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OFFICERSHIP: THE RESPONSIBILITY OF DUTY

Dear Companions,

A new program year is a time of reflection on what we have achieved and what lessons we learned, and what our plans are for the future. What are our new objectives? Have we best prepared ourselves and our chapters for the future?

The answer to these kinds of questions will largely depend on our individual commitment to the Order. The need is as great as it has ever been to provide patriotic education and veteran support to others, advocate for an adequate homeland and national security policy, and provide developmental guidance, recognition and support to fellow Companions. Will we Companions commit to being part of the selfless few who do the continuing, vital work of the Order?

Accepting "officership" as a lifelong way of operating means believing we have a moral and ethical responsibility stemming from our oath to serve the nation that does not terminate when our active service ends. Our duty is to continue passing on what we learned while learning ourselves, just as first volunteering to be a Companion and then second volunteering for positions also constitutes our duty.

As we look forward, we can draw inspiration from those steadfast, early Companions who founded our Order. They had no selfish ends to serve nor did they only think about today. Instead, they joined in common cause to serve the community, the nation and each other by promoting an adequate national security, by passing on the fundamentals upon which our nation was founded to the next generations, and by growing and continually improving their Order.

Though our operational objective is to provide outreach program services to the community, our overarching organizational obligation is to achieve each of MOWW's Strategic Goals. Success in achieving Strategic Goal 1 (recruit, participate and serve) enables success in all other Strategic Goals—including our outreach mission—and, importantly, secures the future of the Military Order.

Thank you for all that you do to serve each other, your communities and the nation through your good work. Montez and I hope to see you at the convention.

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MOWW's 2017 Distinguished Service Award recipient, MG David Kratzer, then Commanding General, 377th Theater Support Command Camp Patriot, Kuwait (Apr. 2, 2003). US Navy photo by Journalist 1st Class Joseph Krypkel.



COL JACK B. JONES, PhD, USA (RET)

75TH COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, 2005-2006

16 April 1931—6 June 2017



COL Jones served as a chapter, department and region commander; he was the Chair of both the Membership Committee and Strategic Planning Committee, was Vice Chair of the Historical & Archives Committee, the Assistant Historian General, an EXCOM member and was the Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the World Wars, among other roles. He was a member of the General Hoyt S. Vandenberg Chapter, CA.

He served 40 years active and Reserve duty with the Army in various command and staff assignments throughout his career. His overseas assignments were in Okinawa and the Philippines, and he retired in 1987 while serving as a deputy chief of staff with the 351st Civil Affairs Command.

He served as a Police Officer in Santa Barbara for seven years and was a Detective Sergeant when he left the department to pursue his Master's degree at the University of California at Santa Barbara. He was also a Juvenile Detective and Reserve Commander with the San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Department. Importantly, he was a Professor Emeritus from California Polytechnic State University, having earned doctoral degrees from the University of Arizona and California Western University.

COL Jones was a pilot, antique arms collector, book publisher and President of the Central Coast Veteran's Memorial Museum. He was also an experienced civil affairs/military government officer who participated in several psychological operations missions in the Philippines and the southwest Pacific. He authored the following books: "On the Trail of the Presidents;" "Ten Most Patriotic American Speeches;" "On the Trail of the Forts," and; "San Luis Obispo: The Toughest Town in the West."

With his late wife, Joy E. Jones, HPM, they formed an active presence in the Order. Earlier this year, PCINC COL Jones received a California National Guard Commendation Medal awarded to him by Companions Maj John Oberg, USAF (Ret), director of the Grizzly Academy, and CPT Richard Hathcock, USA (Fmr), then Commander, Gen Vandenberg Chapter. This award was given for continued support of youth leadership conferences conducted for the Grizzly Academy at Camp San Luis Obispo. This medal was the last medal among the many he received during a lifetime of service.



He was born in New Mexico, raised in El Paso (TX), Tucson (AZ) and Brawley (CA), graduating from high school in the latter location. He attended Compton and Whittier Colleges during which time he enlisted in the 40th Division, California National Guard. At the outbreak of the Korean War, he was sent to Ford Ord (CA) and subsequently to Officer Candidate School (OCS) at Fort Benning (GA), after which he attended and graduated from the first all-officer Ranger course. He served as platoon leader, company executive officer and infantry company commander, and various battalion staff officer positions.

GENEROSITY & KINDNESS PERSONIFIED

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

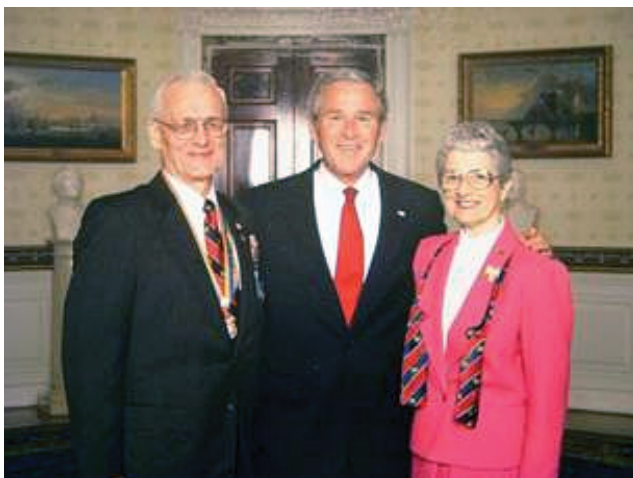
With the greatest gratitude, The Military Order of the World Wars® is pleased to announce that PCINC Colonel James D. Elmer, USAF (Retired), and Mrs. Ruth B. Elmer, HPM, have donated \$100,000 to the Military Order. This gift will be used to support Phoenician Award Essay Prizes.

Their extreme generosity is yet another example of just how selfless, kind and giving these two great Companions are. This much-appreciated gift follows their generous \$6,000 contribution to the CINC Solicitation. Their donation to the CINC Solicitation made it possible for the Order to achieve its goal this year. We Companions are lucky to have them as our companions.



**Do all the good you can, by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can, in all the places you can,
at all the times you can, to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.**

—John Wesley, 1703-1791



BIOGRAPHIES

Past CINC Col James D. Elmer, USAF (Retired), served two tours in Southeast Asia as a navigator, accumulating 9,000 flying hours with 800 combat hours. His awards include the Legion of Merit (two Oak Leaf Clusters), the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Air Medal (ten Oak Leaf Clusters).

Following duty as an ROTC instructor and an assignment at Air Force ROTC Headquarters, he was Base Commander at Little Rock AFB and then Commander of the Air Force Aerospace Audiovisual Service (AAVS). In 1986, he was awarded the US Air Force's Order of the Sword, a special program where noncommissioned officers of a command honor individuals they hold in high esteem.

As a Companion and under his leadership, the number of students receiving flag education has increased each year. In 2016 approximately 6,000 Arkansas fifth graders received flag education training. He continues to serve as an active member of many patriotic organizations.

Ruth B. Elmer is a Hereditary Perpetual Member of MOWW, and has been involved in numerous MOWW activities over the years. She was also a teacher and substitute teacher, and a children's choir director. She is a member of the P. E. O. Sisterhood. The Elmers have four children.



NORTH KOREA: GROWING IN POWER

COL JAMES T. ROBERTS, USA (RET)
SAVANNAH CHAPTER, GA

North Korea has returned to our radar through its recent missile testing activity and bellicose comments by its supreme leader. Kim Jong-un's intent may be to place the ROK and US governments on the defensive so that he will have the upper hand in any future discussions with the new ROK President, Moon Jae-in, and President Trump. Moon favors China as the intermediary over the US in reunification discussions. Kim's provocations, however, may spark active warfare. That would be a disaster for Kim. He would have little chance of victory without China's help. He is still in a state of war with the United Nations. Any aggression would break the 1953 UN cease-fire agreement and cause major support for South Korea.

