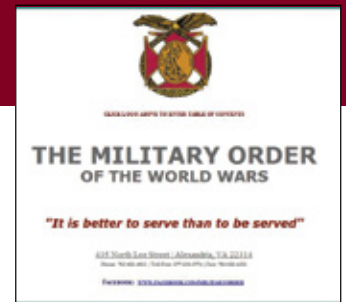


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# MOWW || Chief's Notes

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

# Using MOWW's Website



- **MOWW's website ([www.militaryorder.net](http://www.militaryorder.net)) is a treasure trove of useful information.**
- **It provides information and tools needed to support MOWW programs & activities.**
- **All Companions should review the website and become familiar with its contents.**

## MOWW Policy Manual – Updated and enhanced

- **The Policy Manual's contents are now generally oriented to MOWW's organization (e.g., Regions, Chapters) and functional areas (e.g., committees, programs, awards) to facilitate its use**
  - Example: for organization-related things, e.g., for chapter-level policies go to one chapter (Chapter 6) instead of 10 chapters (literally) as the replaced Handbook required
  - Example: for awards, go to Chapter 9 and applicable appendices
  - Example: for MOWW programs go to Chapter 10 and applicable appendices.  
To make that process easier, chapters contain references to applicable appendices

## MOWW Forms – Always available on-line

- **Forms were developed in coordination with program leads/committee chairs, and provide standardized MOWW products that can easily be printed for use**

## MOWW Catalogue Merchandise – Use website's on-line order form

- **MOWW Catalog merchandise must be ordered via website's on-line order form**

MOWW Merchandise Catalogue: <http://militaryorder.net/PDFs/2012%20Catalog.pdf>

MOWW Merchandise Order Form: <http://militaryorder.net/New%20MOWW%20Design/OrderForm.htm>

(Exception: Non-MOWW units/individuals, i.e., ROTC, JROTC, BSA & GS-USA organizations)

The image is a screenshot of a "MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM". It contains fields for "NAME", "ADDRESS", "CITY", "STATE", and "ZIP". Below these are sections for "ORGANIZATION NAME" and "BILL TO". There are also checkboxes for "BILL TO" and "BILL FROM". The form includes a table with columns for "QUANTITY", "DESCRIPTION", and "PRICE". At the bottom, there are fields for "TOTAL", "TAXES", and "TOTAL DUE".

- **To order MOWW flags, go to:**

<http://www.militaryorder.net/New%20MOWW%20Design/OrderForm.htm>

- Phone, email or fax orders cannot be accepted because they do not connect to MOWW's financial and inventory management systems

- **To order MOWW overseas caps, go to:**

<http://keystoneuniformcap.com/index.html>

- **To order MOWW scarves, go to:**

<http://www.militaryorder.net/PDFs/Updated%20PDFs/pdf.MOWW%20Scarf.pdf>

- **To order MOWW polo shirts, go to:**

<http://www.militaryorder.net/PDFs/MOWW%20Polo%20Shirt%20Order%20Form.pdf>

# MOWW || Chapters in Action



LTG JOHN M. WRIGHT, JR. (148), CALIFORNIA

## California Military Institute: “ESSAYONS!”

BY COL (DR) JERROLD L. WHEATON, USAF (RET)

The California Military Institute (CMI) began in an old post office with 57 students in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades. Many volunteers provided a helping hand. Assistance from some excellent, retired NCOs who lived in the area also contributed to CMI's early success. The school moved again as it grew, first to an old court house and finally to an old, middle school that had been abandoned. The institute later qualified for and obtained the backing of the California National Guard's "California Cadet Corps (CaCC)," a program for grades 6-12. The CaCC was established by state statute in 1911, and their motto is "ESSAYONS"—a French word meaning "Let Us Try."

At CMI, there is no such grade as a "D". One "D" and the student is placed on probation; if the grade does not come up to C, or if the student does not follow the rules, they are out and can never return. The students are proud of their scholastic achievements. They wear uniforms, either BDUs for everyday wear or Class A for special occasions. The school grew because parents realized that suddenly their child was following a schedule, studying, developing habits of neatness and showing responsibility. Word spread among the Perris Valley community, and now there is a waiting list to attend CMI. The school plans to expand to 1,175 students and is currently raising funds to build a gymnasium.

