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Serving Through Companionship

The Military Order's Companions do great things for America, our local communities, and for many others. MOWW's Companions are dedicated, compassionate and generous with their time and energy—and they deliver results. Companions have a deep love for this beautiful country and proudly work to keep the United States healthy and strong as a nation.

Visiting with Companions at chapter meetings, region conferences and other events reinforces these conclusions. There is no doubt in my mind that we are the premier Veterans Service Organization. We need to build on our great past successes by continuing to focus our efforts on achieving each of MOWW's five Strategic Goals, for they will sustain and strengthen our abilities to serve others for years.

MOWW's Strategic Goal 1, i.e., increase each chapter's membership and increase Companion involvement in chapter activities, is the cardinal goal. Why? Because our success in achieving that goal directly enables our success in achieving the desired outcomes associated with the other four Strategic Goals, i.e., strengthen chapter outreach programs, increase MOWW's visibility, enhance training and development, and promote Companion, chapter and community recognition.

How can we achieve success in Strategic Goal 1? Seek out those Companions you have not seen at chapter meetings in a while and bring them back into the fold. Find out how they are doing. Bring them to chapter meetings. Socialize with them. Offer them an opportunity to participate. Volunteer with them to support a chapter program. Work with them to recruit new Companions to help the chapter continue its good work, and give those newest Companions a real role to play. One of MOWW's great strengths is that there is a volunteer opportunity for everyone—in every chapter.

We have a duty as Americans and Companions to pass on our legacy of patriotic service to the next generation of Americans. We need to continue to provide our young people with the skills and patriotic passion needed to lead America successfully. Personal involvement in chapter activities and increasing volunteerism makes the difference!

In closing, Dan and I appreciated the warm hospitality you have shown us this past 12 months. We will treasure all the friendships and memories from this wonderful experience. Thank you for the honor and privilege to serve as your 83rd Commander-in-Chief.

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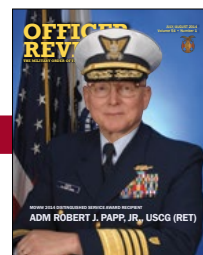
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MOWW 2014 DSA Recipient: ADM Robert J. Papp, Jr., USCG (Ret)
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End-of-Tour Report

CAPTAIN DEBORAH A. KASH, USAF (RET)
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MOWW

Dear Companions –

This year we celebrate our 95th year of continuing patriotic service to America. Our nation is stronger because of the work you do; you are making a difference in the lives of others. Thank you for your passionate, innovative, generous and selfless service to our Military Order.

Thanks to our many leaders throughout the Order this past year. Our Installation Ceremony states, "... acceptance of leadership positions of our Order is not merely an honor, title or reward, but is an opportunity for service to the Military Order." You are dedicated leaders and your service and leadership has been and will always remain vital to the accomplishment of our mission and addressing our challenges.

Our road map has been the five MOWW Strategic Goals that were approved at the 2013 Convention.

Strategic Goal #1. Increase membership by a net 5% and increase Companion participation.

- Our records show that recruiting new Companions is dramatically down. Only 1.6% of our Companions have recruited new members this year in 61% of our chapters. Recruiting and retention of Companions occurs at the Chapter level where relationships are built. We have Companions like CAPT Deborah Dombeck, USCG (Ret), from Hill Country, TX, Chapter, who has recruited five Regular/Perpetual Members and one Hereditary Perpetual Member, or LTC Oren Peters, USA (Ret), from COL Woods, OK, Chapter, with eight Regular/Perpetual Members recruited this year. We have chapters like Worcester, MA with six new members and the LTG Middleton Chapter with eight new members this year. Successful chapters have recruitment and retention plans that include activities to recruit new members and involve all their chapter companions. There



are potential members in our communities who attend our activities. We need to ask them to join and give them an opportunity to serve.

- There are some discussions on expanding our membership base. We will gain an initial bump in our numbers, but we still need to address the two root causes that too few Companions are recruiting or that chapters are not engaging their chapter Companions to be involved. Therefore, the initial increase will not be sustainable unless we address these two root causes.
- Closing chapters can no longer be a normal operating procedure. We must work together to assist chapters that are struggling. The Region Commander's leadership is vital to this process. Region IV Commander, CDR John Baumgarten, set his goal to revitalize the Virginia Beach Chapter. There had not been a chapter meeting in over a year. In April, with 50 Companions and guests in attendance, Col Bill Townsley was installed as Chapter Commander. The chapter has now conducted two chapter meetings. Region XIII Commander, Col Rich Rima is doing the same with the Albuquerque Chapter. The new chapter commander, Maj Irvin Schlenker was installed in June and together they will work to revitalize the chapter.
- Starting new chapters is very exciting and we have four potential new chapters in the following locations: The Villages, FL; Pueblo, CO, Fort Bragg, NC, and; Stilwell, OK. They are each at various stages of development.

Strategic Goal #2. Strengthen our outreach programs.

- Chapters are enhancing their outreach programs throughout the Order. An example is the Phoenix Chapter, which strengthened their Massing of the Colors Ceremony by having, for the first time, 78 Girl Scouts carry and escort the 50 state flags at their ceremony. The Sun City Center Chapter hosted their first YLC Benefit Golf Tournament to raise money to send students to the Tallahassee YLC. The Vandenberg Chapter completed the Your American Heritage Monument in Atascadero, CA last year, this year they expanded their connection to the community with a countywide essay contest on Patriotism.
- MG Don Jacka was appointed to lead a Veteran's Outreach Ad Hoc Committee to review current chapter activities in support of veterans. The report shows that the chapters are involved in activities that honor, assist, and preserve Veterans and the memory of Veterans.

Strategic Goal #3. Raise MOWW local and national visibility

- The *Officer Review*™ Magazine is excellent and Chief of Staff Brig Gen Arthur B. Morrill III has done an outstanding job as our Editor-in-Chief. Thank you to the Companions who have contributed articles and to the chapters that submitted photos. Make it a goal for your chapter to be a regular contributor.
- Congratulations to the Chief of Staff for our new website design (www.moww.org)! It presents a professional and energetic image of MOWW. Happily, the website's "Companions Only" section has a wealth of information and valuable tools to assist us.
- Receiving local and national media coverage begins with a news release. VCINC COL Clay Le Grande and his team have developed a news release tool now available on the MOWW website. Great job! Part I is a policy guidance and part II contains examples you can save to your computer to edit later for your event. This guide is on the MOWW website, "Companions Only," "Tips & Guides."



- Raising MOWW awareness can begin with wearing your MOWW polo shirts. The Sun City Florida Chapter now has the Polo Shirts available with long sleeves and in numerous colors. Additionally, some will ask you, "What is MOWW and what does it do?" Be prepared to give your 30-second description "elevator speech" answering the question. This is a conversation starter.
- Two areas need our action to enhance visibility nationally. First, embrace and use social media. The generation that is on active duty now is social media savvy. They are staying connected to family, friends, their community and organizations through social media. Second, we need to produce two videos, one on the YLC and the other about MOWW. These videos need to be lively, short and get our message across clearly. Videos that are well produced and posted on social media generate an enormous following and awareness.

Strategic Goal #4. Enhance Leadership Training and Development

- This is the time of year when we normally have a change in officers and responsibilities. Training our successors is vital. A smooth transition for the new officer will maintain the momentum of success. There are many resources on our website that developed specifically to assist you. Communication between the National Committee Chairs and the Chapter, Department/State and Region must continue to develop.
- The *Ad Hoc* Training Committee lead by TG/GSO LTC John Hollywood developed a Chapter Commander Training program called "How to Succeed as a Chapter Commander...in Four Easy Steps." Most everything a chapter commander

and staff need to know is on the MOWW website. This presentation identifies where to locate information, and it generated great reviews!

- The National Convention is an opportunity to learn about our outreach programs, meet other Companions and to network. We can connect with other Companions and sharing ideas, successes and challenges. One of the greatest training tools available occurs when we gather at conventions...Department, Region and National. Thank you for attending this year's National Convention.

Strategic Goal #5 Promote Companion, Chapter and Community Recognition

- Identify individuals and organizations that are promoting and practicing the patriotic tenets expressed in our Preamble will honor them and build on the MOWW legacy.
- The Fort Worth Chapter is a great example. They have recognized the Veteran Court Diversion Program with a Bronze Patrick Henry plaque for their work in diverting veterans from the criminal justice process into appropriate rehabilitation programs. They have also awarded the Silver Patrick Henry Medallion to Judge Car for establishing the program.

- Encouraging chapters to submit for the chapter awards program is an ongoing process. The chapters are doing incredible work and their great work deserves recognition.

The Strategic Plan is for all Companions to follow. When we work together towards common goals, there is power and success, which will leave a legacy.

Thanks go to the Chief of Staff and the HQ team. Much of what we do needs their logistical support to be successful. Brig Gen Morrill also represents us on the Department of Veterans Affairs Veteran Service Organization Committee and at community events. Thank you for your dedication and support this year.