Perhaps sensing a forthcoming conflict, the South Korean government, slated to take over the leadership of the ROK/US joint command this year, has requested that the US continue in that role. The US is a stable, force multiplier because of the 30,000 personnel on the ground, and its capability for rapid deployment of re-enforcements should a conflict break-out.

South Korea is rated as having the twelfth strongest armed force in the world. There are 625,000 active duty personnel backed by 2,900,000 in the reserves. The Air Force/Navy/Army have approximately 1,477 aircraft of which 406 are fighter/interceptors, 448

are various attack aircraft (latest models are the US F-15E (60), F-16C/D (118) and the upgraded F-5E (158)—plus the ROKAF FA-50 (60)). Forty F-35 fighters are on order to replace aging F-4 Phantoms. The ROKAF has nine fighter wings and several tactical/composite transport wings and other specialized units, including three Air Defense Artillery Brigades. The Army maintains a large fleet of attack and transport helicopters. Naval strength includes a helicopter carrier, 13 frigates, 12 destroyers, 18 corvettes, 15 submarines, 11 mine sweepers and 70 coastal defense craft. The Navy is transitioning to blue-water fleet. South Korea maintains a robust defense industry base.

As the Korean peninsula is 70% mountain terrain, the 500,000 strong South Korean Army (ROKA) will do the heavy work. Over the last six decades, it has refined its defense and counter-strike missions. The ROKA has three Armies. The 1st (left wing) and 3rd (right wing) Armies compose the First Operations Command and are assigned DMZ duties. The 2nd Operations Command is the Army in Reserve. Seoul, the Capitol, is defended by the Capitol Defense Command. Other commands focus on special warfare, training and doctrine, logistics, missiles, personnel and air operations. There are eight tactical Corps headquarters, 38 Divisions (20 infantry, six mechanized, eight homeland defense and four reserve, with their organic units and the following separate units:

- Brigades: 4 armor, 7 artillery, 7 engineer, 11 signal, 1 chemical, 1 air defense, 2 aviation, 1 infantry mechanized and 7 special operations.
- Groups: 2 artillery, 6 engineer, 1 signal, 2 security, 1 air defense and 6 aviation.
- Regiments: 7 special assault, 5 security and 2 special operations.

Equipment systems include: 2,654 main battle tanks (indigenous K1A1 MBT with a 120mm main gun and upgraded M-48s); 2,660 armored fighting vehicles; 1,990 self-propelled guns; 5,374 towed artillery pieces and 214 multiple-launch rocket systems.



Kim Jong-un, in April 2017, surrounded by female soldiers in a photo released by North Korea.

North Korea annually spends around one half of its budget to maintain its Army of about 700,000 active soldiers backed by a reserve of 4,500,000 men. Global Firepower ranks the NKA at number 23 of 126 nations in capabilities to fight a war. The order of battle is elusive as no listing of units is readily available.

We do know that most troops are infantry and artillery. Equipment systems include: 5,025 Soviet and Chinese tanks of various sizes and age (T-34, T-54, T-55 and T-62); 4,100 armored fighting vehicles; 2,250 self-propelled guns; 4,300 towed artillery pieces, and; 2,400 multiple-launch systems. The Army and Air Force are purported to have around 950 aircraft of all types. Of the 560 combat-capable aircraft, many were built in the 1950s-1960s (MiG-21, MiG-23 and MiG-29). As there is not a robust logistics system, much of the older equipment above may suffer maintenance and battlefield recovery problems, and will not be readily repaired in active warfighting. The Navy is reported to maintain 72-76 submarines, three frigates, two corvettes, over 400 coastal defense craft and other boats as part of its estimated fleet size of around 967.

It is estimated that the US/ROK/UN forces would be able to decimate any conventional attack by the NKA/AF/Navy within days or weeks. Therefore, any attack by the NKA would have to be swift and overwhelming to defeat the better trained and equipped South. This could be accomplished by use of air delivered VX nerve and other gases (stockpiles estimated to be 2,500-5,000 tons) to immobilize military units, air bases and command and control centers. The NKA could simultaneously utilize its cyberwarfare capability to neutralize command tactical and strategic communications and affect tactical electronic components.

The massive use of the growing NKA missile capability could allow strikes against South Korea, Japan and the US. It is estimated that the NKA has over 1,000 missiles with varying ranges. The Hwasong-5 and the Hwasong-6 Scud missiles can hit the full peninsula while the Nodong missiles can easily hit any target in the Japanese islands. The longer range Musadan missile can, under optimal conditions, hit Guam. Recent NKA launches indicate that it is working

on an intercontinental ballistic missile capability that could reach the US. While the NKA missile technology is in its infancy, it will get better.

The NKA nuclear capability continues to be refined and grows. With missile technology advancement, the NKA may soon be able to field nuclear-tipped missiles. Various guesses are that the NKA has up to 30 nuclear warheads and may have the capability to build as many as five more each year. Tactically, the weapons could be used to create electromagnetic pulse (EMP) waves over South Korea to knock out critical electricity dependent equipment and computer infrastructure. Tactically, small nuclear weapons could be used to destroy military units and create massive civilian casualties. Strategically, nuclear missile use would impose a threat to the US homeland, something that the US would not tolerate.



North Korea Military Strength 2016 -2017

Source: YouTube <https://youtu.be/rZH8pPI9nOM>

The geography, international isolation, UN/ROK/US military strength, lack of a robust infrastructure to maintain warfighting, aging military leadership, and the poverty level existence of the North Korean population must give pause to the North Korean leadership in that it would be national suicide to attack South. North Korea also knows that China is in the midst of a massive military reorganization and modernization program and would take a very dim view of any shooting war. Thus, Kim Jong-un, by firing his missiles, may only be sending the message to the new Presidents of South Korea and the US that North Korea demands respect and that in any future negotiations, the ROK/US must again recognize North Korean sovereignty and military strength. ★

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KANSAS SUPPORTS WWI CENTENNIAL

COL JAMES M. TOBIN, USA (RET)
COMMANDER, GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER, MISSOURI

Recently, MOWW's Greater Kansas City Chapter was participating in the Court of Honor ceremony for Eagle Scouts of Lee's Summit, MO. Congressman Emanuel Cleaver (Missouri, 5th District) arrived at the Court of Honor ceremony just as the author was presenting the scouts with MOWW Recognition Certificates. After the ceremony, Congressman Cleaver invited the author and the chapter's treasurer, CAPT Roger (Jim) Davis, USCG (Ret), to represent the Military Order of the World Wars and the Greater Kansas City Chapter at the centennial commemoration of the US entry into World War I—the war that forever changed America and the world.

as ASAI Architecture) and the chief architect for the eleven-year, 1995-2006 project. Steve's design created a 160,000-square foot, comprehensive, state-of-the-art museum—including a stunning 40,000 square foot exhibit at the entrance. The overall project received national honors, including the American Institute of Architects' highest national award for "Excellence in Architectural Design." CPT Abend's invitation and attendance recognized his architectural triumph.

