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Carry On!

Dear Companions,

What a journey this has been as your CINC, visiting chapters across the country, each unique but all with a common mission—exemplifying the Order's Preamble and supporting our patriotic missions. My abiding objectives have always been the Strategic Goals of the Order.

During my travels, I've picked up a number of great ideas on ways to accomplish our Order's Strategic Goals and I've shared them with others. We all must share such ideas with fellow Companions and we can do this through a variety of means, e.g., personal contact at conferences and conventions, emails, *Officer Review*® magazine articles, etc.

Companions across the country are doing amazing things on behalf of the Order for our youth and in local communities. We need to bring more Companions into our ranks (Strategic Goal 1) and get current Companions to contribute to our mission. We can do this by continually letting others know who we are, what we do and where help is needed!

Throughout the year, I've stressed that we are relevant because of the work of our dedicated volunteer Companions. Admittedly, we need to do more, and our outreach programs are the perfect means to do so (Strategic Goal 2). As an Order, we also need to raise MOWW's visibility via personal contact, wearing of MOWW apparel and accoutrements, press coverage, Companion interviews, etc. (Strategic Goal 3).

I have emphasized that leaders—in fact, every Companion—should “leave the woodpile higher than they found it” at the end of their tenure. I'm referring to learning the job, effectively performing it and conducting solid leader transitions when that tenure ends. Leaders must document successes achieved and promote continuity for future achievement within a chapter, region or oversight area (Strategic Goal 4).

Finally, a most satisfying aspect of being a contributing Companion is recognizing our youth and others who embody the ideals upon which the MOWW was founded. Equally satisfying is recognizing those Companions who made a difference by personifying the Order's motto: “It is nobler to serve than to be served” (Strategic Goal 5).

Thanks to all of you who do so much for the Order.

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2016 MOWW Distinguished Service Award Recipient Lieutenant General Russel L. Honoré, USA (Ret).





The Distinguished Service Award (DSA) of The Military Order of the World Wars is the highest award presented by The Military Order of the World Wars. It is presented by the Order at each national convention to honor an American citizen who has made a notable contribution to national defense or the preservation of our constitutional liberties. The DSA recipient is selected by the Commander-in-Chief (CINC). The CINC presents the award during the CINC Banquet at the Order's annual convention (during which the DSA recipient is the principal speaker).

LTG Russel L. Honoré

UNITED STATES ARMY (RETIRED)

Lieutenant General Honoré is a native of Lakeland, LA. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry and awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Vocational Agriculture upon graduation from Southern University and A&M College in 1971. He holds a Master of Arts in Human Resources from Troy State University as well as an Honorary Doctorate in Public Administration from Southern University and A&M College, an Honorary Doctorate in Laws from Stillman College, and an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters from Stillman College.

Among his assignments are Commanding General, First Army; Commanding General, SJFHQ-HLS, U.S. Northern Command; Commanding General, 2d Infantry Division, Korea; Deputy Commanding General/Assistant Commandant, United States Army Infantry Center and School, Fort Benning, Georgia; and the Assistant Division Commander, Maneuver/Support, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

He has also served as the Brigade Commander, 1st Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia; Senior Mechanized Observer/Controller, "Scorpion 07," National Training Center (25 rotations); and Commander, 4th Battalion, 16th Infantry Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Germany.

In 2005, LTG Honoré commanded Joint Task Force-Katrina. In that capacity, he led the Department of Defense response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, and directed the operations of over 22,000 military personnel, 200 aircraft, and 20 ships. In accordance with the leadership and priorities established by LTG Honoré, Joint Task Force-Katrina collaborated with Federal, state and local authorities to coordinate and conduct all response, recovery and mitigation operations.

General Honoré retired on 29 February 2008 following 37 years of active service with the United States Army. He continues to speak and consult nationally on Building a Culture of Preparedness.

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS INCLUDE:

- Defense Distinguished Service Medal (one Oak Leaf Cluster)
- Distinguished Service Medal (one Oak Leaf Cluster)
- Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (four Oak Leaf Clusters)
- Bronze Star Medal
- Defense Meritorious Service Medal
- Meritorious Service Medal (three Oak Leaf Clusters)
- Army Commendation Medal (three Oak Leaf Clusters)
- Army Achievement Medal
- National Defense Service Medal (two Bronze Service Stars)
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- Southwest Asia Service Medal (one Bronze Service Star)
- Global War on Terror Service Medal
- Korean Defense Service Medal
- Armed Forces Service Medal
- Humanitarian Service Medal
- Army Service Ribbon
- Overseas Service Ribbon (4)
- Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi)
- Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait)
- Joint Meritorious Unit Award.

QUALIFICATION BADGES INCLUDE:

- Expert Infantry Badge
- Parachutist Badge
- Joint Staff Identification Badge.



The Little Can That Could

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During World War II, the United States exported more tons of petroleum products than of all other war materiel combined. The mainstay of the enormous oil and gasoline transportation network that fed the war was the oceangoing tanker, supplemented on land by pipelines, railroad tank cars, and trucks. However, for combat vehicles on the move, another link was crucial—having smaller containers capable of being carried and poured by hand, and moved around a battle zone by trucks.

Hitler knew this. He perceived early on that the weakest link in his plans for blitzkrieg using his *Panzer* divisions was fuel supply. He ordered his staff to design a fuel container that would minimize gasoline losses under combat conditions. As a result, the German Army had thousands of “jerry cans,” as they came to be called, stored and ready when hostilities began in 1939.

The jerry can was developed under the strictest secrecy, and its unique features were many. It was flat-sided and rectangular, consisting of two halves welded together as in a typical automobile gasoline tank. It had three handles, enabling one man to carry two cans and pass one to another man in bucket-brigade fashion. Its capacity was approximately five US gallons; its weight filled, forty-five pounds. Thanks to an air chamber at the top, it would float on water if dropped overboard or from a plane. Its short spout was secured with a snap closure that could be propped open for pouring, making any funnel or opener unnecessary. A gasket made the mouth leak-proof. An air-breathing tube from the spout to the air space kept the pouring smooth. Most important, the can’s inside was lined with an impervious plastic material developed for the insides of steel beer barrels. This enabled the jerry can to be used alternately for gasoline and water.

American nurse Irene Steffens helping to unload gasoline cans from a C-47 transport plane. Rheims, France, September 1944

Source *LIFE* Magazine photo



US Gasoline Can





German containers for 20 liters of fuel.

Left: former container; right: Wehrmacht-Einheitsskanister of 1941, manufacturer: Nirona

Photo credit: Burkhart Röchel

Early in the summer of 1939, this secret weapon began a roundabout odyssey into American hands. An American engineer named Paul Pleiss was finishing a manufacturing job in Berlin. He persuaded a German

colleague to join him on a vacation trip overland to India. The two bought an automobile chassis and built a body for it. As they prepared to leave on their journey, they realized that they had no provision for emergency water. The German engineer knew of and had access to thousands of jerry cans stored at Tempelhof Airport. He simply took three and mounted them on the underside of the car.

The two drove across eleven national borders without incident and were halfway across India when Field Marshal Goering sent a plane to take the German engineer back home. Before departing, the engineer compounded his treason by giving Pleiss complete specifications for the jerry can's manufacture. Pleiss continued alone to Calcutta. Then he put the car in storage and returned to Philadelphia.

Back in the United States, Pleiss told military officials about the container, but without a sample can he could stir no interest, even though the war was now well under way. The risk involved in having the cans removed from the car and shipped from Calcutta seemed too great, so he eventually had the complete vehicle sent to him, via Turkey and the Cape of Good Hope. It arrived in New York in the summer of 1940 with the three jerry cans intact. Pleiss immediately sent one of the cans to Washington. The War Department looked at it but unwisely decided that an updated version of their World War I container would be good enough. That was a cylindrical, ten-gallon can with two screw closures. It required a wrench and a funnel for pouring.

The Army sent their one jerry to Camp Holabird, MD. The US Army poorly redesigned it, retaining only the general size, shape and handles. Rolled seams replaced the welded circumferential joint around the bottom and one side. Both a wrench and a funnel were required for its use. In addition, it now had no lining. As any petroleum engineer knows, it is unsafe to store gasoline

in a container with rolled seams. This *ersatz* can did not win wide acceptance.