This has been an amazing year! Thank you for all your warm hospitality and especially your friendship. Every visit left me excited and inspired about our Order and your accomplishments. You are amazing Americans and I am humbled to be your Companion and your 83rd Commander-in-Chief.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Deborah A Kash

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Commander-in-Chief



COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF FIELD VISITS—2013–2014

August 2013

- MajGen Pendleton Chapter Recruitment Table
- San Diego Chapter Meeting

September 2013

- Eagle Scout Certificate Presentation
BG Holland Chapter
- Phoenix Chapter Massing of the Colors
- YLC Recognition Luncheon
LTG Wright Chapter
- Encinitas American Legion Chapter Speaker
- San Diego Chapter Meeting
- MajGen Pendleton Chapter Meeting
- San Fernando Valley/Bradly Chapter Meeting
- Nevada State Commander Meeting

October 2013

- Region XIII Meeting/Rocky Mountain YLC
Recognition Luncheon
- Santa Cruz Valley Chapter Meeting/Arizona
Department Meeting
- Huntsville YLC

November 2013

- National Veterans Day Ceremony,
Arlington Cemetery
- G/A John J. Pershing Memorial Service
MG Meade Chapter
- EXCOM Midterm Meeting
- Pendleton Chapter Meeting

December 2013

- Puerto Rico Chapter
- Headquarters
- Maj Gen Wade Chapter Meeting
- MG Meade Chapter Meeting
- New Year's Party
MajGen Pendleton Chapter

January 2014

- Region XI meeting
- Pinson Memorial Chapter
Massing of the Colors
- Texas Christian University Veterans Affairs
Committee & ROTC Program
- Fort Worth Chapter Meeting
- Apache Trail Chapter Meeting
- San Diego Chapter Meeting

February 2014

- West Valley Chapter Massing of the Colors
- Headquarters
- Sun City Center Chapter Meeting

March 2014

- Region XIV Meeting
- San Diego Chapter
- MajGen Pendleton Chapter
- National Sojourner Chapter Speaker
San Diego Chapter

April 2014

- Virginia Beach Chapter Meeting
- Mesilla Valley Chapter Meeting
- El Paso Chapter Massing of the Colors
- Dallas Military Ball & area chapter presentations

May 2014

- Col Woods Chapter Meeting
- JROTC Awards Presentation, Oklahoma
- Oklahoma City Girl Scout Gold Award
Presentation
- Las Vegas Chapter Commander Meeting
- Headquarters
- Tallahassee YLC
- Augusta Chapter Meeting
- Topeka Chapter Meeting
- Santa Barbara Chapter Meeting
- Region VIII Meeting

June 2014

- Philadelphia Chapter Meeting
- Region I Meeting
- Valley Forge Freedom Foundation Meeting
- Santa Fe Massing of the Colors
- Region XIII Meeting
- MG Miles Chapter Meeting
- Red White and Blue Ball (Conejo Valley Chapter)
- San Diego YLC
- Pendleton Chapter Meeting

July 2014

- Rocky Mountain YLC (TBD)
- Region XIV Convention
- WASP Bronze Patrick Henry Presentation,
Sweetwater, TX (Region VIII)

Developing Leaders Today

MG DONALD L. JACKA, JR., USA (RET)
 COMMANDER, KANSAS DEPARTMENT



When General of the Armies John J. (Blackjack) Pershing, was the Professor of Military Science at the University of Nebraska in 1894, he established an organization for the development and refinement of leadership abilities in the Army ROTC Cadets under his command. This now national organization is located on college campuses throughout the nation, and is called the Pershing Rifles. Its primary purpose is to develop, at the highest degree possible, outstanding traits of leadership, military science, military bearing, and discipline within the framework of a military oriented, honorary fraternity. Our Military Order of the World Wars has developed a National Resolution of Cooperation with the Pershing Rifles.

Over the past few years, in an attempt to facilitate the development of future leaders at Kansas State University, MOWW's Topeka Chapter has successfully supported the Kansas State University Pershing Rifles Company, G-7. The Chapter's support of Pershing Rifles provides necessary funding and encouragement for Cadets and non-ROTC students to embrace the proud traditions and legacy of Pershing Rifles by improving their personal responsibility, leadership, and discipline.

The Pershing Rifles have a rich and proud history at Kansas State University (KSU). The University's affiliation with the Pershing Rifles dates back to before World War II. KSU's Company G-7 provided ROTC students interested in developing a higher level of leadership excellence a way to do so. In 1969, Company G-7 gained national recognition and notoriety for the University after winning the Exhibition Drill National Championship. During the mid to late 1970s, membership numbers in the Pershing Rifles declined due to the Vietnam anti-war movement on campus. The unjust treatment of Cadets and disrespect for military personnel coupled with a lack of interest in military service eventually led to Company G-7 being dissolved at KSU.

However, in keeping with MOWW's Resolution of Cooperation supporting the National Society of the Pershing Rifles, members of MOWW's Topeka Chapter worked with the University, and Army and Air Force ROTC Programs, to re-establish a company of the Pershing Rifles at Kansas State University. That work culminated in 2009, when several members of MOWW's Topeka Chapter, who were also alumni of the former Company G-7, led an effort to re-establish the Pershing Rifle's presence on campus. Cadets as well as non-ROTC students embraced the proud traditions and legacy of Pershing Rifles Company G-7. It was this effort, which would not have been successful were it not for the work of MOWW's Topeka Chapter. Since its re-birth at Kansas State University, MOWW's Topeka Chapter, in conjunction with the Army and





Air Force ROTC Departments, has made an annual donation to help fund the “leadership laboratory” more generally known as Company G-7 of the National Pershing Rifles at Kansas State University.

Such initial work and support by MOWW’s Topeka Chapter culminated on 19 March 2010 with the reestablishment of Company G-7 of the National Society of Pershing Rifles at Kansas State. The official membership was 21 students. In 2010 and 2011, KSU’s Company G-7 took honors in drill completion, and was named the “Best Company” in the nation. Just recently, Company G-7 returned victorious from the 2014 National Drill competitions in Richmond, VA, where they took First Place in Platoon Exhibition Drill, Squad Exhibition Drill, and Individual Exhibition Drill, Second Place in Duet Exhibition Drill, and Third Place in Individual IDR.

In working to re-establish the Pershing Rifles at Kansas State University, MOWW’s Topeka Chapter was able to extend memberships in the Order to three Professors of Military Science at Kansas State University, i.e., LTC Scott Bridegam, USA (Ret), LTC Brent Dixon, USA, and Lt Col Jonathan Snowden, USAF. Additionally, the Advisor on Military Affairs to the President of Kansas State University, LTC Art Degroat, USA (Ret), also became a Companion. The relationship which the Topeka Chapter maintains with both the Army and the Air Force ROTC programs at KSU has grown much closer as a result of the work the Chapter has done with the establishment and support of the Pershing Rifles Company G-7. The Topeka Chapter has benefited greatly by this close association. Company G-7 at KSU is always ready to assist the Topeka Chapter in all events. Most recently, the Pershing Rifles Company sent a Color Guard to the Topeka Chapter’s Massing of Colors. Prior to the massing of all color guards, the Pershing Rifles Color Guard performed a formal uncasing and casing of colors with a military precision



and bearing that delighted all in attendance.

If not for the efforts of the companions of MOWW’s Topeka Chapter, the Cadets of KSU would not have the opportunity to attend the advanced leadership workshop and training, which is inherent in the Pershing Rifles Company within the ROTC Program. This “hands-on” leadership training and experience provides the leaders of tomorrow with an excellent opportunity to excel. The successes of the Pershing Rifles Company at Kansas State University are a credit to the hard work and financial support of the Topeka Chapter, and the cooperation and affiliation pledged by the Military Order of World Wars.

If your Chapter believes in MOWW’s motto, “Its nobler to serve than to be served,” and if your Chapter wants to help develop the leaders of tomorrow, I recommend that your chapter supports a Pershing Rifles Company at a local university. All you have to do is take the first step—contact your local university’s ROTC Program and become involved in facilitating the training of leaders of tomorrow by supporting Pershing Rifles, today. ★



MG Jacka is the Commander, Kansas Department and the past Commander, Topeka Chapter. He is the Executive Director, Kansas Homestead Rehabilitation Corporation, and was the Kansas Secretary of Agriculture. Retiring in 2008 from the US Army after 37 years, he is a graduate of the Army Command & General Staff College and the Army War College. He also holds an MA degree in Political Science (Kansas State University). He was deployed for Operations Iraqi Freedom, serving as the Commanding General, V Corps (Rear) Provisional. His last assignment was as the Deputy Director for Global Sustainment, JCS-J4.

Citizen's Sheriff Academy

CAPT JOHN M. HAYES, USAF (FMR)
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MOWW

Chapters: Contact MOWW's Law & Order Committee for other suggestions to enhance your chapter's Law & Order Program IAW MOWW Strategic Goal 2, "Strengthen Chapter Outreach Programs."

Committee contact information is in the National Directory (www.moww.org, "Companions Only" section, "Publications.")