After the United States Congress designated the World War I Memorial and Museum at Kansas City, MO, as the official national World War I memorial and museum, it created the World War I Centennial Commission in 2013 specifically to plan, develop and execute programs, projects and activities to commemorate the centennial of World War I. The commission's mission was and is to educate the nation's citizens about the causes, courses and consequences of the war, honor the heroism and sacrifice of Americans who served during that conflict, and commemorate the Great War through public programs and initiatives.

Returning to the present, the 6 April 2017 program titled, "In Sacrifice for Liberty and Peace: Centennial Commemoration of the US Entry into World War I," to which Congressman Cleaver

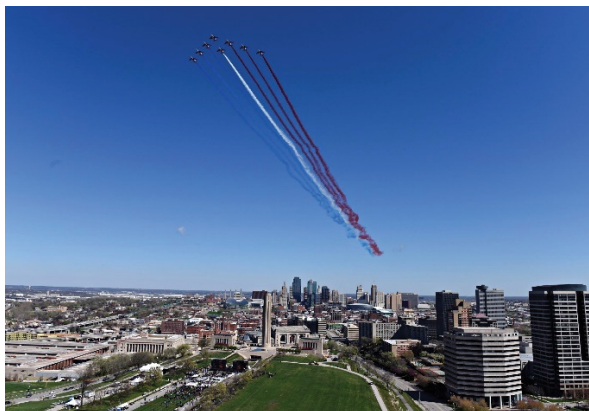
invited the chapter, was produced by artistic director Edward Bilous. It began with a spectacular flyover by the French Air Force, creating trails of blue, white and red smoke (the colors of France's national flag) in tribute to the US role in World War I as a member of the Allies.



(L-R): COL James Tobin, USA (Res); Dr. Matt Naylor, CEO of the National World War I Museum; and, CPT Steve Abend.

Photo by MAJ Mark Borserine, USA NG, Greater Kansas City Chapter, Marshal.

A few years ago, Companions of the Greater Kansas City Chapter raised and contributed \$5,000.00 for the restoration of the Liberty Memorial and the creation of the spectacular World War I Museum. Companion CPT Steve Abend (former Army Airborne officer) was partner in the architectural firm Abend Singleton Associates, Inc. (now known



The stunning French Air Force aerobatic display by the Patrouille de France was followed by the US National Anthem performed by baritone John Brancy and the 1st Infantry Division Band, Fort Riley, KS. That division, now deployed to Iraq, was formed in World War I and was then known as “The Fighting First.” Delta Battery, 1st Battalion, 129th Field Artillery Regiment Missouri Army National Guard (successors to Harry Truman’s famous “Battery D”), fired their cannons to mark the centennial of that declaration of war.



Academy Award recipient, actor, director and producer Kevin Costner narrated the opening of the ceremony. His narration took attendees, television and live-stream viewers (on C-Span) back to the time when the Great War was going on in Europe and American volunteering to fight. The sinking of the RMS Lusitania by a German *Unterseeboot* (U-Boat) triggered a great debate as the nation headed into the 1916 Presidential election.

The program also paid tribute to the bravery of African-American and Native-American fighters,

the struggle and patriotism of immigrant Soldiers, and the significant impact on women, their standing in society and their civil rights. Noble Sissle Jr., descendant of famous early 20th century African-American jazz composer, lyricist, bandleader, singer, and playwright Noble Lee Sissle, read a text by sociologist and civil rights activist W. E. B. Du Bois, and Helen Keller’s famed “Strike Against War” speech which was an eloquent reminder of the nation’s struggle with the decision to go to war.

Representatives of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, France, Hungary, Italy and the United Kingdom read century-old passages about their respective nations’ reactions to the US decision to enter WWI. Acting Secretary of the Army Robert M. Speer read from President Calvin Coolidge’s speech delivered on 11 November 1926, at the dedication of the Liberty Memorial in Kansas City, MO.

The ceremony finale, evoking the patriotic fervor that swept the United States despite the national debate and anxiety, was a rousing full-cast performance of the iconic “Over There,” followed by a flyover by a B-2 Spirit bomber of the 509th Bomb Wing assigned to Whiteman Air Force Base in central Missouri. ★

Editor’s Note: The Officer Review® appreciates the National World War I Museum and Memorial for permission to reprint portions of its press release as well as the photographs of the flyover by the French Air Force and the 1st Infantry Division’s cannon salute.



SEMPER PARATUS

LCDR JOHN NOTO, LCDR ROB STILES & LT TONY LUMPKIN
PROJECT OFFICERS, US COAST GUARD ACADEMY

Members of the US Coast Guard Academy, Class of 2017, were presented with MOWW Awards during the Individual Proficiency Awards Ceremony, 16 May 2017.

Captain Charles Avery Satterlee Memorial Award to 1/C Erin Reynolds

(L-R): Commander, Department of Connecticut (Region I), CWO Francois W. Pelletier, USA (Ret); award recipient, 1/C Erin Reynolds; and, RADM Jim Rendon (Superintendent, United States Coast Guard Academy).

Erin received the CAPT Charles Avery Satterlee Memorial Award, "first given in 1985, it is awarded to the cadet who excels in compassion and rhetoric. Named in memory of the late CAPT Charles Avery Satterlee, USCG, who was then captain of the Coast Guard Cutter Tampa during World War I and which was lost with all hands.



Military Order of World Wars Pistol Marksmanship Award to 1/C Kyle Phillips

(L-R): Commander, Department of Connecticut (Region I), CWO Francois W. Pelletier, USA (Ret); award recipient, 1/C Kyle Phillips; and, RADM Jim Rendon (Superintendent, United States Coast Guard Academy).

US Coast Guard photos by Petty Officer 3rd Class Nicole Barger.



CLEARWATER HONORS ROTC CADETS

LTC DAVID V. MASON, USA (RET)
CLEARWATER CHAPTER, FL



University of Florida Spring Award Ceremonies.

On 11 and 13 Apr 17, LTC David V. Mason, USA (Ret), Chapter ROTC/JROTC Coordinator, presented Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards of Merit to cadets of the University of Florida's Navy, Army and Air Force ROTC units at their annual ROTC Spring Award Ceremonies.

LTC Mason's presentations were made to (Above, L-R): Navy ROTC Cadets- H. Pfefferkorn, K. Gelatt, D. Yassuda; Army ROTC Cadets- M. Orndorf, M. Tabtimtong, K. White; Air Force Cadets- A. Clark, A. Medina, J. Glenn.

ROTC Recognition at Florida Southern College

On 19 Apr 17, Companion LTC David V. Mason, USA (Ret), presented the MOWW Gold, Silver and Bronze ROTC Awards of Merit medal and certificate to outstanding cadets at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida.

(L-R): Cadets B. Brown, T. Springer and R. Wilt with LTC Mason.



Gulf High School Navy JROTC Recognition Awards Ceremony

COL Patrick Niemann, USA (Ret), Junior Vice Commander, presented the MOWW JROTC Award of Merit and MOWW Certificates of Appreciation to outstanding JROTC cadets of Gulf High School (New Port Richey, FL) during its JROTC Awards Ceremony in May 2017.

COL Niemann's presentations were made to (L-R): Torre Nees (JROTC Award of Merit); Kiara Alexander (JROTC Certificate of Appreciation); Onah Clark (JROTC Certificate of Appreciation).



PROPOSED CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

PCINC CAPT RUSSELL C. VOWINKEL, USN (RET)
CHAIR, CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS COMMITTEE (MOWW)

In keeping with the MOWW Constitution (Article VIII, Section 3) and MOWW Bylaws (Article IX, Section 3), the MOWW Constitution and Bylaws Committee presents four proposed amendments to these documents for consideration by all Companions of the Order. The Committee recommends their adoption and expressly presents them for consideration by, and the vote of, the Delegates to the 2017 MOWW Convention to be held in Billings, MT, in August 2017.