The photo shows a color guard, not unusual for a military-type school, but unusual in that this color guard consists of eighth grade students! Eight CMI cadets were selected for Governor Jerry Brown's own Honor Guard at his inauguration ceremony. To attend one of their "Pass and Reviews" you would think that you were watching a Senior ROTC unit!

# MOWW || Chapters in Action



|| AUGUSTA (168), GEORGIA

## Patriotic Academic Challenge

BY COL DONALD G. STEPHENS, USA (RET)

The winner of the Chapter's 2011-12 Patriotic Academic Challenge was the Hephzibah High School Army JROTC. The school's name will be inscribed on a plaque that rotates annually to each award winner's campus. Cadet Steven Cauthron, high-scoring member of the academic team and the commander of the Hephzibah JROTC Battalion, also displays a MOWW Certificate of Achievement. Standing proudly beside Steven is his Senior Army Instructor, Companion LTC H. Boyd Long III, USA (Ret). LTC Long, who is retiring this year, received the Outstanding Civilian Service Award for serving as Senior Army Instructor at Hephzibah High School for 17 years.



|| HAMPTON ROADS (027), VIRGINIA

## Maj Earl Johnson, USAF (Ret), Awarded the Silver Patrick Henry Medal.

BY COL WILLIAM E. TOWNSLEY, USAF (RET)

Maj Earl Johnson, USAF (Ret), was presented the Silver Patrick Henry Award for Patriotism on 16 May 12. CINC CAPT Russell R. Vowinkel, USN (Ret), pinned the Silver Patrick Henry Medal as Chapter Commander Col William Townsley, USAF (Ret), read the citation:

"Maj Earl Johnson distinguished himself as a great American patriot since becoming the Director of the Hampton Roads Military Order of the World Wars American Independence Foundation's Youth Leadership Conference Program in 2005. He volunteered for this difficult position while still working full time for the Social Security Administration. Since April 2005, Maj Johnson conducted eleven highly successful youth leadership conferences. The construction and quality of each conference improved dramatically under his leadership. He unrelentingly adhered to the principles of MOWW's patriotic goals while constantly improving the academic standards and operation of the conferences. His desire to help others and build coalitions of financial and volunteer support has demonstrated his exemplary character and personal drive for excellence. He will live in the memories of hundreds of student graduates and is highly deserving of this award."



|| GEN VANDENBERG (213), CALIFORNIA

## Two Countries, One American

BY LT COL LAWRENCE N. GEIST, USAF (RET)

CINC CAPT Russell R. Vowinkel, USN (Ret), presented a Certificate of Appreciation to CDR Harald P. Bauer USN (Ret) for sharing his amazing life story. See [www.mowwvandenber.org/](http://www.mowwvandenber.org/) for the full story!

(L to R): CPT Richard B. Hathcock, USA (Fmr); CINC CAPT Russell R. Vowinkel, USN (Ret); CDR Harald P. Bauer, USN (Ret).

# MOWW || Chapters in Action



SAN ANTONIO (072) TEXAS

## Medic Packs in Afghanistan.

BY MAJ MARIAN WELLER, USA (RET)

In March, Companions were treated to a very interesting presentation given by medic SSG Ronald Gebhart, USA. A standard medical pack carried by Army medics in Afghanistan was opened and SSG Gebhart demonstrated how various items were used.

(L-R): Sr Vice Commander HM Companion Sharon Conable; SSG Ronald Gebhart, USA; CPT Karen White, USA, wife of new Companion LTC Chris White, USA.



CLEARWATER (136), FLORIDA

## New USO Facility in Tampa.

BY LT GERALD "BUD" BERRY, USA (FORMER)

Chapter Commander LT Gerald "Bud" Berry, USA (Former), congratulates Walter Lamerton, Chair, Board of Directors of USO Tampa Bay. Mr Lamerton informed the chapter about the opening of the USO facility in the Tampa Airport.

(L-R): Walter Lamerton congratulated by LT Gerald "Bud" Berry.



SUN CITY CENTER (226), FLORIDA

## Chapter Celebrates 19th Anniversary.

BY CAPT B. FRANK KEPLEY, USN (RET)

CINC CAPT Russell R. Vowinkel, USN (Ret), joined past and present Chapter Commanders for a cake-cutting ceremony commemorating the 19th year of the founding of the chapter.