The British first encountered the jerry can during the German invasion of Norway in 1940, which resulted in its English name (based on the Germans being nicknamed "Jerries"). Later that year when Pleiss was in London, British officers asked him if he knew anything about the can's design and manufacture. He ordered the second of his three jerry cans flown to London. There was an effort to manufacture duplicates.

Two years later the United States was still oblivious of the can. Then, in September 1942, two quality-control officers posted to American refineries in the Mideast ran into the problems resulting from ignoring the jerry can. I was one of those two. Passing through Cairo two weeks before the start of the Battle of El Alamein, we learned that the British wanted no part of a planned US Navy can. As far as they were concerned, the only container worth having was the Jerry can, even though their only supply was those captured in battle. The British were bitter; two years after the invasion of Norway there was still no evidence that their government had done anything about the jerry can.

My colleague and I learned quickly about the jerry can's advantages and the Allied can's costly disadvantages, and we sent a cable to naval officials in Washington stating that 40 percent of all the gasoline sent to Egypt was being lost through spillage and evaporation. We added that a detailed report would follow. The 40 percent figure was actually a guess intended to provoke alarm, but it worked. A cable came back immediately requesting confirmation.

We then arranged a visit to several fuel-handling depots

L-R: Examples of a two-person and a one-person carry



at the rear of Montgomery's army and found there that conditions were indeed appalling. Fuel arrived by rail from the sea in fifty-five-gallon steel drums with rolled seams and friction-sealed metallic mouths. Local laborers violently handled the drums. Many leaked. The next link in the chain was the infamous five-gallon "petrol tin." This was a square can of tin plate used for decades to supply lamp kerosene. It was hardly useful for gasoline. In the hot desert sun, it tended to swell up, burst at the seams, and leak. Since pouring fuel required a funnel, spillage was also a problem.

Allied soldiers in Africa knew that the only gasoline container worth having was German. Liberator bombers used similar tins while in flight. They leaked out perhaps a third of the fuel they carried. Because of this, General Wavell's defeat of the Italians in North Africa in 1940 had come to naught. His planes and combat vehicles had literally run out of gas. Likewise, in 1941, General Auchinleck's victory over Rommel had withered away. In 1942, General Montgomery saw to it that he had enough supplies, including gasoline, to whip Rommel in spite of terrific wastage. In addition, his forces used captured jerry cans to sustain themselves.

The British historian Desmond Young later confirmed the great importance of oil cans in the early African part of the war. "No one who did not serve in the desert," he wrote, "can realise to what extent the difference between complete and partial success rested on the simplest item of our equipment—and the worst. Whoever sent our troops into desert warfare with the [five-gallon] petrol tin has much to answer for. General Auchinleck estimates that this "flimsy and ill-constructed container" led to the loss of thirty per



War in the Western Desert, 1941-43: Trooper of the Afrika Korps at chow time. A jerry can serves as stool.

cent of petrol between base and consumer. The overall loss was almost incalculable. To calculate the tanks destroyed, the number of men who were killed or went into captivity because of shortage of petrol at some crucial moment, the ships and merchant seamen lost in carrying it, would be quite impossible."

After my colleague and I made our report, Washington cancelled a new five-gallon container under consideration. Meanwhile the British were finally gearing up for mass production. Two million British jerry cans went to North Africa in early 1943 and by early 1944, they were being manufactured in the Middle East. Since the British had such a head start, the Allies agreed to let them produce all the cans needed for the invasion of Europe. Millions were ready by D-day. By Victory in Europe (VE) Day, some twenty-one million Allied jerry cans had been scattered all over Europe. President Roosevelt observed in November 1944, "Without these cans it would have been impossible for our armies to cut their way across France at a lightning pace which exceeded the German Blitz of 1940."

In Washington, little about the jerry can appears in the official record. A military report says simply, "A sample of the jerry can was brought to the office of the Quartermaster General in the summer of 1940." ★

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✱ **Editor's Note: Thanks to COL James T. Roberts, USA (Ret), Chair, MOWW National Security Committee, for recommending this article. Multiple sources.**

Left: The stamped indentations on the sides of jerry cans served two purposes: firstly to stiffen the side sheet metal; secondly to allow greater surface area for expansion and contraction of the contents with heat and cold. Different colors designate the contents.

MOWW Honors Chief Judge

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Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland

Following her graduation in 1984 from the University of Maryland School of Law, she clerked for the Honorable Robert L. Karwacki, then an Associate Judge of the Court of Special Appeals of Maryland. She joined the Office of the Attorney General of Maryland in 1985 as an Assistant Attorney General in the Criminal Appeals Division and became Deputy Chief of the Division in 1989.

In 1998, she joined Governor Glendening's Office of Legal Counsel and Regulatory Affairs, ultimately serving as Chief Legal Counsel. In 2002, she was appointed an Associate Judge of the Court of Special Appeal. In 2008, Governor O'Malley appointed her to the Court of Appeals, and in 2013, she was appointed Chief Judge of the Court to hold the position of Chief Judge.

Chief Judge Barbera is a recipient of the Maryland Bar Foundation's Legal Excellence Award for the Advancement of Professional Competence (2012); the Rita Davidson Award (2011) given by the Women's Bar Association; The Daily Record's Top 100 Women Award (2008) and the Leadership in Law Award (2007); and the Robert C. Heeney Award (2008), given by the Criminal Law Section of the Maryland State Bar Association. In 2013, The *Baltimore Sun Magazine* named Chief Judge Barbera as one of the "50 Women to Watch."

Chief Judge Barbera is a Fellow of the Maryland Bar Foundation, the Bar Association of Howard County, and the Bar Association of Montgomery County. In 2011, she was inducted by the Montgomery County Bar Foundation to serve as a Bar Leader. She is a member of the Maryland State Bar Association, the Bar Association of Montgomery County, the National Association of Women Judges, the Women's Bar Association of Maryland and its Montgomery County Chapter, and the Women's Law Center of Maryland.

L-R: VCINC LTC Hollywood, Chief Judge Barbera, Lt Col Goldberg

On 5 April 2016, the Military Order of World Wars (MOWW) presented Chief Judge Mary Ellen Barbera a Silver Patrick Henry Award for her involvement with MOWW's MG Meade Chapter, and the chapter's one-day "Law & Order" YLC.

The chief judge, who hosts regular meetings in the Court of Appeals with students involved in the annual program, was honored for her efforts to instill an understanding of the law and the judicial branch in students.

MOWW Vice Commander-in-Chief LTC John H. Hollywood, USA (Ret), and MOWW Department of Maryland Commander Lt Col Sheldon A. Goldberg, PhD, USAF (Ret), the leader of MOWW's Youth Leadership Conference, presented the award. Chief Judge Barbera also presented Lt Col Goldberg with a certificate of appreciation for his years of service with the Youth Leadership Conference. ★



Uncle Al...and the Meuse-Argonne

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"Uncle Al" (Alfred Schlereth) wasn't really my uncle at all, but rather one of four second-generation German-American siblings, all of whom were close friends of my maternal grandmother, who raised me and my twin sister Jo-Ann during our early formative years.

Uncle Al enlisted in the Army in 1917 and served with the American Expeditionary Force under the command of G/A John J. Pershing. While in his entrenched position during the Meuse-Argonne offensive, an enemy artillery shell laden with mustard gas detonated in close proximity to Uncle Al. He was knocked unconscious by the blast. He also inhaled a substantial amount of mustard gas before his comrades could put his gas mask in place. Uncle Al also suffered severe shrapnel wounds from the exploding shell to the muscles and bone of his lower left leg. Following his extended treatment at a field hospital, Uncle Al returned to the United States and was discharged from the Army as a disabled veteran.