1. CORRECT THE MOWW BYLAWS LANGUAGE TO REFLECT THE MOWW BOARD OF TRUSTEES AS BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR EFFECTING TRANSFERS, ETC., AFFECTING MOWW'S INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO.

- a. Committee Recommendation: Adopt.
- b. Author. MOWW Financial Working Group.
- c. Current language: "The Chief of Staff shall deposit non-distributed funds into the "MOWW Endowment Fund." REF: MOWW Bylaws, Article I, Section 10.B.3).
- d. Proposed language: Change the MOWW Bylaws, Article I, Section 1, to read: "The MOWW Board of Trustees shall deposit non-distributed funds in the "MOWW Endowment Fund."
- e. Rationale. This correctly describes the responsible activity and process.

2. UPDATE THE MOWW BYLAWS BY CITING THE REQUIREMENT TO GRANT, REVOKE OR SURRENDER CHAPTER CHARTERS WHILE OUTLINING THE POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR THE SAME IN THE MOWW POLICY MANUAL.

- a. Committee Recommendation: Adopt.
- b. Author. LTC Michael C. Wilgen, USA (Ret).
- c. Current language. "A Region, Department or Chapter charter may be granted, revoked, surrendered or, if applicable, merged with the consent of the General Staff, providing the administrative procedures contained in the MOWW Policy Handbook, Chapter XV (Charters) are followed." (MOWW Bylaws, Article III, Section 1.)
- d. Proposed Language. "A region, department or chapter charter may be granted, revoked or surrendered with the consent of the General Staff provided MOWW Policy Manual provisions for the same are followed."
- e. Rationale. Eliminates the merger language since chapters are not merged; instead, chapters are closed and individual Companions elect to reaffiliate with a different chapter, or several adjacent chapters are closed and a new one is formed. Also eliminates the specific reference to an Appendix, etc., and instead simply says "...provided MOWW Policy Manual provisions are followed." This is beneficial since the paragraph structure, Appendix "number," etc., may change for administrative purposes and such things should not necessitate



changing foundational documents such as the MOWW Bylaws.

3. UPDATE THE MOWW CONSTITUTION'S LANGUAGE TO INCLUDE WHAT IS GENERALLY KNOWN AS THE "PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE WORLD WARS" SO THAT THE PREAMBLE IS PART OF THE MOWW CONSTITUTION.

- a. Committee Recommendation: Adopt.
- b. Author. Brig Gen Arthur B. Morrill III, USAF (Ret).
- c. Current language: None.
- d. Proposed language: Insert the full text of the Preamble in the MOWW Constitution as such.
- e. Rationale. The Preamble is often cited as being the Preamble to the MOWW Constitution, but it's language is not actually part of said Constitution. This rectifies that omission.

4. UPDATE THE MOWW CONSTITUTION BY CLARIFYING MATTERS CONCERNING DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

- a. Committee Recommendation: Adopt.
- b. Author. LTC Michael C. Wilgen, USA (Ret).
- c. Current language. "Department Commanders will be elected by the chapters and take office prior to 1 July of each year. (MOWW Constitution, Article V Officers Section 4.)
- d. Proposed language. "Department commanders with less than two chapters within their area will be appointed by the region commander and take office prior to 1 July of each year. All other department commanders, i.e., those departments with two or more chapters, will be elected by their chapters."
- e. Rationale. Supports the 2016 MOWW Convention decision to combine the offices of department commander and state commander into, simply, department commander.



Companions gathered for the 2016 MOWW National Convention participated in the business of the Order



MG DAVID E. KRATZER, USA (RET)



Major General David E. Kratzer is a distinguished military graduate who received his ROTC Commission and Bachelor of Science degree from Western Illinois University. He also holds a Master of Science degree from the University of Illinois. His military education includes the Signal Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Armor Officer Basic

Course, Transportation Officer Advanced Course, the Army Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College. General Kratzer served as a member of the Army Reserve Forces Policy Committee.

General Kratzer's career included three company commands, two battalion commands, command of the 3rd Transportation Movement Control Agency and command of the 32nd Transportation Group. General Kratzer also served as the Director of Transportation Operations for the 143rd Transportation Command.

During Operation Enduring Freedom, General Kratzer deployed to Afghanistan as the Commanding General of Coalition Forces Land Component Command's (CFLCC) Joint Civil Military Operations Task Force as well as the Chief of the Office of Military Cooperation, United States Embassy, Kabul. In this dual role, General Kratzer led all civil military forces operating in Afghanistan and southern Uzbekistan, secured funding for humanitarian projects designed to bring relief to the people of Afghanistan, and assisted USCENTOM in beginning the process to rebuild the Afghan army.

As the Commanding General, 377th Theater Support Command, General Kratzer deployed to Kuwait in October 2002 to lead CFLCC's senior logistics command. During OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, General Kratzer commanded all theater-level support forces with responsibility for Joint Reception, Staging, and Onward Movement of CFLCC forces. During combat and sustainment operations, the 377th Theater Sustainment Command (TSC) forces numbered 43,000 and included a Transportation Command, Medical Command, Personnel Command, Finance Command, Movement Control Agency, Material Management Center, two Military Police Brigades, four Area Support Groups, a Transportation Group, a Petroleum Group, and an Ammunition Group. These forces provided combat support and combat service support, as well as sustainment operations in Kuwait and Southern Iraq.

General Kratzer's awards include the Distinguished Service Medal (Army), Bronze Star Medal (one Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Meritorious Service Medal (two Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (three Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Medal. General Kratzer wears the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Army Meritorious Unit Commendation, and the Army Staff Badge. He is a Distinguished Member of the United States Army Transportation Corps.

Following his 2006 retirement from the Army, the Chief of the United States Army Reserve appointed General Kratzer as USAR Ambassador for the State of Florida. Today, General Kratzer is a member of the Advisory Board for Warrington College of Business Veterans Entrepreneurial Program and serves as senior mentor to the University of Florida Collegiate Veterans Society. In 2016, General Kratzer was inducted into the United States Army Reserve Officer Training Corps National Hall of Fame. ★

2017-2018 NATIONAL OFFICER CANDIDATES

PCINC CAPT JOHN M. HAYES, USAF (FMR)
CHAIR, MOWW NOMINATING COMMITTEE



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• **Vice Chair, Nominating Committee**

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CANDIDATES FOR ELECTED OFFICE (To Date)

• **COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:**

- o Col David R. Gibson, USAF (Ret)

• **SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:**

- o LTC John H. Hollywood, Jr., USA (Ret)

• **VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: (4):**

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

- o BrigGen Frederick R. Lopez, USMC (Ret)
 - Region XIV
- o CDR Robert G. Hartman III, USN (Ret)
 - Region IV
- o LTC Charles S. Chamberlin, USA (Ret)
 - Region VIII
- o CPT Paula R. Mitchell, USA (Fmr)
 - Region XIII

• **TREASURER GENERAL:**

- o LTC George A. Walker, USA (Ret)

• **JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL:**

- o COL Earle R. Lasseter, USA (Ret)

• **SURGEON GENERAL:**

- o CPT (DR) Robert E. Mallin, USA (Fmr)

• **CHAPLAIN GENERAL:**

- o Col Maureen S. Lofberg, USAF (Ret)