During a North Texas MOWW Chapter meeting, we enjoyed the guest speaker, Sheriff Terry Box (Collin County, TX). During his presentation, he mentioned a 14-week, 45-hour, course of instruction entitled the "Collin County Citizens' Sheriff Academy." Its purpose is to give a working knowledge of the Sheriff's Office personnel, policies and procedures. I thought the course would be interesting, reinforce our Preamble precept, "ever to maintain law and order," and show support for the Sheriff's Department. I called Course Director Deputy Sheriff Dickie Thomas and enrolled in the Academy a few months later.

"Citizens on Patrol" duties to assist Deputies directly.

We need to honor and recognize our first responders in keeping with MOWW's Law & Order Program. If your community offers similar courses of training, I urge you to enroll. I witnessed firsthand the dangerous aspects of law enforcement. I also witnessed the Deputies' desire to serve and safeguard the community. They literally put their lives on the line to help and protect us. My participation, as a citizen and MOWW Companion, showed our interest and appreciation for their efforts. During these 14 weeks, I made many new friends in law enforcement. On behalf of MOWW and myself, I gave them sincere thanks for their service. Each showed a sense of pride and pleasure that there are individuals and organizations that do care and support them. ★



Above, L-R: Sheriff Terry Box, SVCINC Capt John M. Hayes, USAF (Fmr), and Deputy Sheriff Dickie Thomas

The curriculum included an overview of the criminal justice system, communications, investigations, family violence, narcotics enforcement, tactical operations, hostage negotiations, jail operations, firearms/weapons use, and patrol services. Included were two "ride-outs," where I accompanied patrol Deputies on their 8-hour patrol shifts, and an 8-hour shift in the

Communications Center, which received 911 calls and dispatched fire, law enforcement and/or medical units.

During the course, memorable events included a SWAT team demonstration and participation with Sheriff Deputies in National Night Out activities. It also included participation in simulator scenarios designed to train law enforcement officers in best responding to potential violent actions by individuals. We also learned about crime scene investigation techniques. In addition, we listened to the Sheriff Department's hostage negotiator describe techniques he uses. Later, we accompanied a Deputy responding to five domestic violence calls and an accident investigation. I plan to complete additional training to qualify me to conduct



Right: A Deputy Sheriff SWAT team member and SVCINC Capt John M. Hayes, USAF (Fmr), during SWAT Team exercises.



Capt John M. Hayes is Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and the Chairman, Membership Committee. He flew for Braniff and US Airways, retiring as a Captain with over 24,000 flying hours. While in the US Air Force, he was a C-141 "Starlifter" aircraft commander. He was also an EC-47 "Skytrain" instructor pilot at Danang AB, Republic of Vietnam, where he flew 166 combat missions and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Hawaii Chapter Leads the Fleet

COL ARTHUR N. TULAK, USA (RET)

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER, GAYLORD-DILLINGHAM MEMORIAL CHAPTER (115), HI

MOWW's Hawaii Chapter leads the way in supporting ROTC and JROTC

Strategic Goal (SG) 2, "Strengthen Chapter Outreach Programs"



Companion LTC Bob Takao, USA (Ret); JROTC Cadets Conner Chung, Matthew Uchida, Michele Sembrano and Tiana Li; Companions Mrs. Edna K. S. Loo, HPM, and Les Loo, HRM, at the Punahou High School awards ceremonies on 7 May 2014.



Junior Vice Chapter Commander LTC Les Bise, USA, presents MOWW's JROTC medals and ribbons at Kailua AFJROTC to Cadets Chris Barcancel (LET4), James Higgins (LET1), Lillian Sulunga (LET2), and Theodore Hayashi (LET3) on 16 May 2014.



The Gaylord-Dillingham Chapter of the MOWW is leading the way in Hawaii among the many veterans and military professional associations with the highest number of awards presentations each year.

MOWW medals are presented to both Senior and JROTC units. Across the 26 JROTC programs in Hawaii, MOWW awards are presented to a cadet from each of the four year groups, Freshman through Senior, with the top LET 1 (Leadership, Education, and Training, Level One, or Freshman) Cadet receiving the JROTC Bronze Medal, and the LET-2 through LET-4 Cadets receiving a MOWW ribbon.

The April-May time frame is a busy period for the Chapter as it strives to provide a Companion to represent the MOWW and make the awards presentations at the University of Hawaii and all the JROTC units on Oahu. ★



Senior Vice Chapter Commander COL Arthur N. Tulak, USA (Ret), presents MOWW's JROTC medals and ribbons to Cadets Kim Joy Agpoon (LET4) and Nicholas Sahugun (LET1) at Waipahu Army JROTC awards on 17 April 2014.

Gift Cards & Survival Kits

LT COL JAMES DWAIN WHEELER
PUGET SOUND CHAPTER (120), WA



The Puget Sound Chapter is increasing its Veteran Outreach Program by assisting homeless veterans in a 60-bed facility in Retsil, WA. This facility is very close to Port Townsend and Bremerton, WA. It all started with our CINC's request to expand our veteran outreach efforts in support of MOWW's Strategic Goals. It just so happened that one of our new Companions, COL Mary Forbes, is the Deputy Director of the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs. Through her contacts, she recommended that we support the Homeless Veteran Facility by addressing specific needs.



First, the homeless vets needed \$25 gift cards that would allow them to buy personal things like shaving and hygiene items from local big box stores. Our chapter Companions were all over it and donated \$425 cash at a Chapter Meeting. We converted the cash into 17 gift cards and delivered them to Ray Switzer, who is head of the Retsil facility. The receiving veterans greatly appreciated this generous gift.



Step two was to provide some basic tools (we call them survival kits) to help veterans in their transition from the hospital to an apartment. These survival kits help them establish housekeeping by including a dish pan, plates, silverware, dish towels, hot pads, cups, a frying pan, dish soap, dish cloth, spatula, cutting knife, cutting board, and napkins.



Obviously, the end game was to equip veterans with some basic survival items for cooking and eating on their own. Again, chapter Companions jumped to it and contributed money to purchase 12 survival kits. Once assembled, the kits were packed into the car (the bulls eyes are the bottom of the frying pans), and we delivered them to the Homeless Veteran Facility in Retsil.

If your chapter has a veteran home near its geographic location, contact its director to learn what they need. Most likely, your chapter can help with requests and the veterans facility will be glad to partner. Keep it simple and put the ideas before your chapter—you will have an uplifting experience! ★

Photos (Top to Bottom):

1. Junior Vice Commander LT John McConnell (C) hands 17 gift cards to Veteran Facility Director, Ray Switzer.
2. LT McConnell (L) looks at the 12 survival kits donated to homeless veterans on 30 May by the Puget Sound Chapter with facility director Ray Switzer, VCINC Col Dave Gibson, and Companion Lt Col Dwain Wheeler.
- 3 & 4. Survival Kits

Pacific Rim Self-Defense

COL JAMES T. ROBERTS, SR., USA (RET)
SAVANNAH CHAPTER (053), GA | MOWW

While we are focused on the Ukraine and Israel, momentous events are happening in Japan and other countries that will affect the balance of power in the western Rim of the Pacific.

Japanese military analysts and foreign policy makers have decided that China's aggressive policy of sea control is a threat to their nation. Prime Minister Abe, a hawk, convinced his cabinet to redefine and expand the meaning of Japan's Constitutional Article 9 limitation on the use of force except in self-defense.

The new definition would emphasize collective self-defense in support of an ally being attacked. This would permit, for example, shooting down missiles aimed at US targets if the missiles passed over Japanese territorial boundaries, the conduct of mine sweeping operations, the refueling of allied shipping at sea, and the conduct of humanitarian operations overseas. Parliament will likely approve PM Abe's recommendations.

Japan already has a modern, well-equipped and trained Self Defense Force (SDF) that regularly exercises with US forces. The Japanese government is making a clear statement to China that it will not be bullied and it will defend its territories. For example, it scrambled fighters and ships to defend the Senkaku Islands.

The Wall Street Journal indicates that the SDF has more ships than France, more aircraft than the Britain, and an army larger than Germany.

Recently, it began a five-week training course (based on a USMC model) for army units to become proficient in amphibious operations. It expects to have a 3,000-man force in five years—complete with amphibious vehicles and Osprey aircraft. The force will be stationed at the port of Sasebo. In addition, Japan already committed to supply coast guard ships to the Philippines and Vietnam, and to buy Australian submarines.

In July, Manila hosted the first major defense exhibition in 15 years. The Philippines is purchasing 24 close air support aircraft, upgrading its maritime patrol aircraft, expanding its fledgling Navy with two new frigates (to supplement the two USCG cutters re-purposed as frigates for a total force of five), and



Source: wikipedia.org/

buying 12 Korea Aerospace Industries (KAI) FA-50 fighters for \$1.8 by 2017. It has also agreed to allow US forces to use Philippine military bases for training and support. The US is assisting in upgrading naval ports at Subic Bay and Oyster Bay for territory defense against the Chinese attempts to seize the Scarborough Shoal and the Islands.