My bedroom was adjacent to where Uncle Al slept, and as a young boy of five or six years, I recall being awakened at night by Uncle Al's yelling and loud talking during his sleep. I also recall getting up in the morning and seeing Uncle Al sitting on the edge of his bed in his underwear, applying antiseptic ointment to his ever-festering left leg. I watched as he wrapped his wound in a sterile cotton wrap, and then laced up the leather and steel brace that the Army had issued to him to help him walk in a somewhat normal fashion. After this daily procedure, Uncle Al would pull on his overalls (as he was a carpenter and handyman by trade), and then limp down the stairs and out of the house to his place of work for that day.

At other times I recall Uncle Al was beset with unexplainable fits of rage over simple things, such as the menu for the Sunday dinner, or arguing violently with his younger brother Mike over repairs which needed to be done to the home in which we lived. At times, I remember seeing Uncle Al sitting in an armchair in the living room, staring out the window with tears streaming down his face. You could not talk to Uncle Al during these times, as he either could not hear you, or respond.

Those who knew Uncle Al after his wartime experience would say that he suffered from "battle fatigue" or "combat fatigue." In today's society, we would most likely suspect that Uncle Al suffered from either TBI or PTSD, or maybe both post-combat conditions.

Uncle Al passed away on 6 September 1956 due somewhat to the continuing complications caused by his combat injuries during the Great War. Two days later on 8 September 1956 (my eighth birthday), I attended Uncle Al's funeral with full military honors at a local cemetery in Brooklyn, NY. Since Uncle Al never married and had no children, his surviving siblings decided that I should be the one to accept his 48-star burial flag. Little did I know at that young age the priceless gift I would receive.

Over years as I moved from home to home and duty-station to duty-station during the ensuing forty-years, I kept Uncle Al's burial flag in my possession. In the late 1990s, I donated Uncle Al's flag to the Virginia State Veterans Cemetery in Amelia County in support of its "Avenue of Flags" project.

I am proud to say that since then, Uncle Al's flag flies from a pole on the Avenue of Flags every Memorial Day. I hope that all who view it will remember the service and sacrifice of those brave and sacrificing Americans who gave everything during the Great War. ★

The Avenue of Flags, Virginia State Veterans Cemetery in Amelia County where Uncle Al's burial flag flies every Memorial Day.



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Future of the US Army

COL JAMES T. ROBERTS, SR., USA (RET)
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On 29 January 2016, the Pentagon released the National Commission on the Future of the Army Report. Since its first meeting in April 2015, those following the national conversation on the size and readiness of the Army pretty well knew what the findings would be. Funding of readiness was not emphasized even though today's readiness reports indicate that only one-third of the Brigade Combat Teams (BCT) are ready to re-deploy and only two immediately. There was no strategic threat analysis. Instead, the Commission based its findings on what it perceived to be future geopolitical and technological trends and anticipated military missions. The report had 63 recommendations. Eight are addressed below.

1. Stop the Army end-strength decline. The Commission set strength at 450,000 for the Active Army, 335,000 for the Army Guard, and 195,000 for the Army Reserve. This gives the Total Army minimally sufficient capacity and capability to respond to conventional threats. In April, the Army Chief of Staff stated that the Army is at high risk. Further, if sequestration is extended through 2017, the Army would be forced to draw down to 420,000. This would spell disaster in responding to a major world crisis. Alarming, some current studies indicate a Total Army force of 1.2 million is now needed.
2. Station an armored BCT in Europe. In response, the Army transferred a 3rd Infantry Division armor heavy BCT to Germany.
3. Retain 11 combat aviation brigades (CAB). The budget shortfall had three on the chopping block. The Army is working on this item. South Korea could keep its CAB.
4. Fix wheeled vehicle shortages. More heavy vehicle transporters are needed. The Joint Light Tactical Vehicle

program is behind schedule. The Army is tasked to do an assessment within a year.

5. Keep Apache helicopters in the National Guard. The Commission recommended 20 Active Army battalions and 4 National Guard Battalions. This is a work in progress.
6. Use more multi-component units. This recommendation is a fallback on combining Reserve Component (RC) and Active Army units at more levels for training and readiness. Fortunately, this has been part of the force model philosophy for decades.
7. Cut two infantry brigade combat teams. This "rob Peter to pay Paul" option is to gain personnel spaces to fill short-handed occupational specialties such as Active Army air defense personnel. The Army has already shed numerous BCTs in anticipation of earlier cuts. Reducing combat brigades is not an option when faced with today's threats.
8. Increase the use of Army Guard/Army Reserve units. This recommendation indicated the increased employment of RC units to replace stressed Active Army units and more Army Guard BCT rotations at the national training centers. In fact, there are more citizen-soldier units today conducting Army missions throughout the world. Short of war, the RC has never been more ready or called upon than the present. However, their families and businesses do suffer with each activation.

A reading of the report really confirmed that the Army must be allowed to return to a threat driven force structure. The Commission did not give us the answers we were seeking. It just highlighted our weak readiness posture. ★

DISCLAIMER: Opinions or points of view expressed are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the official position or policies of the Military Order of the World Wars.



COL Roberts, a 34-year Army veteran, 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, and is currently the Chair, National Security Committee. He is now a business continuity-planning consultant after serving as a United States Marshal in the Bush administration.

Request Your Service Records

Form DD 214 Available Online

Have you lost your military service records, medical records, personnel records, or records of awards and medals earned? Are you a family member seeking information about the military service of a next-of-kin? Find out how to request information and what forms you will need to fill out.

Remember: your military records are normally free to request from the Federal Government, companies that advertise copies of your DD-214 or military records for a fee are scams.

Normally only the veteran or the next-of-kin may request copies of military records.

What Information Is Needed To Request Records

Your request must contain certain basic information to locate your service records. This information includes:

- The veteran's complete name used while in service
- Service number
- Social security number
- Branch of service
- Dates of service
- Date and place of birth (especially if the service number is not known).

If you suspect your records may have been involved in the 1973 fire, also include:

- Place of discharge
- Last unit of assignment
- Place of entry into the service, if known.

All requests must be signed and dated by the veteran or next-of-kin. If you are the next of kin of a deceased veteran, you must provide proof of death of the veteran such as a copy of death certificate, letter from funeral home, or published obituary.

How To Request Service Information

The National Archives online program eVetRecs is the preferred and fastest method for requesting service information: <https://vetrecs.archives.gov/VeteranRequest/home.html>

Provide as much information as possible in the comments field. Here, you may also state whether you

are in need of immediate assistance, for example, a funeral or job applications.

Should you prefer to submit your request using a SF180 then provide as much information as possible and send the form to:

National Personnel Records Center
Military Personnel Records
1 Archives Drive, St. Louis, MO 63138

Or Fax to: 314-801-9195

Access SF180 information and forms through this link: <https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/standard-form-180.html>

How Long Does It Take To Receive Copies of Records?

According to the National Personnel Records Center, 92% of separation record requests are processed within 10 days of receipt. However, health records may take longer. *The eVetRecs website has instructions for emergency requests needing faster processing.*

Sources:

<http://www.military.com/benefits/records-and-forms/>

<https://www.archives.gov>



National Officer Candidates

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“It is Nobler to Serve” | Volunteer as a candidate for national office

The 2016 MOWW Convention is coming in August 2015. Every Companion has the opportunity to fulfill the promise of MOWW's motto, *“It is nobler to serve than to be served,”* by running for an elected leadership role or by volunteering for an appointed position. Become a candidate for national elected office!

Please email the following Companions with your candidacy preference. Remember: you need a nominating official!

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 - o Col Clay C. Le Grande, Jr., USA (Ret)
- **SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:**
 - o Col David R. Gibson, USAF (Ret)
- **VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: (4):**
 - o LTC John H. Hollywood, Jr., USA (Ret)
 - Region IV
 - o COL Brad Beasley, USA (Ret)
 - Region V
 - o LTC Charles S. Chamberlin, USA (Ret)
 - Region VIII
 - o CPT Paula R. Mitchell, USAR (Fmr)
 - Region XIII

Note: the MOWW Constitution [Article V, Section 2, Paragraph A.2]), states, “Four each, with no two of whom coming from any one region.”