• **HISTORIAN GENERAL:**

- o LTC Arthur B. Fowler, USA (Ret)

• **GENERAL STAFF OFFICERS—ELECTED (AT-LARGE, 5):**

- o Lt Col Sheldon A. Goldberg, USAF (Ret)
- o Lt Col David J. Worley, USAF (Ret)
- o LTC William E. Rapp, USA (Ret)
- o LTC Don B. Munson, USA (Ret)
- o LTC King Moss II, USA (Ret)

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MONDAY, 31 JULY 2017 | GOLF TOURNAMENT

TIME	EVENT	ROOM/SET-UP	ROOM	ATTENDEES
0845-1700	TOUR 1: MOWW GOLF TOURNEY @ YEGEN GOLF CLUB	N/A	N/A	ALL CONFEREES

PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES | DRESS: CASUAL

TUESDAY, 1 AUGUST 2017 | EXCOM / BUSINESS MEETINGS

TIME	EVENT	ROOM/SET-UP	ROOM	ATTENDEES
0800-1050	PRE-CONVENTION EXCOM	(U-SHAPE, 16)	BABCOCK EAST	EXCOM MBRS
1100-1200	BOARD OF TRUSTEES	(U-SHAPE, 16)	BABCOCK WEST	TRUSTEES/TG/CS
1200-1300	LUNCH AS DESIRED			
1300-1350	BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING	(U-SHAPE, 16)	BABCOCK EAST	CMTE MBRS
1400-1650	COUNCIL OF AREA COMMANDERS	(U-SHAPE, 16)	BABCOCK WEST	CAC MEMBERS
1500-1650	PATRIOTIC EDUCATION, INC.	(U-SHAPE, 16)	BABCOCK EAST	PEI MEMBERS

WEDNESDAY, 2 AUGUST 2017 | GENERAL TOUR / WELCOME BUFFET

TIME	EVENT	ROOM/SET-UP	ROOM	ATTENDEES
0845-1700	TOUR 2: RED LODGE & BEARTOOTH PASS	N/A	N/A	ALL CONFEREES
1630-1720	HANN-BUSWELL MEMORIAL CHAPTER MEETING ★	(CLASSROOM, 50)	BABCOCK (EAST & WEST)	CHAPTER MBRS
1800-2100	WELCOME BUFFET (HOST: COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF) ★ * CINC WELCOME GOLF AWARD PRESENTATIONS * REQUIRES PODIUM/MICROPHONE, ONE (1) BAR (CASH-ONLY BAR) & TWO (2) HORS D'OURVES LINES	(BANQUET, 200)	SOUTH BALLROOM	ALL CONFEREES

CONVENTION ACTIVITIES | DRESS: CASUAL, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

THURSDAY, 3 AUGUST 2017 | WORKSHOPS / COMMANDERS' CALL

TIME	EVENT	ROOM/SET-UP	ROOM	ATTENDEES
0830-1600	TOUR 3: POMPEYS PILLAR & LITTLE BIG HORN	N/A	N/A	SPOUSES/GUESTS
0630-0850	COUNCIL OF PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF * WORKING BREAKFAST (BUFFET)	(U-SHAPE, 20)	BABCOCK (EAST & WEST)	CPC MEMBERS
0800-0810	CINC INTRODUCTION TO WORKSHOPS ★	(CLASSROOM, 125)	SOUTH BALLROOM	ALL CONFEREES
0810-0900	RECRUITING STRATEGIES THAT WORK ★	(CLASSROOM, 125)	SOUTH BALLROOM	ALL CONFEREES
0910-1000	BEST PRACTICES FOR RETENTION & INVOLVEMENT ★	(CLASSROOM, 125)	SOUTH BALLROOM	ALL CONFEREES
1010-1100	THE SECRET TO GAINING VISIBILITY ★	(CLASSROOM, 125)	SOUTH BALLROOM	ALL CONFEREES
1110-1200	THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO SOCIAL MEDIA ★	(CLASSROOM, 125)	SOUTH BALLROOM	ALL CONFEREES
1200-1300	LUNCH AS DESIRED			
1300-1350	THE BENEFITS OF RECOGNITION ★	(CLASSROOM, 125)	SOUTH BALLROOM	ALL CONFEREES
1400-1450	WINNING TACTICS FOR FUNDRAISING ★	(CLASSROOM, 125)	SOUTH BALLROOM	ALL CONFEREES
1500-1550	WHAT EVERY CHAPTER COMMANDER NEEDS TO KNOW ★	(CLASSROOM, 125)	SOUTH BALLROOM	ALL CONFEREES
1615-1715	DINNER AS DESIRED			
1730-1830	COMMANDERS' CALL (HOST: CINC) ★ * INTRO PRESENTATION BY CINC FOLLOWED BY GENERAL DISCUSSION	(CLASSROOM, 60)	BABCOCK (EAST & WEST)	ALL COMMANDERS, EXCOM, PCINCS
1830-1930	COMMITTEE CHAIRS' CALL (HOST: SVCINC) ★ * INTRO PRESENTATION BY SVCINC FOLLOWED BY GENERAL DISCUSSION	(CLASSROOM, 60)	BABCOCK (EAST & WEST)	NAT CMTE CHAIRS, EXCOM, PCINCS

NOTE 1: WORKSHOPS: ALL ATTEND

NOTE 2: HOSPITALITY ROOM: BOARD ROOM (2ND FLOOR)

NOTE 3: NATIONAL ORGANIZATION HEADQUARTERS—DEDICATED STORAGE ROOMS: ZBS1 & ZBS2 (2ND FLOOR)

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FRIDAY, 4 AUGUST 2017 | WORKSHOPS / AWARDS LUNCHEON / NOMINATING & VOTING ACTIVITIES

TIME	EVENT	ROOM/SET-UP	ROOM	ATTENDEES
0800-0850	BEST PRACTICES SHOWCASE: ROTC, L&O, VET AFF, HS ★	(CLASSROOM, 125)	GRAND BALLROOM	ALL CONFEREES
0900-0950	BEST PRACTICES SHOWCASE: PEC, NAT SEC, SCOUTS ★	(CLASSROOM, 125)	GRAND BALLROOM	ALL CONFEREES M.
1000-1045	Q & A, EVALUATIONS & CINC WRAP-UP ★	(CLASSROOM, 125)	GRAND BALLROOM	ALL CONFEREES
1130-1320	MOWW AWARDS LUNCHEON ★ * REQUIRES 8-PERSON DAIS, COLOR GUARD	(BANQUET, 200)	GRAND BALLROOM	ALL
1430-1510	NATIONAL CANDIDATE PRESENTATIONS ★	(CLASSROOM, 200)	GRAND BALLROOM	ALL CONFEREES
1520-1700	DELEGATE VOTING (NOM CMTE) ★	(CLASSROOM, 125)	GRAND BALLROOM	NOM CMTE DEL
1800-1900	HANN-BUSWELL CHAPTER COCKTAILS * UOD: MESS DRESS/TUXEDO * REQUIRES ONE (1) BAR (CASH-ONLY BAR)	(HI ROUNDS, 60)	NORTH BALLROOM	MBRs/GUESTS
1900-2100	HANN-BUSWELL DINNER * ENTERTAINMENT: TBD		NORTH BALLROOM	MEMBERS/GUESTS