In other developments, Vietnam is upgrading its Navy to include six Kilo Class submarines, six Gepard 3.9 frigates, 10 Molniya fast attack craft, six Tarantul Class corvette missiles, two Sigma corvette frigates, and 20 patrol boats. The Russians are adding a third squadron of Sukhoi 30MK2 fighter aircraft to the Vietnamese Air Force—the same aircraft flown by the Chinese.

It is obvious that the far Pacific nations, historically under protection of the US Navy, are now reassessing their defense strategies. There is no indication that Chinese leadership will revise its current foreign policy of establishing far sea blue water control through a larger, more modernized and sophisticated naval force. It will use all measures to achieve that goal, and Pacific Rim nations are responding to that threat. ★



COL Roberts is a 34-year US Army veteran who last served in Iraq as a DA civilian in 2010. He is a past MOWW chapter chair, and the past national Chair, Law & Order Committee. He is now a business continuity-planning consultant after serving as a United States Marshal in the Bush administration.

Nobler to Serve...But Where?

LT COL SHELDON A. GOLDBERG, PHD, USAF (RET)
COMMANDER, DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND



In a 2013 Op-Ed article in the *Washington Post*, General Martin E. Dempsey, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, stated, "Service has always been fundamental to being an American ... [and] the desire to contribute permeates every corner of the United States."¹ One can imagine that this thought also compelled the founders of the Military Order of the World Wars, for the belief in service is not only the foundation of our organization, it is the key concept of our motto, "It is nobler to serve than be served."

Most Companions of the Order serve in many ways and capacities. My focus, however, is not on the "how" of our service or in which capacity we serve, but on the "where." To get to the heart of the issue, I will start with a definition.

The service we provide as Companions... should be done in the company of other Companions

My old *American College Dictionary* (Random House) defines "Companion" as: "one who accompanies or associates with another." Dictionary.com similarly defines it as, "a person who is frequently in the company of, associates with, or accompanies another." In short, the service we provide as Companions of the Order should be done in the company of other Companions.

The objective of serving in the company of other Companions is vital to the Order. We have a large number of Companions who, having joined the Order as members of a particular chapter, no longer reside in the vicinity of the chapter to which they belong. Thus, through no fault of their own, they can no longer fulfill their service obligations in association with the other Companions of that particular chapter. In addition, many of these same Companions, for reasons of their own choosing, have not transferred their membership to a chapter closer to where they reside.

Let's now look at the MG George G. Meade chapter, of which I recently was the Commander. It is rather large

chapter. In the words of Brig Gen Art Morrill, MOWW's Chief of Staff, it is a "mega chapter," having just under 350 living members. While I do not want to lose any of those chapter Companions, MOWW's Strategic Goal #1 is to increase membership by a net five percent. For the MG Meade Chapter, almost 20% of chapter members do not live in the greater Washington DC metropolitan area (and I included all the Meade Chapter Companions that live in Maryland and Virginia). This means that these Companions cannot associate with or avail themselves of the companionship of the Companions in their own chapter. Thus, the chapter's ability to serve and assist in its programs is reduced. I know other chapters are in a comparable situation.

As I see it, there are two possible solutions. The first is for Companions who reside well away from their "home" chapter to take on multiple memberships and join a chapter close to them. The other solution is simply to request a transfer from their "home" chapter to one closest to their physical residence, thereby sparing themselves the expense of additional memberships while increasing member involvement in their local chapter.

In short, if you believe in our motto, "It is nobler to serve than be served," become a member of the chapter where you can best serve—in a chapter physically nearest to where you live. The choice is simple, and it is yours and yours alone to make. ★



Lt Col Goldberg is a 30-year Air Force veteran who enlisted in 1956 and was commissioned through Officer Candidate School in 1961. During his tour in Southeast Asia with the 497 TFS, he flew 217 combat missions, including three over North Vietnam and 24 as an "Owl FAC."

He received two Distinguished Flying Crosses (with "V" device) and 17 Air Medals. A Master Navigator, he accrued over 5,000 hours in C-124, C-141, F-4, and F-111 aircraft. Following his USAF retirement, he was an analyst and Senior Collection Management Officer with the Central Intelligence Agency for 16 years.

¹ Dempsey, Martin E., "Bridging the Military-Civilian Gap," *Washington Post*, 5 July 2013, p. A17.

ADM Robert J. Papp, Jr.

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD (RETIRED)

Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr. was the 24th Commandant of the US Coast Guard, serving as such from 25 May 2010 to 30 May 2014. He led the largest component of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), comprised of 42,000 active duty, 8,200 Reserve, 8,000 civilian and 31,000 volunteer Auxiliarists.

As a flag officer, Admiral Papp served as Commander, Coast Guard Atlantic Area, where he was operational commander for all US Coast Guard missions within the eastern half of the world, and provided support to the Department of Defense as the Chief of Staff of the Coast Guard and as the Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Headquarters. He was also the Commander, Ninth Coast Guard District, with Responsibilities for Coast Guard missions on the Great Lakes and Northern Border. In addition, he was the Director of Reserve and Training, where he was responsible for managing and supporting 13,000 Coast Guard Ready Reservists and all Coast Guard Training Centers.

Admiral Papp has served on six Coast Guard Cutters, commanding four of them: RED BEECH, PPAW, FORWARD, and the training barque EAGLE. He also served as commander of a task unit during Operation ABLE MANNER off the coast of Haiti in 1994, enforcing United Nations Sanctions. Additionally, his task unit augmented US Naval Forces during Operation UPHOLD DEMOCRACY.

He is a 1975 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy. Additionally, he holds a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the United States Naval War College and a Master of Science in Management from Salve Regina College.

Admiral Papp is the 13th Gold Ancient Mariner of the Coast Guard. The Gold Ancient Mariner is an honorary position held by an officer with over ten years of cumulative sea duty who has held the qualification as a Cutterman longer than any other officer has.

After ADM Papp retired from the US Coast Guard in 2014, US Secretary of State John Kerry named him as special representative to the Arctic. Secretary Kerry created the new position to elevate Arctic issues in America's foreign policy and national security strategy as the US prepares to assume the chair of the Arctic Council. ★



AWARDS, DECORATIONS & BADGES

- Homeland Security Distinguished Service Medal
- Defense Distinguished Service Medal
- Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medal
- 13th Gold Ancient Mariner of the Coast Guard
- 2014 Admiral Arleigh Burke Leadership Award (US Navy League)

James C. Baird Scouting Award

MAJ ROBERT J. WILLIAMS, USAF (RET)
CHAIR, SCOUTING COMMITTEE



The Military Order's Executive Committee of the General Staff (EXCOM) has approved re-naming MOWW's National Scouting Award in honor of Companion James C. Baird, HPM.

I first met James Baird when I joined the Order's Boy and Girl Scout Committee. It is directly because of his influence that I have been involved in pursuing his vision for Scouting within the Military Order.

Jim Baird was a dynamic advocate of Scouting and the Military Order until his passing in May 2011. Jim was active with the Boy Scouts of America for over 50 years, serving youth at all levels of Scouting. Thru his local church, Jim served as Scoutmaster and Explorer Post Advisor for over 17 years. He also personally helped 30 young men earn their Eagle Scout Award.

He was actively involved in Scouting at the Unit, District and Council levels. Jim was the Orange County Council Scoutmaster for both the 1989 and 1993 National Jamborees. With the Orange County Council (BSA) Jim served as Deputy and Council Commissioner, Council Advancement Chair, Council Vice President, and on the Council Executive Board.

His Scouting honors include the Distinguished Commissioner Award, District Award of Merit, Silver Beaver Award and the Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor.

He served the MajGen Pendleton Chapter as the Chapter Treasurer, Adjutant, Vice Commander and Commander (twice). For many years, he was also the Secretary and Treasurer for the Board of Directors of the J. H. Pendleton Youth Leadership Conference (YLC), Inc.

He also served as the Department of Southern California, and as the Region XIV Chaplain, Vice Commander, and Commander. Throughout it all, Jim's greatest passion revolved around Scouting. Thankfully, he shared his passion while serving at the National Chair, Scouting Committee, and as a General Staff Officer (Elected), until his passing.

Companion Jim Baird promoted and furthered patriotic education in our nation by spearheading the first MOWW Memorandum of Mutual Support with the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and the Girl Scouts of the USA (GS-USA). Jim's MOWW honors include the Outstanding Service Award, Silver Patrick Henry Award, and two National Citations (2004 and 2006).

Companion James C. Baird, HPM, set the example as a Scouter and Companion of the Military Order. For these reasons, we are pleased to announce the re-naming of MOWW's preeminent Scouting award as the MOWW HPM James C. Baird National Scouting Award. ★

Companion James C. Baird, HPM, conducts a flag folding lesson while manning a MOWW booth in 2005.



After joining the Military Order of the World Wars in 1993, he lived the Preamble tenet "...to inculcate and stimulate love of country and flag..." Jim served his Chapter, Region and Department with the same commitment he served scouting and the community.