- **TREASURER GENERAL:**
 - o CDR Robert F. Hartman III, USN (Ret)
- **JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL:**
 - o COL Earle R. Lasseter, USA (Ret)
- **SURGEON GENERAL:**
 - o CPT (DR) Robert E. Mallin, USA (Fmr)
- **CHAPLAIN GENERAL:**
 - o MAJ James L. Beckwith, USA (Ret)
- **HISTORIAN GENERAL:**
 - o LTC Arthur B. Fowler, USA (Ret)
- **GENERAL STAFF OFFICERS—ELECTED (AT-LARGE, 5):**
 - o LTC William E. Rapp, USA (Ret)
 - o LTC Don B. Munson, USA (Ret)
 - o Lt Col Sheldon A. Goldberg, USAF (Ret)
 - o BrigGen Frederick R. Lopez, USMC (Ret)
 - o LTC King Moss II, USA (Ret)

**See you at the 2016
National MOWW
Convention in Baton Rouge,
Louisiana!**



MOWW Constitution & Bylaws: Proposed Amendments

PCINC RUSSELL C. VOWINKEL, USN (RET)
CHAIR, MOWW NOMINATING COMMITTEE



PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

In keeping with the MOWW Constitution (Article VIII, Section 3) and the MOWW Bylaws (Article IX, Section 3), the MOWW Constitution & Bylaws Committee presents seven proposed amendments to MOWW's Constitution and Bylaws for consideration by all Companions of the Order. In particular, the Committee expressly presents them for consideration by, and the vote of, the Delegates to the 2016 MOWW Convention, in Baton Rouge, LA, in August 2016.

1. PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT: RENAME THE "POLICY PLANNING COMMITTEE" AS THE "STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE."

- a. **Committee Recommendation. Adopt.**
- b. Author. PCINC Capt Deborah A. Kash, USAF (Ret)
- c. Current language. "Policy Planning Committee. [MOWW Bylaws, Article VII, Section 1, Paragraph S.]
- d. Proposed Language. Amend the MOWW Bylaws, Article VII, Section 1, Paragraph S, to read, "Strategic Planning Committee."
- e. Rationale. For a decade or more, the Policy Planning Committee's role was developing the Order's Strategic Plan, a role that continues today. This role has not included making policy recommendations since day-to-day management recommendations are beyond the Committee's scope. Given that strategy is the Committee's focus, the adoption of this amendment will align the name of the Committee with its actual role.

2. PROPOSED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENTS: RENAME THE "COUNCIL OF REGION COMMANDERS" AS THE "COUNCIL OF AREA COMMANDERS."

- a. **Committee Recommendation. Adopt.**
- b. Author. LTC Charles S. Chamberlin, USA (Ret); Chair, Council of Region Commanders
- a. Current language.
 - 1) "Chair of the Council of Region Commanders." [REF: MOWW Constitution, Article VI, Section 3, Paragraph A.8]
 - 2) "Council of Region Commanders." [REF: MOWW Bylaws, Article VII, Section 3, Paragraph B.]
- b. Proposed Language. Amend the MOWW Constitution, Article VII, Section 3, Paragraph B, to read, "Chair of the Council of Area Commanders," and the MOWW Bylaws, Article VII, Section 3, Paragraph B, to "Council of Area Commanders."
- c. Rationale. This proposal supports the desires of the Council to better identify the composition of the Council.



3. PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT: ESTABLISH A STANDING, NATIONAL “EDUCATION & TRAINING COMMITTEE.”

a. Committee Recommendation. Adopt.

b. Author. VCINC LTC John H. Hollywood, USA (Ret); Chair, Education & Training Committee (*Ad Hoc*)

a. Current language. None.

b. Proposed Language. Add “Education & Training Committee” to the list of standing national committees. [REF: MOWW Bylaws, Article VII, Section 1]

c. Rationale. PCINC Capt John Hayes established this ad hoc committee in 2014 to develop needed training for chapter commanders. The committee accomplished that mission by exporting training modules to chapters, and by providing training during region conferences. As our Order evolves and guidance changes, education and training will always be needed to provide information to new commanders and refresher training to those who have served or are serving as commanders. MOWW should promote other training to ensure new Companions are aware of their roles as Companions and can best contribute to MOWW’s success. Because this need for education and training is enduring, the Order should retain this committee as a standing, national committee.

4. PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT: ESTABLISH A STANDING, NATIONAL “MOWW & PERSHING RIFLES GROUP COMMITTEE.”

a. Committee Recommendation. Adopt.

b. Author. VCINC MG Donald L. Jacka, Jr., USA (Ret); Chair, MOWW-Pershing Rifles Group Committee (*Ad Hoc*)

a. Current language. None.

b. Proposed Language. Add “MOWW-Pershing Rifles Group Committee” to the list of standing national committees. [REF: MOWW Bylaws, Article VII, Section 1]

c. Rationale. This proposed amendment supports

the “Memorandum of Mutual Support between MOWW and the Pershing Rifles Group (PRG)” co-signed by the MOWW CINC and the Chairman of the Pershing Rifles Group at the 2015 MOWW Convention. Establishing a standing, national committee to develop and implement mutually supportive actions to the benefit of both organizations will provide mutual support for recognition, increased membership, and leadership development and mentoring to young leaders.

5. PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT: CHANGE THE MOWW FISCAL YEAR FROM 1 JULY–30 JUNE TO 1 JAN–31 DEC.

a. Committee Recommendation. Adopt.

b. Author. The Financial Working Group (CS, TG, SVCINC, Trustees)

a. Current language: “The Fiscal Year (FY) of the Order shall begin on the first day of July and end on the last day of the following June, e.g., 1 July 2010 — 30 June 2011.” [REF: MOWW Bylaws, Article I, Section 1.]

b. Proposed language: Amend the MOWW Bylaws, Article I, Section 1, to read, “The MOWW Fiscal Year (FY) will be as reflected in the MOWW Policy Manual.”

c. Rationale. It allows 12 months of full fiscal reporting and completion of all preparatory actions for the annual MOWW Convention and General Staff deliberations. It aligns the MOWW budget cycle to the business/tax cycle of the MOWW Board of Trustees, and parallels the tax year of the investment houses, and our investment and income accounts. It permits the Order’s auditors to complete their annual audit of our financial statements and issue their opinion prior to the Convention. It synchronizes the fiscal management and budget development processes of the Order, i.e., the Finance Working Group, the Budget Committee, the MOWW Board of Trustees, and the MOWW Gist Blair Fund Trustees. It avoids the need for a continuing resolution because currently there is a gap between the end of one year’s approved budget and fiscal authority, and the approval date of the next year’s budget, i.e., historically a financial authority gap of 4-6 weeks in duration.



6. PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT: CLARIFY GENERAL STAFF AUTHORITY AS REGARDS AMENDING THE MOWW CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS.

a. Committee Recommendation. Adopt.

- b. Author. SVCINC LTC Clay C. Le Grande, Jr., USA (Ret)
- a. Current language. “The General Staff will administer the affairs of the Order between National Conventions.” [REF: MOWW Constitution, Article VI, Section 1]
- b. Proposed Language. Amend the MOWW Constitution, Article VI, Section 1, to read, “The General Staff will administer the affairs of the Order between National Conventions. Administering the affairs of the Order does not constitute authority of the General Staff or Executive Committee of the General Staff to amend the Order’s Constitution or Bylaws since such authority is exclusively vested in the voting delegates of the National Convention as the legislative body of the Order.”
- c. Rationale. “Supreme authority and direction of the Order are vested in the Order in convention, subject only to the Order’s Constitution and Bylaws” [REF: MOWW Constitution, Article III, Section 2]. Further, “The legislative body of the Order will be the National Convention” [REF: MOWW Constitution, Article IV, Section 1]. However, the Constitution also states, “The Executive Committee will have full power and authority to manage the business of the General Staff between the General Staff’s meetings” [REF: MOWW Constitution, Article VI, Section 3, Paragraph B]. These several provisos lead to varying interpretations of roles and responsibilities. To clarify this situation, this amendment reinforces the authority of the Order’s delegates in convention vis-à-vis amending the MOWW Constitution and the MOWW Bylaws. It also clarifies Executive Committee roles and responsibilities vis-à-vis the executive vs. legislative processes. In summary, this proposed amendment reinforces the necessary separation of, but complementary relationship of, legislative and executive powers. In providing this clarification, the adoption of this proposed amendment will not restrict or limit in any manner the appropriate

authorities of Convention Delegates or the Executive Committee granted via MOWW’s Constitution or Bylaws.

7. PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT: ELIMINATE THE “STATE COMMANDER” TITLE AND USE ONLY “DEPARTMENT COMMANDER,” AND CHANGE THE POLICY MANUAL LANGUAGE TO “DEPARTMENTS MUST HAVE TWO OR MORE CHAPTERS OR COVER AN ENTIRE STATE AREA.”

a. Committee Recommendation. Adopt.

- b. Author. LTC Charles Chamberlin, USA (Ret); Chair, Council of Region Commanders
- a. Current language (in part). “Departments must have two or more chapters.” [REF: MOWW Bylaws, Article III, Section 1, Paragraph A]
- b. Proposed Language (in part). Amend the MOWW Bylaws, Article III, Section 1, Paragraph A, to read, “Departments must have two or more chapters, or cover an entire state area.”
- c. Rationale. The elimination of the State Commander title (by merging” that role with the role of “Department Commander”) is complemented by removing the need to make a distinction between commanded elements of states with two or more chapters and commanded elements of states with one or no chapters since they will both be performed by Department Commanders. This proposed amendment change makes those adjustments. ★



2016 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

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PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

MONDAY, 8 AUGUST 2016

| TIME | EVENT | ATTENDEES |
|-----------|------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 0830-1400 | TOUR 1: MOWW GOLF TOURNEY (0900 TEE-OFF) | ALL CONFEREES |

TUESDAY, 9 AUGUST 2016

| TIME | EVENT | ATTENDEES |
|-----------|----------------------------|----------------|
| 0800-1050 | PRE-CONVENTION EXCOM | EXCOM MEMBERS |
| 1100-1200 | BOARD OF TRUSTEES | TRUSTEES/TG/CS |
| 1200-1200 | LUNCH AS DESIRED | |
| 1300-1350 | BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING | CMTE MEMBERS |
| 1400-1650 | COUNCIL OF AREA COMMANDERS | CAC MEMBERS |
| 1500-1650 | PATRIOTIC EDUCATION, INC. | PEI MEMBERS |

WEDNESDAY, 10 AUGUST 2016

| TIME | EVENT | ATTENDEES |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 0830-1600 | TOUR 2: WWII MUSEUM TOUR | ALL CONFEREES |
| 1630-1720 | HANN-BUSWELL MEMORIAL CHAPTER MEETING | CHAPTER MEMBERS |
| 1800-2100 | WELCOME BUFFET (HOST: COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF) | ALL CONFEREES |

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: GOVERNOR JOHN BEL EDWARDS (STATE OF LOUISIANA)



CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY, 11 AUGUST 2016

| TIME | EVENT | ATTENDEES |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 0845-1330 | TOUR 3: HOUMAS HOUSE | ALL CONFEREES |
| 1400-1700 | TOUR 4: USS KIDD | SPOUSES/GUESTS |
| 0630-0850 | COUNCIL OF PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF | CPC MEMBERS |
| 0800-0930 | WORKSHOP NATIONAL SECURITY, HOMELAND SECURITY, LAW & ORDER | ALL CONFEREES |
| 1000-1130 | WORKSHOP CHAPTER COMMANDER COURSE | ALL CONFEREES |
| 1200-1200 | LUNCH AS DESIRED | |
| 1300-1430 | WORKSHOP RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS | ALL CONFEREES |
| 1500-1630 | WORKSHOP SCOUTING (BSA & GSUSA) | ALL CONFEREES |
| 1800-1930 | COMMANDERS' CALL (HOST: CINC) | CMDRS, PCINCS & EXCOM ONLY |

FRIDAY, 12 AUGUST 2016

| TIME | EVENT | ATTENDEES |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 0800-0930 | WORKSHOP PATRIOTIC EDUCATION | ALL CONFEREES |
| 0930-1100 | WORKSHOP MEMBERSHIP | ALL CONFEREES |
| 1130-1320 | MOWW AWARDS LUNCHEON | ALL |
| 1430-1500 | TELLER ORIENTATION (NOMINATING COMMITTEE) | TELLERS |
| 1430-1510 | NATIONAL CANDIDATE PRESENTATIONS | ALL CONFEREES |
| 1520-1700 | TELLER SUPPORT MEETING (NOMINATING COMMITTEE) | TELLERS |
| 1520-1700 | DELEGATE VOTING (NOMINATING COMMITTEE) | NOMINATING COMMITTEE DELEGATES |
| 1800-1900 | HANN-BUSWELL CHAPTER COCKTAILS | MEMBERS/GUESTS |
| 1900-2100 | HANN-BUSWELL CHAPTER DINNER | MEMBERS/GUESTS |

SATURDAY, 13 AUGUST 2016

| TIME | EVENT | ATTENDEES |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 0845-1300 | TOUR 5: LSU RURAL LIFE MUSEUM | SPOUSES/GUESTS |
| 0730-0830 | MEMORIAL SERVICE | ALL CONFEREES |
| 0900-1150 | CONVENTION BUSINESS SESSION | ALL CONFEREES |
| 1200-1200 | LUNCH AS DESIRED | |
| 1300-1530 | CONVENTION GENERAL STAFF MEETING | ALL |
| 1600-1650 | NON-DENOMINATIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE | AS DESIRED |
| 1800-1850 | CINC RECEIVING LINE/RECEPTION MESS DRESS/TUX | ALL |
| 1900-2100 | CINC BANQUET MESS DRESS/TUXEDO | ALL |

2016 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT: LTG RUSSEL L. HONORÉ, USA (RET)



POST-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, 14 AUGUST 2016

| TIME | EVENT | ATTENDEES |
|-----------|------------------------------|--------------|
| 0800-1150 | POST-CONVENTION EXCOM | EXCOM MBRs |
| 0800-0950 | EXCOM SPOUSE/GUEST BREAKFAST | SPOUSE/GUEST |

NOTE 1: CORE ACTIVITIES

NOTE 2: WORKSHOP: ALL ATTEND

NOTE 3: COMMANDERS' CALL: ONLY COMMANDERS, PCINCS AND EXCOM ATTENDS

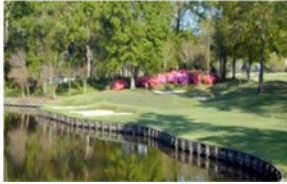
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2016 CONVENTION TOURS

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Tour 1 - Golf Game (Mon, 8 Aug 16 | Depart 0830, Tee-Off 0900)

The Santa Maria Golf Course is an 18-hole course built on 150 acres of rolling terrain, featuring 18 lakes and two natural waterways, with sand bunkers, Bermuda fairways and mature oaks. It has received Golf Digest's highest ranking for a municipal course. It is conveniently located 15 minutes from the host hotel, one mile off historic Highland Road near I-10. **Cost/person \$50.00**



Tour 2 - National World War II Museum (Wed, 10 Aug 16 | Depart 0830)

The museum's exhibits (100,000 artifacts) cover the war that changed the world. Housed in four buildings, each arranged around central themes of the war (D-Day, European Operations, Pacific Operations, and Vehicles & Aircraft), exhibits present the war through the eyes of the participants. See "Beyond All Boundaries," a film produced by Tom Hanks. **Cost/person \$50.00 (light lunch included)**



Tour 3 - Houmas House Plantation/Gardens (Thu, 11 Aug 16 | Depart 0845)

Revolutionary War hero, Gen Wade Hampton, purchased the property in 1810 and began constructing the Mansion. His daughter, Caroline, completed it in 1828. The plantation grew to 300,000 acres and by the late 1800s, it was producing 20 million pounds of sugar a year. History is also seen in the Mansion's antiques and art. **Cost/person \$40.00 (Southern buffet lunch included)**



Tour 4 - USS Kidd Museum & Old Capitol (Thu, 11 Aug 16 | Depart 1400)