SATURDAY, 5 AUGUST 2017 | CONVENTION BUSINESS SESSION / GENERAL STAFF MEETING / CINC BANQUET

TIME	EVENT	ROOM/SET-UP	ROOM	ATTENDEES
0730-0830	MEMORIAL SERVICE ★ * REQUIRES 8-PERSON DAIS, COLOR GUARD	(CLASSROOM, 200)	GRAND BALLROOM	ALL CONFEREES
0900-1150	CONVENTION BUSINESS SESSION ★ * REQUIRES 8-PERSON DAIS, COLOR GUARD	(CLASSROOM, 200)	GRAND BALLROOM	ALL CONFEREES
1200-1300	LUNCH AS DESIRED			
1300-1420	CONVENTION GENERAL STAFF MEETING ★ * REQUIRES 8-PERSON DAIS	(CLASSROOM, 200)	GRAND BALLROOM	ALL CONFEREES
1500-1550	REGION COMMAND TRAINING GAME PLAN PREVIEW	(U-SHAPE, 20)	BABCOCK (EAST & WEST)	RGN CDRs, CINC, SVCINC, VCINCs, CS, CHAIR ED & TNG CMTE, CHAIR WKSHP CMTE
1600-1650	NON-DENOMINATIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE	(THEATER, 60)	HART ALBIN (EAST & WEST)	AS DESIRED
1800-1850	CINC RECEIVING LINE & RECEPTION * MESS DRESS/TUXEDO * REQUIRES RECEIVING LINE AREA (ADJACENT TO REGISTRATION) & 3 HOST CHAPTER PROTOCOL STAFF * REQUIRES ONE (1) BAR (CASH-ONLY BAR)	(RECEPTION, 200)	GRAND BALLROOM	ALL CONFEREES
1900-2100	CINC BANQUET MESS DRESS/TUXEDO ★ * DSA SPEAKER/PRESENTATION; NCA PRESENTATION; PERSHING AWARD PRESENTATION; INSTALL NATIONAL OFFICERS & CINC * REQUIRES 14-PERSON DAIS, COLOR GUARD	(BANQUET, 200)	GRAND BALLROOM	ALL CONFEREES

POST-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES | DRESS: CASUAL

SUNDAY, 6 AUGUST 2017 | EXCOM

TIME	EVENT	ROOM/SET-UP	ROOM	ATTENDEES
0800-1150	POST-CONVENTION EXCOM	(U-SHAPE, 16)	BABCOCK EAST	EXCOM MBRs
0800-0950	EXCOM SPOUSE/GUEST "MEET 'N' GREET"	(U-SHAPE, 16)	BABCOCK WEST	SPOUSES/GUESTS

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2017 CONVENTION TOURS

Billings, Montana



TOUR 1 – GOLF TOURNEY

(Mon, 31 Jul 17 | Depart 0830, Tee-Off 0900).

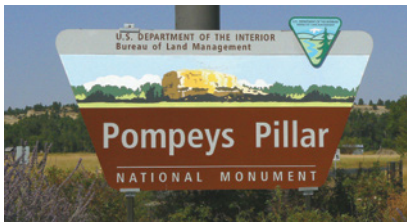
The 18-hole Yegen Golf Club (1390 Zimmerman Trail, Billings, MT 59102) opened in the spring of 1992. It has since become one of Billings' premier golf courses. The links-style course is both challenging and enjoyable for players of all abilities. Cost/person: \$50.00



TOUR 2 – RED LODGE & BEARTOOTH PASS

(Wed, 2 Aug 17 | Depart 0845).

Red Lodge is the gateway to Yellowstone Park via the beautiful Beartooth Highway. Enjoy a taste of western hospitality in this historic mountain town. The Beartooth Highway, a 68-mile section of US Rt. 212, has been called "the most beautiful drive in America," by the late Charles Kuralt. Cost/person: \$50.00 (light lunch available)



TOUR 3 – POMPEYS PILLAR & LITTLE BIG HORN

(Thu, 3 Aug 17 | Depart 0830).

Pompeys Pillar (part of the Louisiana Purchase) has the only remaining physical evidence of Lewis & Clark's Expedition. The Little Big Horn memorializes the US Army's 7th Cavalry, and the Sioux and Cheyenne, in one of the latter's last armed efforts to preserve their way of life. Cost/person: \$50.00 (light lunch available)



TOUR 4 – SELF-GUIDED TOUR OF BILLINGS, MT

(As desired).

Lewis & Clark, Sitting Bull & Calamity Jane are among those featured in Billings' museums, galleries and landmarks honoring Old West legends. Free information at the Convention Registration Desk. Tour at individual discretion. Cost/person: FREE!

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REGISTRATION FEES

COMPANION: ~~NLT 1 Jul 17: \$240.00~~; After 1 Jul 17: \$270.00/person # x \$270 = \$

NON-COMPANION: ~~NLT 1 Jul 17: \$225.00~~; After 1 Jul 17: \$255.00/ person # x \$255 = \$

MOWW Awards Luncheon Meal (4 Aug): Chicken Marsala (C), Alaskan Salmon (S), Vegetable Lasagna (L)

Number-Type: (e.g., C-1, S-2, L-1)

CINC Banquet Meal (5 Aug): Baseball Cut Top Sirloin (B) | Halibut (H) | Quinoa-Vegetable-Stuffed Pepper (V)

Number-Type: (e.g., B-1, H-1, V-2)

OPTIONAL TOURS

Tour 1: MOWW Golf Tourney | Yegen Golf Club (31 Jul) # x \$50 = \$

Tour 2: Red Lodge & Beartooth Pass | Light lunch available (2 Aug) # x \$50 = \$

Tour 3: Pompeys Pillar & Little Big Horn | Light lunch available (3 Aug) # x \$50 = \$

Tour 4: Self-guided Billings Tour (free information @ Registration Desk) FREE SELF-TOUR

TOTAL: \$

NOTES

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 - Pay via personal check only—NO credit or debit cards
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14 June 1775

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DARE GREATLY

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

It isn't accidental that our Military Order has existed for nearly 100 years. Our Order exists because our forebears dedicated themselves to the Order's continuance and the personal fulfillment of Companions in perpetuity. As their successors, we must be likewise dedicated. As an Order, we were founded in service in commitment to our nation and fellow Companions. When we each utter the Order's oath to join or to later hold a position of responsibility, we renew that dedication by our own personal commitment and service. That's our duty.

Organizations don't have life; they are given life by their members by their continuing participation and good works. That necessary and abiding renewal of our Order is founded on principles greater than the individual members and even the organization itself. The Order's life comes from an unrelenting desire from each of us to serve selflessly based on our common heritage of officership and in keeping with the Order's motto. Examples of this principled service abound.

PCINC CAPT Russell C. Vowinkel, USN (Ret), a Past Commander-in-Chief, continues his personal involvement as a "man in the arena" by his service as the Commander, Northern Virginia Chapter. Likewise, the late PCINC COL Jack B. Jones, USA (Ret), was consistently a top—if not the top—new member recruiter of our nationwide Order, in addition to being a highly energized Assistant Historian General. PCINC Colonel James D. Elmer, USAF (Ret), and his bride, HPM Ruth B. Elmer, also exemplify the kind, selfless service being highlighted here. There are so many other examples of great, serving Companions to emulate.

Our Order's membership is comprised of truly exceptional people—whether they are PMs, HPMs, RMs or HRMs. They all have unique talents and capabilities even as they all have different life experiences or situations. Despite these differences, there is room for every Companion to actively participate in chapter activities if not also in activities at the national level. Our Order needs each of us...our interest, our contributions and our participation.