From left: Lt Col Gordon Bassett, USAF (Ret), Region VI Commander; LTC Harry Lascola, USA (Ret); Lt Col Frank Zahrobsky, USAF (Ret), current Chapter Commander; CINC CAPT Russell R. Vowinkel, USN (Ret); and Capt Jack Seelye, USA (Ret).



DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS (RGN I)

## Navy Glides In with AFJROTC.

BY CDR ROBERT L. GILLEN, USN (RET)

To illustrate that there is no interservice enmity within the MOWW, CDR Robert L. Gillen, USN (Ret), stands proudly with Air Force JROTC students. The cadets, from Charlestown High School, pose with Boston Mayor Thomas Menino before marching in the April Patriots Day massing of the colors on Boston's City Hall Plaza.

(L-R): CDR Gillen, Thomas Menino, Mayor of the city of Boston, Sal De Martino, City Councilor representing Charlestown, and in the background Francisco A. Ureña, Commissioner of Veteran Services for the City of Boston.

# MOWW || Chapters in Action



PHOENIX (092), ARIZONA

## An Honorable Mission.

BY MAJ GLENN S. GOINS, USA (RET)

Chapter Commander LTC Jeannine Dahl, USA (Ret), presented Honor House Director (and founder), SFC Brian Mancini, USA (Ret), with a Certificate of Appreciation. Honor House, a transitional home for wounded warriors, helps with everything from PTSD to VA paperwork. Visit them at [www.thehonorhouse.org/](http://www.thehonorhouse.org/)



MG MEADE (026), MARYLAND

## Dedicated Service to the Community.

BY LTC RUTH L. HAMILTON, USA (RET)

On 14 Apr 12, the Odenton, MD, community (where Fort Meade is located) held their annual awards banquet. PCINC COL Bert L. Rice, USA (Ret), and GSO LTC Ruth L. Hamilton, USA (Ret), presented an MOWW Plaque of Appreciation to James M. Allen, President, Odenton Volunteer Fire Company No. 28, for dedicated service to the community. This year marks the fire company's 81st anniversary.



DALLAS (069), TEXAS

## Aggies Make Great Leaders!

BY LT WESLEY E. GROSS, USA (FORMER)

Companion LTC Chuck S. Chamberlin, USA (Ret), presented 12 Senior MOWW ROTC medals and certificates to outstanding members of the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets. A freshman, sophomore and junior cadet from each of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force ROTC units were honored by Dallas MOWW at a "Parents Day" event at A&M's Kyle Field.



# MOWW || VA: Have You Heard?

## Joint VA/DOL Program Launches to Retrain 99,000 Unemployed Veterans



Since May 15, unemployed veterans between the ages of 35 and 60 can apply for new benefits to cover education costs for up to one year. This is a joint VA and Department of Labor (DOL) program. The program focuses on retraining 99,000 veterans for high-demand jobs. The Veteran Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP) allows qualifying veterans to receive up to 12 months of assistance equal to the full-time Montgomery GI Bill (Active Duty rate, currently \$1,473 per month). Upon completion, the Labor Department will engage with participants within 30 days after their training to help them find good jobs that utilize their newly learned skills.

## VA Announces Changes to Emergency Care Payment Policy



The Department of Veterans Affairs announced today a change in regulations regarding payments for emergency care provided to eligible veterans in non-VA facilities.

“This provision helps ensure eligible veterans continue to get the emergency care they need when VA facilities are not available,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki.

The new regulation extends VA’s authority to pay for emergency care provided to eligible veterans at non-VA facilities until the veterans can be safely transferred to a VA medical facility.

More than 100,000 veterans are estimated to be affected by the new rules, at a cost of about \$44 million annually.

VA operates 121 emergency departments across the country, which provide resuscitative therapy and stabilization in life-threatening situations. They operate 24-hours a day, seven days a week. VA also has 46 urgent care units, which provide care for patients without scheduled appointments who need immediate medical or psychiatric attention.