This Fletcher-class destroyer was named after RADM Isaac C. Kidd, Sr., who was killed aboard his flagship, USS Arizona, at Pearl Harbor. She earned 8 battle stars in WWII and 4 in Korea. Then, go to the adjacent Old Louisiana State Capitol (completed in 1852). Its interior was burned during the Civil War, but was restored in 1882 and remained the statehouse until 1932. **Cost/person \$20.00**



Tour 5 - LSU Rural Life Museum (Sat, 13 Aug 16 | Depart 0845)

In 1966, the Burden Family began donating their Winrush Plantation and Gardens to Louisiana State University to promote Louisiana history. The museum focuses on the life and ways of the working classes of the 18th and 19th rural Louisiana. It has the largest collection of Louisiana Vernacular Architecture from 18th & 19th century Louisiana. **Cost/person \$20.00**





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ATTENDEE(S)

Attendee Rank, Full Name & Serviceⁱ _____

Chapter Name _____ **Region** _____

Current Office(s) Held _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Home Address _____

Spouse/Guest Full Nameⁱⁱ _____

REGISTRATION FEES

Delegate/Companion NLT 1 Jul 16: \$240.00 **or** After 1 Jul 16: \$270.00/personⁱⁱⁱ \$ _____
 Non-Companion Spouse/Guest NLT 1 Jul 16: \$225.00 **or** After 1 Jul 16: \$255.00/person^{iv} \$ _____
 Awards Luncheon (7 Aug 15) (Crawfish Etouffee | Roast Pork | Cajun Stuffed Chicken) **Meal-Type** _____ (e.g., E-1, P-1, C-1)
 CINC Banquet (8 Aug 15) (Fried Catfish | Beef Fillet | Crab-Stuffed Chicken) **Number-Type** _____ (e.g., F-1, B-1, C-1)
☒ **Special Dietary Requirements** _____

OPTIONAL TOURS

Tour 1: MOWW Golf Tourney | Santa Maria Golf Club (8 Aug) # _____ x \$50.00 x \$ _____

Tour 2: National WWII Museum | Light lunch included (10 Aug) # _____ x \$50.00 x \$ _____

Tour 3: Houmas House Plantation | Southern buffet included (11 Aug) # _____ x \$40.00 x \$ _____

Tour 4: USS Kidd Museum & Old Capitol (11 Aug) # _____ x \$20.00 x \$ _____

Tour 5: LSU Rural Life Museum (13 Aug) # _____ x \$20.00 x \$ _____

TOTAL

TOTAL \$ _____

REGISTRATION PROCESSING

- Book your Crown Plaza Executive Center hotel room using this website: www.crownebaton.com
 - Click on "Accommodations" to the left; click on "Book Now"; under "Make a Reservation" put in your check-in & check-out dates, and click on "Check Rates & Availability"; click on "More Options," and under Group Code, type in your 3-digit code ("MWW") and press "Book"
 - OR ... call in your reservation to 1-800-678-4065; individual calling must use Group Code "MWW" for special MOWW Convention rate
 - Convention rates are good 3 days before and 3 days after the convention dates
- The Host Chapter will hold a two drawings for free regular registrations (each a \$240 value) at the CINC Banquet
 - For all Companions that registered not later than the Early Registration Cutoff date (postmarked NLT 1 July 2016)
 - For all Companions that registered by the Early Registration Cutoff Date and participated in the World War II Museum Tour
- Make convention registration checks payable to: MOWW NC 16
 - Payment by personal check only (NO credit/debit cards)
 - Mail registration personal check & completed registration form to:
 Clay C. Le Grande | 13421 Ridgeview Drive | Baton Rouge, LA 70817-3432 | c.legrande@cox.net | 225-752-9780

ⁱ Delegate/Companion Registration Fee Registration covers: Convention Book (for Delegate), CINC Welcome Buffet, MOWW Awards Luncheon, CINC Banquet

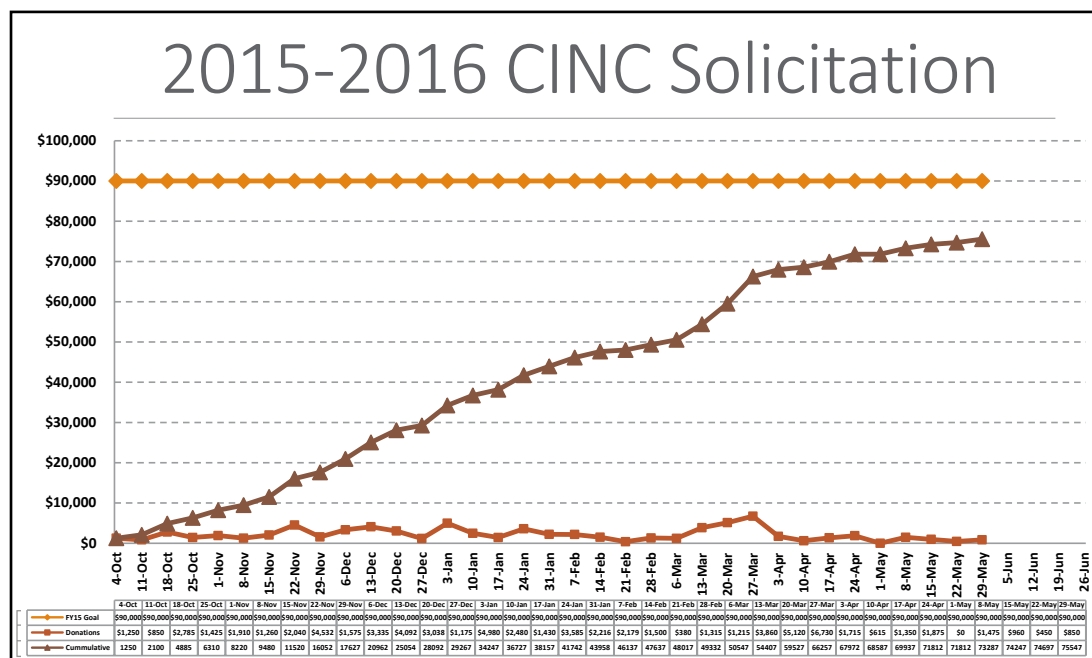
ⁱⁱ Spouse/Guest Registration Fee Registration covers CINC Welcome Buffet, MOWW Awards Luncheon, and CINC Banquet

ⁱⁱⁱ Registration cost at the door for Delegates/Companions is \$280.00

^{iv} Registration cost at the door for Non-Companion Spouses/Guests is \$265.00



CINC Solicitation Update



Thanks to those who have donated to the current CINC Solicitation—we appreciate your generosity.

For those who have not yet donated, we hope you will do so as you are able. Of course, we still have a ways to go to achieve the General Staff-approved goal of \$90,000. That is why we are asking all commanders at all levels to make this a topic in all chapter meetings, staff meetings, chapter newsletters, in region/department conferences, etc., and lead the charge to achieve the goal!

Just to remind, here are some examples of what CINC Solicitation donations fund in the area of chapter- and community-focused programs and outreach:

- *Materials for new chapters, such as MOWW flags (e.g., BG Ryder Chapter, BG Hoisington Chapter)*
- *Additional printings of the Officer Review™ YLC issue for each YLC Director to use in advertising*
- *ROTC and JROTC Awards of Merit (HQ funded 1,103 awards given in 2013-2014)*
- *BSA Eagle Awards and GS-USA Gold Awards (HQ funded ~35% of Eagle awards and ~75% of Gold Awards given)*
- *MOWW Membership Tri-fold Brochures—multiple printings*
- *Service Academy (e.g., USMA, USN, USAF, USCG) and military college awards, e.g., Army War College, National Intelligence University*



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Your Staff Admires You

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

Dear Fellow Companions,

In thinking about what to write this issue, it occurred to me I might talk about the wonderful people on the Headquarters staff that supports you, share some of their thoughts and let you know how much we admire what you do as MOWW Companions.