THE MAN IN THE ARENA
*(Extract from President Theodore Roosevelt's speech,
"Citizenship in a Republic"*

23 April 1910—Sorbonne, Paris

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

Theodore Roosevelt

We have so much to offer our nation—as individuals and as a group. We know from our just-concluded "Year of Membership" that we face challenges: shrinking membership, reduced participation and more. We must reverse those things for the good of the Order. To do less than that is not who we are.

This is not just a "they" issue affecting others but not each of us. Our Order's health is seen in whether or not our chapters each have a growing and increasingly participatory membership.

So...what should we do?

First we walk, then we run. We begin by working to get an increasing number of our chapters' members to attend successive chapter meetings, present ROTC and Scouting awards, and be involved in patriotic education. We develop one-page Chapter Action Plans to guide and track chapter progress. We keep it simple and measurable with gentle stretch goals, and review progress every meeting.

No one expects miracles or instant solutions to the challenges we face. However, we should expect—of ourselves—that we will make progress together. Why? Because we Americans dare greatly. ★



THE CHANGING PATIENT EXPERIENCE

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

Over the years, I have tried to learn several facts related to medicine, such as ... in a hospital setting, it is far better to be standing up than lying down.

Giving control of your fate to someone else is not easy or natural. While I have thankfully just come through kidney cancer surgery with flying colors and a 98% chance of being totally cured, surely my worry and detailed attitude played a big part in the same way my cat helps me compose and write articles. For me, in this setting I need to be the sole player.

But back in the day when one went to “the” doctor, he totally directed treatment—including hospital choice, location and length of stay. It seems a couple of weeks was the norm for even a baby delivery. My mother was sent home with a nurse for a few days, tales of southern farm workers going right back to the fields notwithstanding.

A surgeon was “a general surgeon,” responsible for everything, even telling the nurse just how to administer the anesthetic. Everyone who ever had “ether” remembers every second of it. Recovery rooms were unheard of. If your family could afford it, a “special nurse” was hired to take care of you for a day or two.

It may just be my memory, but when I started training in the mid-1960s, there were still no recovery rooms and often a strong whiff of alcohol around the patient room could be imagined. The surgeon’s God-like temperament was apparent and is still a cliché today.

Oh, how things have changed, and that doesn’t even count

the paperwork people, and the various levels of nurses and others who all check your medical history and keep asking for your date of birth.

One certainly gets the impression all are caring and efficient. “Your” doctor, who you may have seen for an initial visit, the explanations to patient and family, and detailed consent procedures, is open and friendly. Recently, a surgeon I was seeing displayed years of “Most Compassionate Doctor in Colorado” awards on his office walls.

Lab work is complete, detailed and fully discussed. All explanations—from surgical procedures to pressure stockings and the introduction of each person involved—are pleasant experiences. Everything is positive. Indeed, if it weren’t for the “kidney cancer” part, the University of Colorado Hospital would be a fun place to hang out.

As a matter of fact, I have even opted for the first of two knee replacement procedures there soon. For me, the worry and anxiety, for good or ill, ends when I am placed in the surgery “ready room” and I completely put myself in the hands of the incredible surgery department team. For me, the team gives me more confidence than the old days when all I had was the God-like aura of a single person.

Please don’t try this at home ... and be well. ★



BLESS THE VETERANS FOR THEIR SACRIFICE

MARK HERRINGSHAW, PH.D.,
AND JILL HERRINGSHAW

"...Today we pray for those men and women who have, in their military service, sacrificed their time, strength, ambition, health and even their lives on this earth to benefit 'friends,' known and unknown.

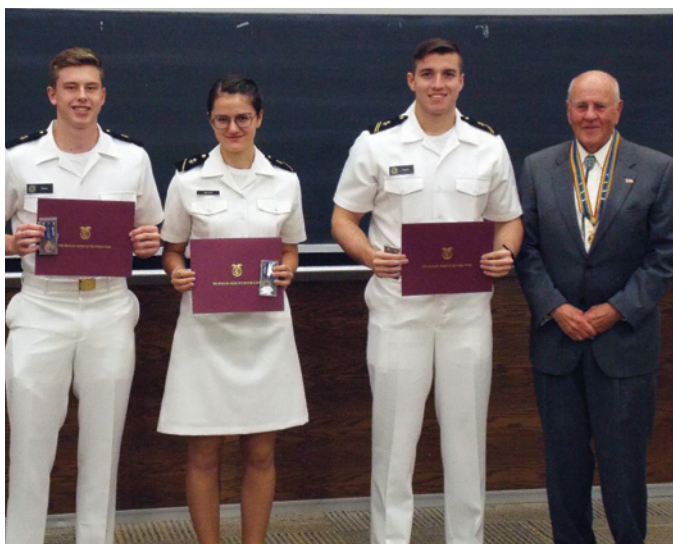
Many of our warriors carry scars in their hearts as well as on their bodies. Dark memories haunt their dreams at night. Fears cloud their waking hours.... You came to give us abundant life by providing a way for us to release our pain to you.... You bore our sorrows and brokenness and when we trust you, we can exchange our wounds for your joy in a future unhindered by fate. Bring this gift now to the veterans of our nation who bear tangible and intangible wounds. Heal them....

Bless the families of soldiers who bear these pains

vicariously. Give them patience and wisdom and strength to endure, and more than endure to hope in faith for a blessed life. God, not everything that happens in life is good. But you promise to work all things together for good to those who love you and align their lives with your purpose. Create good in the families of veterans who have experienced pain and loss. Do this miracle, we pray.

We honor our veterans in your name. We thank you—as we thank them—for their sacrifice. We ask you to return to them the favor of your blessing, a gift we on our own could never offer. We ask that you would give our veterans a peace beyond the peace they fought to secure, a peace in their own hearts, wrapped in the joy of a life touched by your strong hand...." ★





Prince Georges County Chapter, MD

New Navy SROTC Unit

BY COL LOUIS N. FERGUSON, USAF (RET)

The Navy established a new SROTC unit on the University of Maryland's campus beginning the 2016-17 school year. Col Lou Ferguson, USAF (Ret), presented MOWW Medal of Merit awards at the first ceremony held 11 May 2017.

SROTC recipients of MOWW's Award of Merit are (L-R): Freshman Midshipman Michael Bacot (Bronze Award); Sophomore Midshipman Elisabeth Wayne (Silver Award), and; Junior Midshipman Christian Egbert (Gold Award).



Puerto Rico Chapter, PR

Official Historian of Puerto Rico Conferred Honorary Degree

BY BG VICTOR S. PEREZ, USA (RET)

The Board of Trustees of the Puerto Rico Interamerican University conferred an *Honoris Causa* Doctorate Degree in "History of the Americas" to Professor MG Luis Gonzalez-Vales, USA (Ret), in recognition of his distinguished trajectory as academic, public server and exemptional citizen. He is Puerto Rico's Official Historian and Director of the Puerto Rican Academy of History. MG Gonzalez-Vales is a distinguished Perpetual Member of MOWW's Puerto Rico Chapter 121. He has been a Companion since January 1975; he is a past chapter commander whose legacy and achievement honors us all.

MG Luis Gonzalez-Vales, USA (Ret), addresses attendees at the Interamerican University; MG Luis Gonzalez Vales (center), accompanied by Companion LTC Ramon Negrón and Dr. Ina S. Figueroa (Former Director of the Puerto Rico Higher Education Council); and, MG Luis Gonzalez Vales (center), receiving the *Honoris Causa* Doctorate conferred to him by Board of Trustees.



MG Meade Chapter, MD

Maryland Commemorates Anniversary of US Entry into WWI.