Maj Robert J. Williams, USAF (Ret), served 20 years active duty as an Aircraft Maintenance Officer, followed by 22 years with FlightSafety International (TX). His scouting career began in 1985, while working with a British Scout Troop in the UK. Since joining MOWW in 2005, he has served as his chapter's Scouting Coordinator. He joined MOWW's Boy and Girl Scout Committee in 2008, became National Chair in 2010, and was appointed to the BSA National Community Relations Task Force in 2010. He's served the Ft. Worth Chapter as Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander and Chapter Commander.

Build Better Citizens for America

— AFROTC Mission

Companion and King William High School AFJROTC Instructor is appointed to serve on the Virginia Board of Education's Advisory Committee for Career and Technical Education.

King William High School AFJROTC Senior Aerospace Science Instructor Maj Paul A. Willard II, USAF (Ret), has been appointed to serve on the Virginia Board of Education's Advisory Committee for Career and Technical Education.

Maj Willard, of Providence Forge, VA, has served as an Air Force JROTC Senior Instructor for 13 years with previous duties in Franklin County and Hampton City, VA. He was previously named as a "Distinguished Instructor" by Headquarters Air Force JROTC and designated as an Advanced-level Instructor. He was selected by the Aerospace Education Foundation as the Third Place Award winner of the "Christa McAuliffe National Award for Aerospace Education" in 2005. In addition, he was the Virginia Air Force Association's Member of the Year in 2005. He has received the Civil Air Patrol's Excellence in Aerospace Education Award for classroom instruction numerous times.

Maj Willard's work experience reflects a combination of industry, business, military and civil service.

Prior to his duties as an AFJROTC Instructor at the high school level, he taught in both elementary and middle schools in Virginia. Before assuming duties at King William High School, he was a Senior Program Analyst for the US Marine Corps developing the Mine Resistant Ambush Protective Vehicles (MRAP) with

the Department of Defense. He is a graduate of Virginia Western Community College, Virginia Tech, University of Arkansas, and Webster University. He is currently completing Doctoral studies at Liberty University.

In the community, Willard is Vice President of the Richmond Air Force Association and a member of the Military Order of World Wars, Military Officers Association, Colonial Virginia Boy Scout Council, and the Virginia Apprenticeship Alumni Association. He is a Life Member of Kappa Kappa Psi and volunteers with the Civil Air Patrol as the Virginia Assistant Aerospace Education Officer. Professionally, he is a Fellow with the National Contract Management Association and a member of the Project Management Institute. He is a member of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

In announcing the appointment Christian Braunlich, President of the Virginia Board of Education, stated, "Willard's selection reflected his commitment to Virginia's educational future and service to the Commonwealth and its children." ★



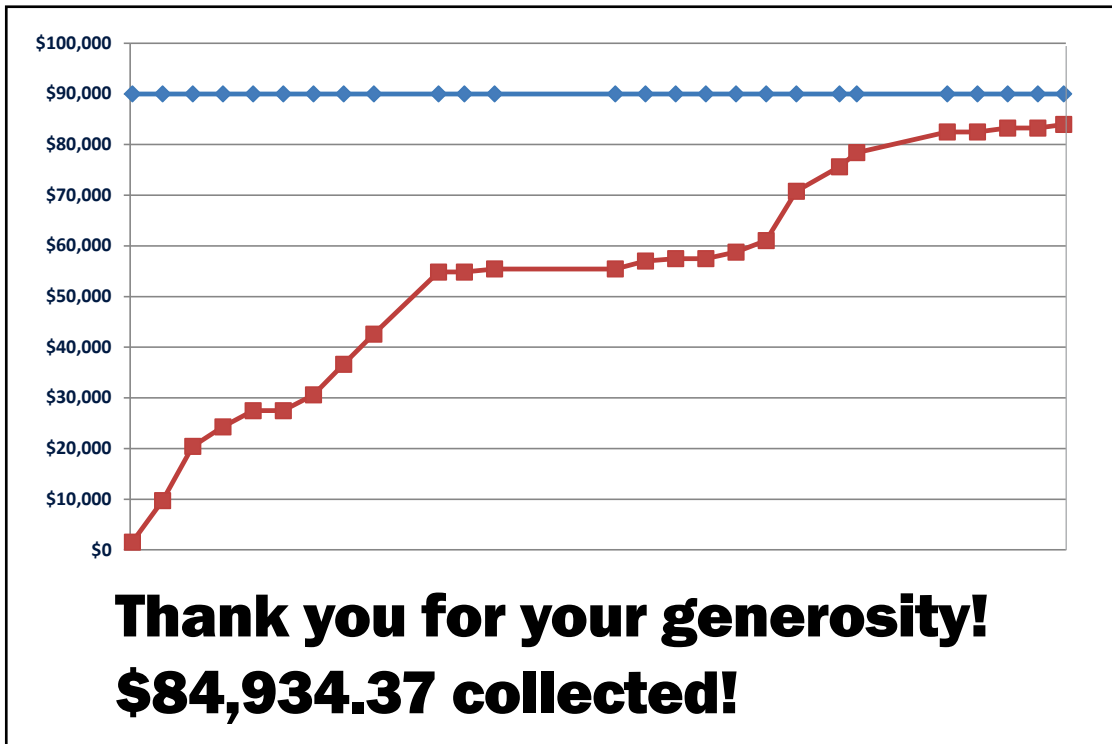
**Maj Paul A. Willard II,
USAF (Ret)**



In 2014, King William High School AFJROTC was notified by the Air Force Association (AFA) that they were one of 10 schools across the United States to be awarded an Air Force Junior ROTC Instructor Grant, an AFA education initiative promoting the development of aerospace professionals.

Photo: KWHS Yearbook Staff, 10 Dec, 2013

Closing Report



CINC Solicitation donations help fund MOWW's programs and activities

MOWW AND ITS CHAPTERS SUPPORT:

- Patriotic Education (e.g., YLCs, MOCs)
- Reserve Officer Training Corps Recognition (ROTC & JROTC)
- Scouting Recognition (BSA & GS-USA)
- Monuments & Memorials
- Law & Order Activities
- National Security and Homeland Security Activities

These are my personal thoughts concerning the well-researched article ["Reuniting" Near Abroad"] by COL James T. Roberts, Sr., USA (Ret), in the May 2014 *Officer Review*.

Certainly, I have no quarrel with quoting the history of the Versailles and Locarno Treaties and the desire to remove troops. Also, all that is stated concerning troop removals, the Anschluss Sudeten land, Munich and Chamberlain's remarks are historically accurate. This includes the invasion of Poland, which, by treaty, brought England and France into the war against Germany.

With this in mind we must be mindful of the historic context of those times. The creation of a League of Nations was not given advice and consent by our Senate. We were isolationist. World War I was ended; with hundreds and thousands of lives lost, the economy was almost on the "rocks" (it was); and, no nation wanted to expend money and blood for Austria and the Czechs. We should judge foreign policy, not from hindsight, but with an understanding of the vectors that interplay on the decision makers at the time when action was taken or not.

It appears that now we may be approaching a new "cold war" with the Russians. COL Roberts's assessment of Putin's desires are, I believe, correct. Putin, it appears, wants to recreate a greater Russia. They use their forces, albeit with different uniforms and balaclavas, asserting that they are members of the local "narod". He is into the intimidation of Ukraine; and, he uses ideologues to further his bizarre grand revisionist desires. Yes, the Crimea was Russian, but Khrushchev gave it away, so Putin violated international law. He also has permitted his thugs to create havoc in eastern Ukraine. These pro Russian satraps want Russia to take over eastern Ukraine as Russia has done with Crimea.

So, this is a given. Also, a given is the fact that Ukraine is not a member of NATO. Of course, there are other factors that interplay; i.e., Ukraine is militarily and economically weak, Europe is more interested in oil than stemming Russia's movements into Crimea or eastern Ukraine.

This brings us to the glaring issue not answered. What does COL Roberts recommend? How we should address this issue has not been answered; thus, my comments. I am of the opinion that we should not send our Armed Forces to fight. We should give Ukraine economic aid, weapons and training to protect

itself. We should insist that Europe participate with us. Furthermore, we should employ stringent economic sanctions on Russia itself, not just those who surround Putin.

Moreover, we should deal directly with Putin as an equal and indicate to him that we are not the enemy, that we will help him overcome Russia's real internal problems; and, that we should work together in having Russia realize that it can be great by being honorable.

As Mr. Will Cathcart stated in a great article in *The Charleston Mercury*, "This is the only way forward, and it is a path to a new kind of greatness and harmony with a world that already respects it, but a world that also refuses to fear it."

—COL Robert S. Poydasheff, J.D., USA (Ret)
Columbus Chapter (052), GA

Colonel Roberts' article "Deploying vs. Positioning" [*Officer Review*, June 2014: p 13] piqued my interest and I read it carefully. In order to position, it is obvious we need to deploy.

The purpose and reasons for establishing and maintaining overseas bases in many areas have long since passed. I believe the primary reason for deploying and positioning is our attempt at nation building or at a minimum nation controlling. Once we have established a base in an overseas location we attempt to keep it there forever—no matter what—even when the threat has subsided. Many of these bases should be closed because our military is capable of inserting military power, including boots on the ground, in very short notice.