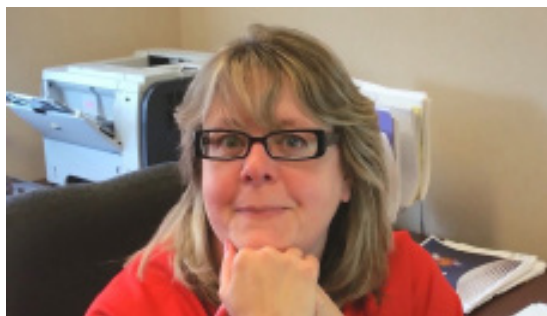
I'll start by saying that Angela, Sunny and I greatly admire what the Order's chapter teams and each of you contributing Companions do. You can imagine the three people on your Headquarters staff each talk to dozens of Companions daily, and all of us are so impressed by the "can do" and "I will be involved" approach that so many Companions exemplify. It's motivating.

Your positive and contributing approach to things also makes all the difference in world to the communities, and the people of those communities, we all serve. We know this because we also daily hear from people in those communities from across our nation. As one NJROTC instructor recently told us after learning that MOWW would support his request for JROTC Award of Merit certificates, etc., "That is very good news and very benevolent of the organization." That kind of accolade is common but earned, and it speaks well of all of you. These things uplift each of us here. Now, for a bit on Sunny and Angela.



Sunny Alley manages the MOWW store, to include its product inventory and new product development. In doing so, she ensures you get exactly what you ordered quickly. I look at the sales and delivery statistics monthly, and I can tell you the Headquarters has never been more responsive to customer demand—whether those

customers are in MOWW chapters, or in the local ROTC, JROTC or scouting organizations in the community. Equally important, our sales have never been as robust as they are currently. Last, Sunny asked me to tell you she is here for all of you. If you have any question or need assistance with ordering, please call her at 703-683-4911, Ext. 2. Her email is merchandise@moww.org.



In another vital area, Angela Miskimens is the Director of Member Services, e.g., MOWW Membership Database, membership credentials, the Quarterly Region Report. She is also the Acting Finance Director, and is well-qualified in QuickBooks software. Angela's done an exceptional job in streamlining membership processes to enhance the service and responsiveness to Companions and chapters in that area. Once she receives a fully completed membership application accompanied by a check, membership credentials are quickly mailed to the chapter commander or adjutant. Angela asked me to mention she needs your assistance to ensure the membership applications are fully filled out, jointly signed and, importantly, legibly completed. If you need her assistance in any way, please call her at 703-683-4911, Ext. 1. Her email is membership@moww.org.

Last, we want the best for the Order, and so are continually striving to improve how we contribute to those who we serve. Our ability to do that collaboratively and collegially, and in the sincere spirit of Companionship, makes us who we are as an Order. We're very happy to be part of that rich effort. ★

Respectfully,



Facing Reality: The End Game

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

Planning for a spot in a national cemetery, drawing up a will, and having a living will to express your wishes—before the emergency occurs—are vital.

Another wise move is deciding who will make the decisions for you when you cannot. A medical directive or a more general power of attorney to a trusted person “just in case” can let them express your wishes and make decisions based on them.

I remember in practice some family members saying, “Do all you can.” This may have salved their conscience; however, it did not consider the patient’s feelings. Many burn patients opted for being comfortable while nature took its course, thus avoiding many painful and fruitless procedures.

I have found that with a trip to “my” emergency room, emergency rooms offer Living Will forms. Once you lose the old fashion idea that talking about such things brings them on, take advantage of it. Make three copies. Keep one handy, give one to your doctor, and provide one to the “person who will make decisions.” A reduced copy will fit in your wallet or purse.

Another good idea is also to review your insurance policies. Life insurance can be costly, especially when your kids are grown and doing well. I find I can use the expensive premiums to enjoy myself. The kids will have my will, which I review yearly. They do not need an insurance policy too! However, an Old Age Care Policy is a good option. The younger you are the cheaper the premium. Home care, hospice care, etc., can be covered. I got mine at age 54. It gives a certain comfort to me and will to my family when the time comes.

As hard as it is, discuss your thoughts with the family. You should think about it. You could make a video for that “last visit.” If you are facing the inevitable, keep control of it. Your burial wishes, music, pallbearers, etc., keeps you in control and is a real gift to the family. Many people opt for giving their treasured items to those in your will now, not later, so you can see them being enjoyed.

One last thought: I took a Kubler-Ross Seminar once. She asked the question, “What things would you do if you had two hours to live?” After fielding the answers, she asked, “Why not do them now?” Why not indeed?

Never going to bed angry, telling people your feelings may be concepts I have picked up living in Santa Fe. However, it is something to ponder. My father would say, “Take advantage of time. The only thing you know for sure is the only thing for which you are never fully prepared.” ★



CPT (Dr.) Robert E. Mallin, USA (Fmr), is a graduate of Adelphi University and New York Medical College. He is certified with the American Board of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. In private practice from 1975-94, he was the Alaskan State Physician of the Year. While in the US Army (1966-1968) he earned a Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Air Medal, and a Combat Medical Badge.



Defenders of Freedom

CH (COL) WILLIAM K. BROCK, AUS (RET)
CHAPLAIN GENERAL, MOWW

During the “Cold War,” visitors to the US Headquarters in Berlin were welcomed by a life-size bronze statue of a United States Infantryman. He stood at parade rest in complete battle garb, holding his M-1 rifle.

It was a tribute to the millions of US infantrymen who fought for freedom. The sculptor Ernst Kunst was a Berlin artist. The model was an infantryman named Staff Sergeant Thomas E. Love, who received a CIB while serving in General Patton’s Third Army during WWII.

Departing members of the Brigade received a small replica of that statue as a memento of their assignment to that city. “Defenders of Freedom” was the inscription posted below the replica statue. Indeed, Berlin itself was then referred to as the “Outpost of Freedom” since it was located 110 miles behind the former Iron Curtain.

The idea of freedom and liberty have historically been considered the foundation stones of the American experience. Consider the thoughts of two of our Founding Fathers:

“They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.”
—Benjamin Franklin

“Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigues of supporting it.”
—Thomas Paine

These and other strongly held beliefs of our founding fathers were very much rooted in Biblical principles. The founders had studied and learned from the struggles of biblical characters. They remembered the call of Moses as he proclaimed to Pharaoh, “Let my people go.” The inscription on our nation’s liberty bell comes from Leviticus 25:10: “Proclaim liberty throughout all the land, unto all the inhabitants thereof.”

We need to rekindle that spirit in every generation. As

John Adams warned, “Liberty, once lost, is lost forever.” Indeed, our Youth Leadership Conferences within the Military Order of the World Wars help to preserve our freedoms and rights.

With God’s help, let us continue to be the “Bastion of Liberty” and the “Defenders of Freedom.” Let us live out the principle that our founders inscribed on our liberty bell: “Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof.” ★



CG (COL) Brock retired from the Veterans Administration in 1997 after 20 years of service, and earlier retired from the US Army after 33 Active Duty and Reserve years as a Military Chaplain. He is a graduate of the University of Indianapolis, the United Theological Seminary, the Chaplain’s Basic and Advanced Courses, US Army Command & General Staff College, and the National Security Management Course. He is a past Commander of the Ft. Hood Chapter and is active in the First United Methodist Church in Waco (TX)

*** AUTHOR’S NOTE:** The author had two short assignments in Berlin. One was with a Long Thrust unit from Fort Riley, Kansas, beginning at the end of December in 1963 and continuing through March 1964. The other was a PCS during 1964 and 1965. The partition of the city with the “Berlin Wall” started on 13 August 1961. The Wall’s actual demolition began in 1990 and ended in 1992. The fall of the Berlin Wall paved the way for German reunification, which was formally concluded on 3 October 1990.





FORT WALTON (175), FLORIDA

Judge, General and Now Doctor

BY KELLY HUMPHREY, COURTESY NORTHWEST FLORIDA DAILY NEWS
SUBMITTED BY LT COL JOHN CAHOON, JR., USAF (RET)

When Okaloosa County Judge T. Patterson Maney graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1970, there was no pomp and circumstance, no cap and gown, and no commencement speaker.