For more information about emergency care in non-VA facilities, visit [www.nonvacare.va.gov](http://www.nonvacare.va.gov)

## A Gulf War Task Force Report Released, Even as VA Continues Long-Term Study on Gulf War Era Veterans

### Third Health Survey since 1995



VA has released the second in a series of annual reports from its Gulf War Veterans Illnesses Task Force, outlining how the department will address the concerns of veterans deployed during the Gulf War of 1990-1991. The report focuses on efforts to improve the delivery of

health care for Gulf War veterans, including the launch of a prototype clinical care model specifically for Gulf War veterans. The 50-page report may be seen here: [http://www.va.gov/opa/publications/2011/GWVI-TF\\_Report.pdf](http://www.va.gov/opa/publications/2011/GWVI-TF_Report.pdf)

For the third time since the 1990-91 Gulf War, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) researchers will contact Gulf War-era veterans as a part of a long-term study of their health.

Researchers began contacting participants at the end of May 2012. Veterans were previously contacted for a baseline survey in 1995 and a follow-up survey in 2005. This continuing VA effort studies a group of approximately 15,000 Gulf War veterans and 15,000 veterans who served elsewhere during the Gulf War.

This work has investigated multi-symptom illnesses, chronic diseases, and environmental exposures associated with military deployment. For example, a recent scientific article showed that Gulf War veterans’ health has worsened over time compared to the health of Gulf War-era veterans who served elsewhere. Gulf War veterans reported higher rates of ongoing unexplained multi-symptom illness, post-traumatic stress disorder, and chronic fatigue syndrome-like illness, along with higher health care utilization, including frequent clinic visits and recurrent hospitalization.

Additional information about this study can be found at <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/epidemiology/studies/gulf-war-follow-up.asp>

# 2012 || Companion Update

## Reveille

NEW MEMBER  
(SPONSOR)

### ATLANTA GA

CPT Thomas M. Austin (A)  
(Austin, W. 1LT)

Lt Col Toshan N. Meredith (AF)  
(Hill, O. LTC)

### BG BULTMAN VA

Lowry R. Watkins, Jr. (H)  
(Morrill, A. Brig Gen)

### CENTRAL AR

2LT Ryan K. Watson (A) \*  
(Elmer, J. Col)

### DALLAS TX

Louis C. Felini (H) \*  
(Felini B. CPT)

### GEN CRITZ OK

LTC Richard J. Little (A)  
(Chapman, W. LTC)

### MG MEADE MD

CH (LTC) Sid A. Taylor (A)  
(Hamilton R. LTC)

### GEN CHAMBERLAIN ME

Lt Col Matthew A. Bourassa (AF) \*  
(Griffin, J. 1LT)

### GEN VANDENBERG CA

2LT Nolan R. Rege (A)  
(Jones, J. COL)

### GREATER BOSTON MA

CAPT Mary J. Majors (N)  
(Gillen, R. CDR)

BG Frederic L. Lincoln (A)  
(Stamper, W. LTC)

### GREEN MOUNTAIN VT

Lt Col Lloyd J. Goodrow (AF)  
(O'Donovan T. BG)

2LT Sarah M. Hahn (A) \*  
(O'Donovan T. BG)

### HAMPTON ROADS VA

LTC Willie R. Skinner (A)  
(Melvin, J.)

### HONOLULU HI

LTC Kyle K. Keomalu (A)  
(Tom J. LTC)

Mei Ling Tom  
(Tom J. LTC)

### HUNTSVILLE AL

Mary F. Tyra (H) \*  
(Chabot, B. COL)

### LTG WALKER MS

LCDR Charles D. Holifield (N)  
(Hearon, E. MG)

### MEMPHIS TN

Robert A. Scott IV (H) \*  
(McGrath, B. COL)

### NARRAGANSETT BAY RI

Lt Col Everett V. Maxwell (AF)  
(O'Dell, K. LTC)

### NEW JERSEY

COL John N. Friedlander (A) \*  
(Rapp W. LTC)

### PG COUNTY MD

LCDR Jacob L. Friesen, Jr. (N)  
(Ferguson, L. COL)

LTC Keith E. Hayes (A)  
(Ferguson, L. COL)

### PHILADELPHIA PA

LCDR Larry D. Holman (N)  
(Burtnick, E. COL)

### SAN ANTONIO TX

LTC Christopher J. White (A)  
(Conable S.)

### ST LOUIS MO

Cathy C. Price (H) \*  
(Coolidge, R. Col)

Dawn C. Snider (H) \*  
(Coolidge, R. Col)

### WEST VALLEY AZ

Susan J. Ramsay  
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