The 27 NATO locations mentioned in the article plus the seven other bases included in the article probably should suffice to protect our interest and to assist those countries/areas in protecting their assets. We definitely do not need to deploy and position our military in 173 locations throughout the world and we cannot monetarily afford them.

Since wars cost money every military endeavor must be fully funded prior to the action. These should be seen as "war" and Congress should vote the funds.

—CPT Bernard F. Kenan, USA (Ret)
Apache Trail Chapter (207), AZ



Command Requirements

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

July

- 31 Jul: Chapters file online IRS Form 990-N (“e-Postcard”) with IRS. Use link provided on MOWW website, “Companions Only” section, “Tips & Guides,” HQ MOWW/CS Ltr, Subject: “Annual IRS Filing & HW MOWW Certification Policy,” 7 Jul 14, w/ Encl. *NOTE: IAW MOWW Bylaws, late satisfactory filings result in chapters receiving no PM Dividends.*
- 31 Jul: Chapters complete Annual Financial Review (use MOWW Form 21, “Annual Financial Review Checklist”). Retain completed MOWW Form 21 in Treasurer’s permanent financial files (do not submit MOWW Form 21s to HQ MOWW).
- 31 Jul: Chapters submit MOWW Form 9, “IRS Reporting Certification” online (www.moww.org, “Companions Only,” “Forms”) **and** forward IRS email saying chapter successfully filed IRS Form 990-N, “ePostcard” to chiefstaff@moww.org.
- 31 Jul: Chapters provide their respective region and department/state commanders their Chapter Action Plan (CAP). Please see the MOWW website for more CAP information (www.moww.org, “Companions Only,” “Tips & Guides”).



December

- 31 Dec: Chapters electronically submit biannual MOWW Form 27, “Chapter Activity Report,” via www.moww.org (“Companions Only,” “Forms”). Include region, department/state commander’s email addresses in form so they get a copy.
- 31 Dec: National Committees (Standing and *Ad Hoc*) submit Mid-Term Committee Report to Oversight VCINCs. Cite committee’s specific support of every MOWW Strategic Goals—including details of committees’ chapter outreach efforts. See National Directory for senior leader oversight assignments (www.moww.org, “Companions Only,” “Publications”).

January

- 1 Jan-31 Mar: Regions, departments and chapters develop and present slates for annual elections of officers.
- 31 Jan: YLC Directors send article and photographs to chiefstaff@moww.org, and Chair, PEC, their YLC article. Article will be ≤ 500 words; photographs must be 300 DPI. Cite Outstanding Graduates in article, i.e., full name, school, city, state.

February

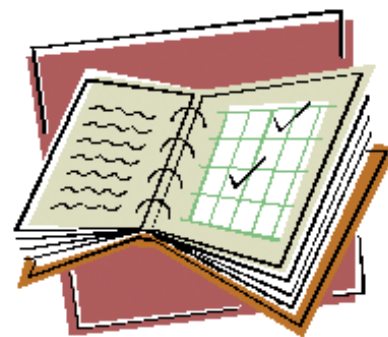
- 1 Feb-31 Mar: Order ROTC, JROTC, BSA and GS-USA awards (e.g., medals, certificates, folders) from HQ MOWW.
- 15 Feb: Propose amendments to MOWW Constitution and Bylaws. Send to Chair, Constitution & Bylaw Committee. See National Directory (www.moww.org, “Companions Only,” “Publications”) for committee contact information.

April

- 1 Apr-30 Jun: IAW MOWW Bylaws, region, department and chapters elect and install officers so they assume duties during CY/2.

May

- 15 May: Companions submit MOWW Form 8, “General Staff Emeritus Application” to chiefstaff@moww.org. See MOWW website (www.moww.org, “Companions Only,” “Forms”).
- 15 May: Commanders submit National Citation nominations to membership@moww.org in a Microsoft Word document (“.doc” or “.docx”); do not submit PDFs. Provide nominee’s full rank, name and service, 4-8 justifying narrative sentences, and MOWW organization(s) of assignment and position(s).
- 30 May: Commanders prepare MOWW Form 22, “Convention Delegate Appointment” (www.moww.org, “Companions Only,” “Forms”). Bring completed form to Convention.
- 30 May: Commanders prepare MOWW Form 23, “Chapter Nominating Committee Member/Alternate” (www.moww.org, “Companions Only,” “Forms”). Bring completed form to Convention.



June

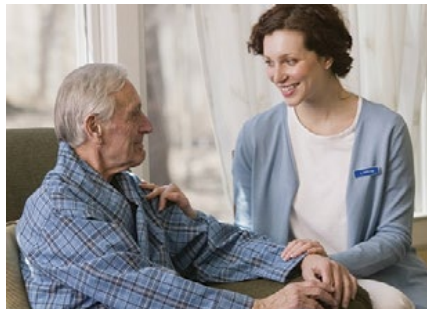
- 1 Jun: Chapters submit organizational, program and individual award packages to applicable national committee. See National Directory for contact information (www.moww.org, “Companions Only” Section, “Publications”).
- 15 Jun: National committees submit chapter recipients of their respective committee’s awards to membership@moww.org in a Microsoft Word document (“.doc” or “.docx”); do not submit PDFs.
- 30 Jun: National Committees (Standing and Ad Hoc) submit End-of-Year Committee Report to Oversight VCINCs. Cite specific support of every MOWW Strategic Goals—including details of committees’ chapter outreach efforts. See National Directory for senior leader oversight assignments (www.moww.org, “Companions Only,” “Publications”).
- 30 Jun: IAW MOWW Bylaws, regions, departments and chapters report election results to HQ MOWW using the online MOWW Form 6, “New Officer Report” (www.moww.org, “Companions Only,” “Forms”).
- 30 Jun: Chapters submit online, biannual MOWW Form 27, “Chapter Activity Report” (www.moww.org (“Companions Only,” “Forms”). Include region, department/state commander’s email addresses in form so they get a copy. ★

Hospice Planning

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

One of the best innovations in my medical lifetime has been the growing hospice movement.

When I was in training back in the mid-1960s and later, the art of gerontology, i.e., the medicine of aging, was in its infancy. For the first time people were routinely living to older ages. Medicine was behind in their medical concerns. After all, the social security age was first established at 65 because there were very few people living much longer than that to collect it. Things are different now.



As time passed, there became a need for arrangements to deal with the care and philosophy that focuses on palliation (comforting) of the growing sick and the terminally ill group of people dealing with pain and suffering.

Consequently, the proactive hospice was reborn. Some ancient medical thought was dispensed with, such as giving adequate levels of pain medication. The possibility of addiction means little in the terminally ill. Emotional and spiritual needs are being met and “work gets done” to ease into the passing with tranquility, if possible.

Since the 11th century, religious and other groups comforted the dying. The Crusading movement included this combination of “host and guest” as a sacred duty. Throughout the course of history, mainly religious orders “treated” and comforted the dying. In that day, there was little else to do for these travelers in a crisis.

Nowadays, hospice is an entirely newer concept. The object is not so much to ease dying. It has become an

active part of medical care. The goals do not involve seeking a “cure.” Instead, the goals are to treat the final phases of life. This can take the form of both active and passive therapy. The difference is that the “end game” is known up front.

Getting to the end of life can be a complicated and even a rewarding passage. Family, spiritual, financial and many other issues sometimes can be best dealt with under these circumstances. Facing death often gives a clear view of what is important. A more “pleasant” passage to the next level can happen when there is no reason to be less than candid with these issues.

Any active treatment needed is done with the accepted goals and outcome in mind. The family is also “treated.” Needed discussions happen. Problems can be resolved. The Hospice processes can be carried out in the home. Many patients and families prefer familiar surroundings. In this setting, care may not be 24/7, unless needed. Patients may also be treated in a separate facility where care that is more constant can be given.

Medicare and other insurances, within certain parameters, cover hospice care. Generally, patients must be “certified” terminal, i.e., they typically have six or fewer months left of life. Interestingly, if you are so certified and “beat the odds,” you may still be eligible to return again in the future under the same rules.

The growth and acceptance of end of life care has been one of the greatest advantage in medicine recent times, and it is one that deserves some attention beforehand. ★



CPT (Dr.) Robert E. Mallin, USA (Former) is a graduate of Adelphi University and New York Medical College. He is certified with the American Board of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

In private practice from 1975-94, he was the Alaskan State Physician of the Year. While in the US Army (1966-1968) he earned a Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Air Medal, and a Combat Medical Badge.

Help Me, Help Me!

PASTOR STEVE SHEPHERD (RET)
CHURCH OF CHRIST



We all need help in life, even the best of us. God allows us all to get to that point in life even though we would like to be as independent as possible.

The soldier's first article of faith is seen in a March 10, 1864, letter from General Sherman to General Grant: "I knew wherever I was that you thought of me, and if I got in a tight place you would come—if alive."

If you were alive, you would come and help me. How great is that? It seems to me that this should be our article of faith or better yet, our code of action in life! We come to the aid of one another if it is at all possible!