"It was during the height of the Vietnam War protests, and some of the protestors had burned down the ROTC building," Maney recalled. "We had the National Guard on campus, and they decided to cancel the graduation ceremony."

On May 8, Maney will get a second chance to walk in a commencement ceremony when he is awarded an honorary doctorate of laws.

According to a university press release, an honorary degree pays tribute to those whose lives and work exemplify professional, intellectual, or artistic achievement and who have made significant contributions to society, the state, and the University of Kentucky. Maney is one of four people to be honored this year, including one of the world's preeminent astrophysicists, a pioneer in food chemistry, and a leader in serving victims of sexual violence.

"I knew I had been nominated, but when I was notified that I had been selected, I was surprised and humbled," he said. "Usually, you have to be pretty famous, or an actor or a high government official to receive an honorary degree. I'm not any of those."

Maney, a retired brigadier general who was severely injured in Afghanistan, was selected for the honor based on his work in the military, the law, and on behalf of veterans. A third-generation University of Kentucky alumnus, he has many reasons to appreciate his alma mater.

"My grandfather went there, both my parents went there, and I met my wife there in Spanish class," he said with a smile. "It was the only school to which I applied."

Maney went on to earn a law degree from UK's arch rival, the University of Louisville, home of the Cardinals. Despite that conflict, there's no mistaking where Maney and his family's loyalty lies.

"My daughter Sarah is a fourth-generation alum," he said. "She lives in Louisville, and she's raising her two girls to be Wildcat fans. In fact, one of the girls told me, 'The kids across the street are very nice — even if they are Cards fans.'"

Companion BG Maney is a Perpetual Member in the Fort Walton Beach Chapter and is a staunch supporter of our Order.





GREEN MOUNTAIN (169), VERMONT

Recognizing Military Excellence

BY LTC MICHAEL JARVIS, USA (RET)

LTC Michael Jarvis, USA (Ret), UVM Class of 1966 and Commander of the Green Mountain Chapter 169, presented MOWW medals and certificates to three outstanding University of Vermont (UVM) ROTC cadets during their Military Ball on 23 April 2016, celebrating the 100th year of Army ROTC.

(L-R): Professor of Military Science, LTC Timothy Knoth; MS-I Cadet Caroline Olmer; MS-II Cadet Ronan Sefton; MS=III Cadet Connor Murray; Chapter Commander, LTC Michael Jarvis, and NCOIC, MSG Jason Levy.



CENTRAL ARKANSAS (225), ARKANSAS

First Presentation of the Lt Col Thomas A. Robertson, Jr., Memorial Award

BY MAJ ROBERT H. JONES, USAF (RET)

Companions of the Central Arkansas Chapter recently presented the Lt Col Thomas A. Robertson, Jr., Memorial Award to Mrs. Susie Everett, owner of Everett Buick GMC of Bryant, AK. The award was given in appreciation for outstanding service to the Military Order of World Wars. Everett Buick GMC has provided the Central Arkansas Chapter with a van for transporting high school students to Youth Leadership Conferences in St. Louis, MO; Huntsville, AL, and Fort Worth, TX, for over five years. The Robertson Memorial Award is named for the late Lt Col Thomas A. Robertson, Jr., USAF (Ret), who passed away last year while serving as Chapter Commander. It is only fitting, since Lt Col Robertson was also the Chapter's liaison with Everett Buick GMC, that the first award bearing his name be awarded to the Everett family.

Present at the award ceremony were (L to R): Chapter Treasurer Lt Col Juddie Wachtel, USAF (Ret); Region VII Commander Maj Bob Jones, USAF (Ret); Arkansas State Commander COL Dave Beranek, USA (Ret); award recipient Mrs. Susie Everett, owner of Everett Buick GMC; PCINC Col Jim Elmer, USAF (Ret); the Chapter's Adjutant, Maj Ken Zellmer, USAF (Ret), and Webmaster Lt Col Ed Merck, USAF (Ret).





MG MEADE (026), MARYLAND

Annual Law and Order Luncheon

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

The General George G. Meade Chapter honored two Anne Arundel County, MD, Police Officers at the chapter's annual Law & Order Luncheon. Corporal Hewitt was cited for his outstanding mentoring of younger and newer officers. Corporal Schuman was honored for his arrest of an armed robber, which resulted in the closing of three other armed robbery cases.

(L-R): Chapter Commander, CDR Bob Hartman, USN (Ret); Corporal Russell Hewitt; Corporal Dennis Schuman, and; Anne Arundel County Police Chief Timothy Altomare.



BRIG GEN SCOTT (204), GEORGIA

Kilt and All!

BY MAJ ROBERT M. KOMLO, USAF (RET)

The Chapter hosted a unique speaker, Companion Col Skip Blumenthal, USAF (Ret), who actually gave us a show—with bagpipes and in his kilt! His talk about the use of bagpipes by militaries throughout history (including Egypt) captivated his audience.

(L-R): Chapter Commander, COL Raleigh Mann, USA (Ret), presented a MOWW Certificate of Appreciation to Col Skip Blumenthal, USAF (Ret).



WORCESTER (007), MASSACHUSETTS

SPH Awarded to Sheriff Lewis G Evangelidis, Worcester County Sheriff

BY LTC DAVID A. ANDERSON, USA (RET)

On 11 May 2016, the Chapter recognized Sheriff Lewis G. Evangelidis with a MOWW Silver Patrick Henry (SPH) plaque and citation. Sheriff Evangelidis was recognized for exemplary leadership in multiple programs to improve professional standards, collaborating with courts and schools to address the drug crisis, his strong support of veterans organizations in Worcester County, enhancing the Community Service Programs, and focusing on education and prevention as the best way to keep our youth out of prison.

(L-R): COL Charles A. Abdella, USA (Ret); Chapter Commander LTC David A. Anderson, USA (Ret); Sheriff Lewis G. Evangelidis; Region I Commander LTC Dennis V. Christo, USA (Ret), and Capt H. Stanley Stoney, USMC (Fmr).



MAJ GEN WADE (020), WASHINGTON DC

CDR Lincoln S. Smith, USN (Ret), Takes the Oath

BY PCINC CAPT RUSSELL VOWINKEL, USN (RET)

Chapter Commander Col Douglas Roderick, USAF, (Ret), inducted the Chapter's newest member, Commander Lincoln S. Smith, USN (Ret), at the Leigh Wade JROTC Luncheon.

The chapter sent four cadets and a chaperone to the recent Valley Forge YLC. Two of the four cadets attended and shared their experience with Companions and guests.

(L-R): Chapter Commander, Col Douglas Roderick, USAF (Ret); CDR Lincoln S. Smith, USN (Ret).



RICHMOND (031), VA

JROTC Air Rifle Competitions

BY CDR JOHN A. BAUMGARTEN, SC, USN (RET)

On 5 December 2015, and again on 27 February 2016, the Richmond Chapter hosted Junior ROTC Air Rifle Marksmanship Competitions at George Wythe High School in Richmond, Virginia. At the 5 December event, which was postponed from February 2015, due to repeated heavy snow storms during that month, nine marksmanship teams competed. This match was dominated by the two teams from the Dinwiddie County High School Army JROTC unit. At the 27 February rifle match with 15 Junior ROTC teams competing, Dinwiddie County High School again earned the top honors.

At these rifle matches, the Richmond Chapter provides team trophies and individual team member trophies to the top three scoring teams, plus individual trophies to the best overall shooter, and the shooters who post the highest scores in the prone, kneeling and standing shooting positions.

Pictured are some of the eagle-eyed shooters from Dinwiddie County High School.





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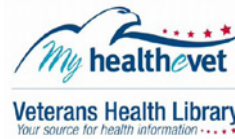
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The Library is a one-stop source for health information to help Veterans stay well and well-informed. There are over 1,500 health sheets, over 150 videos, Go-to-Guides, and Flipbooks that have been approved by VA experts, and include topics specific to Veterans, for example, posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), combat-related Traumatic Brain Injury, Agent Orange, and Cold Injury. All health information is available to Veterans, their family and the public, no matter where the Veteran receives care.

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