BY LT COL SHELDON GOLDBERG, USAF (RET)

On 6 April 2017, the General Meade chapter, supported by the City of Baltimore General Services Administration, held Maryland's first commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the US entry into World War I. The event was conceived and planned by LTC Dennis A. Chojnowski, USA (Ret), Meade Chapter Adjutant. The commemoration featured the "Old Guard" Color Guard and bugler, and speakers that included: the Baltimore Mayor, Catherine Pugh; Maryland's Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Mr. George Owings III; the honorable Mssr. Michel Charbonnier, Consul General of France, and; other military and Veteran Service Organization leaders. Master of Ceremony duties were performed by Gen Meade Chapter Commander, COL Erwin Burtnick; and, a young Baltimore high school student, Mr. Patrick Fuller, a World War I re-enactor, was present in full doughboy uniform. The ceremony was shown on Baltimore-area television and carried in local newspapers.

(Clockwise from upper left): Patrick Fuller (honoring the WW I deceased) and, COL Burtnick addressing the audience following the presentation of wreaths





New Jersey Chapter, NJ

Companion Elected to Lead

BY PCINC LTC ALFRED H. M. SHEHAB, USA (RET)

A Companion of the New Jersey Chapter, BG Jeffrey L. Pierson, USA (Ret), was elected to the Cape May (NJ) County Board of Chosen Freeholders. The Board of Chosen Freeholders governs the Cape May county government and its members are elected by the citizens of Cape May County. He will oversee county departments under Health and Human Services.

Photo: The *Cape May County Herald* photo from the 31 May 2017 edition of the *Cape May Star & Wave* depicts BG Jeffrey L. Pierson, USA (Ret), as he is sworn into office on 25 Oct 2016.



Sun City Center Chapter, FL

Induction of USF Honor Student.

BY CAPT B. FRANK KEPLEY, USN (RET)

The Chapter inducted 2LT Rowan Wilson, USA, an honor student attending the University of South Florida's Army ROTC program. LT Rowan became the chapter's newest Perpetual Member at the 18 May Chapter meeting. Her first duty station will be in Germany.

(L-R): Lt Col James R. Warchol, USAF (Ret); 2LT Rowan Wilson, USA; and, LTC Charles R. Conover, Jr., USA (Ret).



Worcester Chapter, MA

Law and Order Award

BY LTC DAVID ANDERSON, USA (RET)

Massachusetts' Middle District Attorney, Joseph D. Early, Jr., was the recipient of the chapter's Law and Order Public Service Award for 2017. The Chapter conferred a MOWW Silver Patrick Henry Award for Patriotism to DA Early. The special presentation took place at the Chapter's Annual Dinner held 18 May 2017.

(L-R): Worcester Chapter Commander, LTC David Anderson, USA (Ret); District Attorney, Joseph D. Early, Jr.; and, Region I Commander, LTC Dennis V. Christo, USA (Ret).

Columbus Chapter, GA

Massing of the Colors

BY LTC ROGER J. BARROS, USA (RET)

The chapter conducted the Massing of Colors ceremony on 20 May. COL John House, USA (Ret), and JROTC Ops SGM Judson Gee, USA (Ret), lead the Massing of Colors effort. The Chapter's Chaplain, 1LT Skip Harnish, USA (Fmr), was the MOWW Color Bearer.



Puget Sound Chapter, WA

Wreath Honors the WWI Centennial Commemoration

BY SVCINC COL DAVID B. GIBSON, USAF (RET)

Companions and guests of the Chapter were proud to participate in World War I commemorations observed at the WWI winged victory monument at the state capitol in Olympia, WA, on 25 April 17.

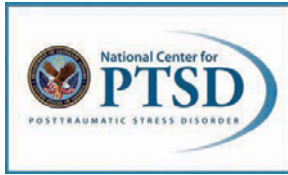
Above left (L-R): Puget Sound Chapter Commander LT John S. McConnel, USNR (Fmr), and Maj Keith Warren, USAF (Ret), prepare to lay a wreath at the WWI Centennial Commemoration at the Washington State Capitol.

Above right: Puget Sound Chapter Commander LT John S. McConnel, USNR (Fmr) (left center); CWO Jack Jory, USA (Ret); and Maj Keith Warren, USAF (Ret), with Companions and guests after they laid a MOWW wreath at the WWI monument during the WWI Centennial Commemoration at the Washington State Capitol.





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Americanism: September's Patriotic Days

Patriot Day – September 11



Patriot Day, also known as the national Day of Service and Remembrance, occurs on September 11 each year in memory of those killed during the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Those we lost September 11, 2001, will forever hold a cherished place in our hearts in the history of our nation. By a joint resolution approved December 18, 2001 (Public Law 107-89), Congress authorized the President to designate September 11 each year as "Patriot Day" to perpetuate the memory of those who perished in the attack on America, and to pursue peace and justice

in the world and security at home. Appropriate ceremonies and activities include a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 a.m. EDT, remembrance services and candlelight vigils. Flags should be flown at half-staff on Patriot Day.

POW/MIA Recognition Day – Observed Third Friday in September



POW/MIA Recognition Day honors the commitments and the sacrifices made by our nation's prisoners of war and those who are still missing

in action. National POW/MIA Recognition Day is on of the six days specified by law on which the black POW/MIA flag shall be flown over federal facilities and cemeteries, post offices and military installations. Plan ahead and check with your local facilities to make sure they have a POW/MIA flag and if not, it would be a great time to make a formal presentation of the flag to the facility. POW/MIA – YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN.

Gold Star Mother's/Family's Day – Observed Last Sunday in September



Gold Star Mother's/Family's Day honors mothers and families who have lost a service member in combat. The name comes from the custom of families hanging Service Flags in the window of their homes. The Service Flag has a star for each family member in the armed forces. A blue star represents a family member in active service, a silver star represents a family member wounded or injured in a war zone and a gold star represents a family member killed during active-duty and stands for sacrifice made for honor and freedom. The American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. was founded shortly after World War 1 by Grace Darling Seibold who lost her son George Vaughn Seibold during the war. Gold Star Mothers are often socially active, but are non-political. Gold Star Mother's Day was designated by Congress on June 23, 1936. In September 2012, President Barack Obama rededicated the last Sunday in Sept as "Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day."

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Strategy: Regions, departments and chapters, with national committee support, develop and execute plans to establish new chapters each year that increase our membership and participation.

Strategic Goal (SG) 2. Strengthen chapter outreach programs.

Strategy: Regions, departments and chapters, with national committee support, develop plans to increase the numbers and quality of external and internal programs supported.

Strategic Goal (SG) 3. Raise MOWW's local and national visibility.

Strategy: Information & Publicity Committee, regions, departments and chapters increase awareness of MOWW outreach programs to enable the Military Order to speak factually of its contributions to reach potential members by developing and implementing plans that enable MOWW to achieve widespread local and national recognition and branding as a pathway for federally uniformed commissioned and warrant officers to continue to serve their country.

Strategic Goal (SG) 4. Enhance leadership training and development.

Strategy: Education & Training Committee standardize and promote, and regions, departments, and chapters conduct, leadership training to develop knowledgeable and higher functioning elected and appointed leaders at all levels of the Military Order.

Strategic Goal (SG) 5. Promote Companion, chapter, and community recognition.

Strategy: Demonstrate the value of Companions and MOWW chapters to communities and the nation by recognition of performance excellence in people and organizations contributing to MOWW's vision and the tenets of MOWW's Preamble.