People need people. I remember a mother once told me, "Laurie was about three when one night she wanted me to help her get undressed. I was downstairs and she was upstairs, and, well, I told her, "You know how to undress yourself."

"Yes," she said her daughter Laurie replied, "but sometimes people need people anyway, even if they do know how to do things by themselves."

Yes, even though we know how to do many things for ourselves, we still occasionally need help from others.

Some years ago, I bought an old, used riding mower from a man who was probably 85 years old at that time. He kept that mower spotless. He would even wipe the engine clean after mowing and I do not know of anyone who does that. I figured it had to be a good mower. He said the only problem was that you had to run the mower with the choke pulled out. Otherwise, it just would not run. He did not know why and I did not know why, but I took him at his word and ran the mower just as he said.

Well, finally after several years that mower started to give me some trouble. It died on me and it would not start. I had to replace a fuel filter clogged with dirt. I thought I had it cured and ran it for some time. Well, it finally quit on me again and once again, I replaced the fuel filter because it had particles of rubber that came out of the gas tank. Still, I could not get it started so

one day I asked one of our men if he could look at it. I know a few things about gasoline engines and mowers, but I figured he knew a lot more about them—and he did.

When he came to house, the mower started. However, he said that I should not have to run that mowers with that choke pulled out all the way. He said he thought he knew what was wrong it. He took it home and blew out carburetor and it now it works like it is supposed to do...and better than it ever did since I bought it.

Everybody needs help occasionally, even if they know what they are doing, or seem to know.

Is it wrong to ask for help? No, but pride may keep us from asking at times, i.e., until we get between a rock and a hard place and then we may ask plaintively, "Help me, help me! Can somebody help me?"★



Editor's Postscript:

As members of the Military Order, we naturally want to serve and help others. That is why we are "Companions." However, there are times when we face difficult life circumstance, or when we feel overwhelmed by our roles and responsibilities, and we do not know what to do. Sometimes, as committee chairs, as commanders, or as we serve in some other role in MOWWW, we need the help of others.

As Pastor Shepherd mentions, we cannot let pride get in the way of asking for the help we need, help that we would so freely give to others in need. We are each other's Wingman, each other's Battle Buddy, and each other's Shipmate.

Providing help, and accepting it when we need it ourselves, represents the best of who we are, and brings the fullest meaning to being Companions. This "Companionship" gives us strength, and makes all good things possible...together.



DALLAS (069), TEXAS

Plano, TX, Officer of the Year

BY LT WALTER LAIDLAW, USN (FMR)

Companions assembled in the Plano Police Department's offices to honor the "Plano Officer of the Year," Officer Art Parker. He was chosen by his Chief and fellow officers following years of outstanding service to the Plano community. The majority of his time is spent patrolling the halls of Plano HS. He is such a friendly and endearing symbol of security that he is known to faculty, students, and parents alike, simply as "O.P.", which, as everyone knows, stands for Officer Parker.

(L-R): CPT Alan Backof, USA (Fmr); Companion Maurine Dickey, HPM; Officer Art Parker; Police Chief Ed Downs; LT Walter Laidlaw, USN (Fmr); Col Joe Cordina, USAF (Ret); LTC Ken Boatman, USA (Ret), and Lt Col Phil Hardin, USAF (Ret).



REGION VII (AL, AK, LA, MS)

Region VII Law and Order Award

BY VCINC COL CLAY C. LE GRANDE, JR., USA RET

The LTG Walker Chapter was host to the Region VII Convention in Jackson, MS, on 26 April 2014. After opening the convention with its annual Memorial Service for departed Companions, Maj Robert Jones, USAF (Ret), Region Commander, presented the Region VII Law & Order Award to Companion CMSgt Keith Burton, HPM. CMSgt Burton, a past Region VII Commander, is serving his 45th year in law enforcement and retired in 2007 from the Air Force where he had a distinguished 38-year career. CMSgt Burton is a Companion in the LTG Walker Chapter.

(L-R): Region VII Commander, Maj Robert Jones; Companion CMSgt Keith Burton and Maj Gen Erik Hearon, ANG, LTG Walker Chapter Commander.



BRIG GEN SCOTT (204), GEORGIA

Advocate for Veterans

BY ROBERT KOMLO, MAJ, USAF (RET)

COL Raleigh Mann, USA (Ret), Commander of the Brigadier General Robert L. Scott Chapter presented a MOWW Certificate of Appreciation to guest speaker Lt Col William J. Camp, USAF (Ret). His outstanding presentation entitled "Recent Developments in the Georgia Bar's Outreach to Military Members, Veterans, and Their Families," was informed by 38 years as an attorney, with 22 years as an active duty Air Force Staff Judge Advocate (until 1995).

Lt Col Camp shared his experiences of working with military service members, veterans and former military spouses in providing extraordinary legal expertise, and services concerning benefits, children's issues, and healthcare options. These achievements were made through the Georgia Bar's Military Legal Assistance Program (MLAP) in which he is a vital member and leader. Since the inception of MLAP, help has been provided to over 1,100 Georgia military members and veterans. For this most interesting and informative talk and for a lifetime of achievements in the legal profession, we are most appreciative.

(L-R): Lt Col Camp and COL Mann.



GRANITE STATE (162), NEW HAMPSHIRE

Granite State Memorial Day

BY CPT DENISE DeCHANT, USA (FMR)

This Memorial Day, Companions once again gathered at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, NH. There, they paid tribute to past Companions and commemorated the service of all veterans. First dedicated on 31 May 2005, the “living” MOWW monument was erected to honor Granite State Companions in Perpetuity.

(L-R): Don Voss, Lansing Reed, LTC Joe DeChant, USA (Ret); Lt Jesse Taylor, Jr., USAF (Ret); Capt Phil Walton, USAF (Ret).



MG MEADE (026), MARYLAND

Annual ROTC Luncheon

BY LT COL SHELDON GOLDBERG, USAF (RET)

Companions of the MG George G. Meade Chapter and special guests gather for a group photo after the annual ROTC luncheon given for cadets and their ROTC instructors.

(Sitting L-R): LTC Frances Thompson, USA (Ret); HPM Joanna Hollywood; HRM Stephanie Lowe; Mrs. Selena Benevides.
 (Standing L-R): COL Hall Worthington, USA (Ret); HPM Mary Worthington; CDR John Eggleston, USN (Ret), Sr. NJROTC Science Instructor, Annapolis HS, MD; C/LtCol Trequon Wallace, Oakland Mills HS, Columbia, MD; LTC John Hollywood, USA (Ret); Maj Eric Richstein, USAF (Ret); Chapter Commander Lt Col Sheldon Goldberg, USAF (Ret); Brig Gen Andrew Veronis, USAF (Ret); MSgt Raymont Johnson, USAF (Ret), AFJROTC Instructor, Oakland Mills HS, Columbia MD; PCINC COL Bert Rice, USA (Ret); C/LCDR Nick Holloway, Annapolis HS, MD; COL Gorham Black, USA (Ret), and Maj John Benevides, USAF (Ret).



GREATER KANSAS CITY (087), MISSOURI

From D-Day until V-E Day

BY COL JAMES TOBIN, USA (RET)

Companion CPT Vincent E. Baker, USA (Ret), was presented with the French Legion of Honor by COL Patrick Teisserenc of the French Army and Honorary French Consul, Dr. Arthur Elman. From D-Day until V-E Day, Baker served in five major campaigns: Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe, and Ardennes. Chapter Commander COL James Tobin, USA (Ret), looks on.



ATLANTA (051), GEORGIA

Eagle Scout Recognition

BY LT CHARLES G. SHEPHERD, JR., USA (FMR)

Eagle Scouts James W. Christopher Kidd, James Friedrich and Connor Ashford of Boy Scout Troop 400, Kennesaw, GA, attained the highest rank in Scouting at the Court of Honor held on 2 Sept 2013. Past Chapter Commander LT Charles G. Shepherd, Jr., USA (Fmr), presented each with a MOWW Eagle Scout Certificate of Recognition at the ceremony.

(L-R): LT Shepherd congratulates James W. Christopher Kidd, James Friedrich and Connor Ashford.



TOPEKA (086), KANSAS

Bronze Patrick Henry Awarded to the Topeka High School Marine Corps JROTC

BY MG DONALD JACKA, USA (RET)

The Chapter presented a MOWW Bronze Patrick Henry Award to the Topeka High School (THS) Marine Corps JROTC in recognition of their collective excellence and dedication to community. MG Donald Jacka, USA (Ret) presented the award to the JROTC Cadets in a ceremony at the Topeka High School on 16 May 2014.

General Jacka noted that the THS Marine JROTC program is the largest MC JROTC Unit in the Region. It has been awarded the Marine Corps Reserve Association winner (top 3% of all MCJROTC units in the nation) three times and 11 times a Naval Honor School (top 5% of all MC JROTC programs in the nation). Cadets of the Topeka High JROTC program continue to be the “tip of the spear” in service to our community, providing the community with 8,850 hours of community service last year.

Additionally, last year the cadets gave up participation in the All-City Drill Meet competition in order to provide the community support to honor two fallen law enforcement officers. The recent winners of the “Juggernaut Award,” presented for the aggressive spirit in which the cadets operate in to support their JROTC unit, the Marine Cadets of the Topeka High School JROTC Program have toiled long hours and worked hard to continue its tradition of excellence and dedication to community support.



CENTRAL ARKANSAS (225)

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The Chapter's wreath, with ribbon containing the words "Military Order of the World Wars," was created by Companion Capt Chris Robertson, USAF (Fmr). It was placed at the Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery.

PCINC Col James D. Elmer, USAF (Ret), on Memorial Day.



GREATER BOSTON (004), MASSACHUSETTS

LT Geoffrey S. Mullis Honored

BY LTC WALT STAMPER, USA (RET)

Chapter Companions were privileged to present LT Geoff Mullis a MOWW Silver Patrick Henry Award for his services in the landing on Utah Beach in support of US Forces on 6 June 1944.

(L-R): LT Joseph Bonanno, Rita and Geoff Mullis, Col Moss Quinlan, LTC Walt Stamper, USA (Ret).



FORT WORTH (133), TEXAS

Judge Carr Represents the Best Traditions of the USMC

BY LT COL JAMES R. ANDERSON, USAF (RET)

The Honorable Brent Carr (Maj, USMC Reserves), has served as Judge, Tarrant County Criminal Court Nine, since 1991. Beginning in 2003, Judge Carr became involved in specialty courts and opened the Tarrant County Mental Health Diversion Program. Judge Carr was instrumental in drafting the legislation establishing the Veterans Diversion Program, approved by the Texas State Legislature in 2009. Since April 2010, 121 veterans have been admitted to the program. With an 86% success rate, 68 of the veterans have successfully completed their program and have returned as productive members of their community. Judge Carr's continuous dedication, commitment and loyalty to the citizens, and especially the military veterans of Tarrant County, is unequalled and represents the best traditions of the United States Marine Corps, the Military Order of the World Wars and the United States of America.

(L-R): Maj Robert J. Williams, USAF (Ret), reads the citation as Chapter Commander Lt Col James R. Anderson, USAF (Ret), presents Bronze Patrick Henry Plaque and the Silver Patrick Henry Medal to Judge Carr and members of the court staff.



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Acting Secretary Gibson Meets with MSOs and VSOs Following Release of Data on Quality, Access to Veterans Healthcare

WASHINGTON – Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs Sloan Gibson met with the leadership of 27 Military and Veterans Service Organizations (MSOs and VSOs) following the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) release of results from its Nationwide Access Audit, and other facility level access data.

In the meeting, Acting Secretary Gibson thanked MSOs and VSOs for being VA's valuable partners in serving Veterans and continuing to improve the department. He told MSO and VSO leaders that he looks forward to working with them to better serve Veterans and address the unacceptable, systemic problems in accessing VA healthcare.

Acting Secretary Gibson outlined the actions announced today in response to the audit findings, and how the data shows the extent of the systemic problems VA faces. He reemphasized his commitment to earn the trust of Veterans who VA is privileged to serve, and told the MSO and VSO leaders that VA has contacted 50,000 Veterans across the country to get them off of wait lists and into clinics.

The actions announced and data released today can be found at:

<http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2552>

WASHINGTON – Today, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) released the results from its Nationwide Access Audit, along with facility level patient access data, medical center quality and efficiency data, and mental health provider survey data, for all Veterans health facilities.

Full details made public at VA.gov follow Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs Sloan Gibson's commitment last week in Phoenix, Arizona and San Antonio, Texas to provide timely access to quality healthcare Veterans have earned and deserved.

"It is our duty and our privilege to provide Veterans the care they have earned through their service and sacrifice," said Acting Secretary Gibson. "As the President has said, as Secretary Shinseki said, and as I stated plainly last week, we must work together to fix the unacceptable, systemic problems in accessing VA healthcare.

"Today, we're providing the details to offer transparency into the scale of our challenges, and of our system itself.

I'll repeat— this data shows the extent of the systemic problems we face, problems that demand immediate actions. As of today, VA has contacted 50,000 Veterans across the country to get them off of wait lists and into clinics. Veterans deserve to have full faith in their VA, and they will keep hearing from us until all our Veterans receive the care they've earned."

Acting Secretary Gibson announced a series of additional actions in response to today's audit findings and data, including:

- **Establishing New Patient Satisfaction Measurement Program.** Acting Secretary Gibson has directed VHA to immediately begin developing a new patient satisfaction measurement program to provide real-time, robust, location-by-location information on patient satisfaction, to include satisfaction data of those Veterans attempting to access VA healthcare for the first time. This program will be developed with input from Veterans Service Organizations, outside health

care organizations, and other entities. This will ensure VA collects an additional set of data – directly from the Veteran’s perspective – to understand how VA is doing throughout the system.

- **Holding Senior Leaders Accountable.** Where audited sites identify concerns within the parent facility or its affiliated clinics, VA will trigger administrative procedures to ascertain the appropriate follow-on personnel actions for specific individuals.
- **Ordering an Immediate VHA Central Office and VISN Office Hiring Freeze.** Acting Secretary Gibson has ordered an immediate hiring freeze at the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) central office in Washington D.C. and the 21 VHA Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) regional offices, except for critical positions to be approved by the Secretary on a case-by-case basis. This action will begin to remove bureaucratic obstacles and establish responsive, forward leaning leadership.
- **Removing 14-Day Scheduling Goal.** VA is eliminating the 14-day scheduling goal from employee performance contracts- This action will eliminate incentives to engage in inappropriate scheduling practices or behaviors.
- **Increasing Transparency by Posting Data Twice-Monthly.** At the direction of the Acting Secretary, VHA will post regular updates to the access data released today at the middle and end of each month at va.gov. Twice-monthly data updates will enhance transparency and provide the most immediate information to Veterans and the public on Veterans access to quality healthcare.
- **Initiating an Independent, External Audit of Scheduling Practices.** Acting Secretary Gibson has also directed that an independent, external audit of system-wide VHA scheduling practices be performed.
- **Sending Additional Frontline Team to Address Phoenix.** Following his trip to Phoenix VA Medical Center last week, Acting Secretary Gibson directed a VHA frontline team to travel to Phoenix to immediately address scheduling, access, and resource requirements needed to provide Veterans the timely, quality healthcare they deserve.
- **Utilizing High Performing Facilities to Help Those That Need Improvement.** VA will formalize a process in which high performing facilities provide direct assistance and share best practices with facilities that require improvement on particular medical center quality and efficiency, also known as SAIL, performance measures.

- **Applying Immediate Access Reforms Announced in Phoenix to Most Challenged VA Facilities.**

Last week, Acting Secretary Gibson announced a series of measures to address healthcare access problems in Phoenix. Today, Acting Secretary Gibson announced he’ll apply the same reforms to facilities with the most access problems from the results of the audit, including:

- **Hiring Additional Clinical and Patient Support Staff.** VA will deploy teams of dedicated human resource employees to accelerate the hiring of additional, needed staff.
- **Employing New Staffing Measures.** VA’s first goal is to get Veterans off wait lists and into clinics. VA is using temporary staffing measures, along with clinical and administrative support, to ensure these Veterans receive the care they have earned through their service.
- **Deploying Mobile Medical Units.** VA will send mobile medical units to facilities to immediately provide services to patients and Veterans awaiting care.
- **Providing More Care by Modifying Local Contract Operations.** VA will modify local contract operations to be able to offer more community-based care to Veterans waiting to be seen by a doctor.
- **Removing Senior Leadership.** Where appropriate, VA will initiate the process of removing senior leaders. Acting Secretary Gibson is committed to using all authority at VA’s disposal to enforce accountability among senior leaders.
- **Suspending Performance Awards.** VA has suspended all VHA senior executive performance awards for FY2014.
- **Future Travel Over the course of the next several weeks.** Acting Secretary Gibson will travel to a series of VA facilities across the country. He will hear directly from Veterans and employees about obstacles to providing timely, quality care and how VA can immediately address them.

National audit and patient access data available at www.va.gov/health/access-audit.asp.

Medical center quality and efficiency (SAIL) and mental health data available at <http://www.hospitalcompare.va.gov/>



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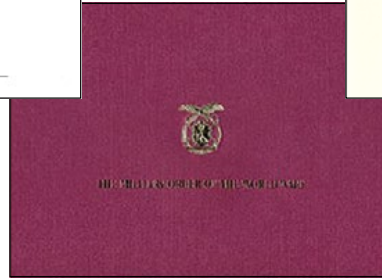
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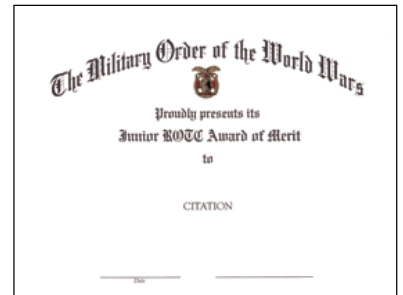
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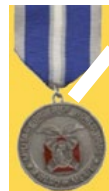
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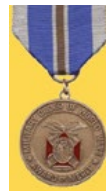
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