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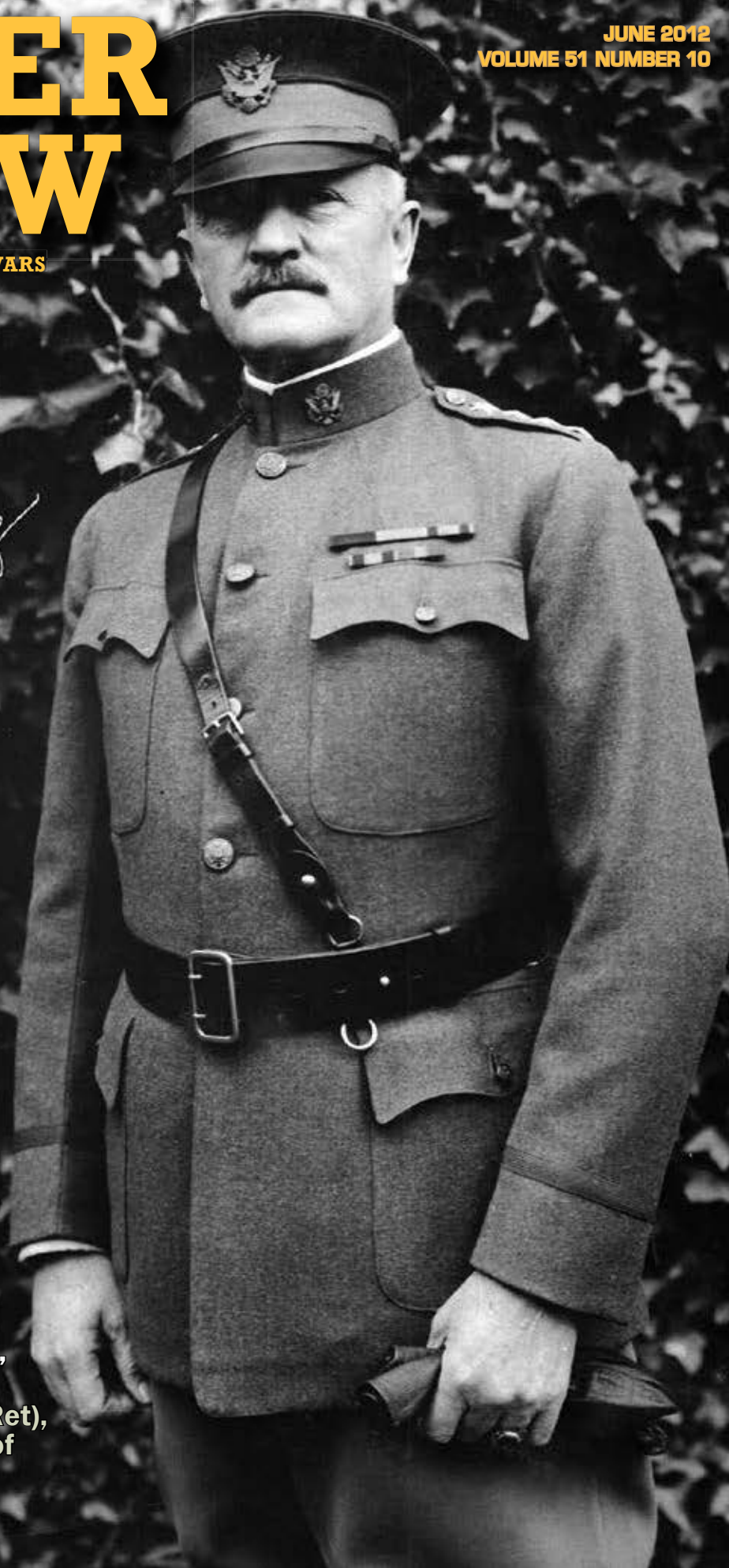
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Involved and Effective



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

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

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

On June 14, 1775, the United States Army was established. June 14, 2012, is Flag Day. Please commemorate these historic dates by proudly flying your American Flag.

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

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General of the Armies John "Blackjack" Pershing of the National Army at General Headquarters in Chaumont, France, October 1918.

Source: National Archives and Records Administration

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Blackjack's

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In Nov 11, EXCOM members received an informative briefing on initiatives proposed by the Pershing Park Memorial Association (PPMA) in Laclede, MO, as a tribute to General of the Armies John J. Pershing. Among these is a memorial museum and leadership archives.

For over 70 years, the PPMA (a not-for-profit 501C (3) charitable tax-exempt corporation), has ventured upon a mission of preserving, teaching, and further honoring General Pershing. Past fundraising efforts by the PPMA include the successful purchase of 2,400 acres of land along Locust Creek now known as Pershing State Park in 1931, and the purchase and transfer of General Pershing's boyhood home to the Missouri Division of State Parks in 1952. The site is now designated as the General John J. Pershing Boyhood Home State Historic Site; both

sites are managed by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks.

The PPMA also financed the relocation of a magnificent "larger than life" bronze statue of General Pershing in 1968. Additionally, the PPMA acquired and financed the relocation of the one-room Prairie Mound Schoolhouse, where young John Pershing taught prior to obtaining an appointment to West Point Military Academy in 1882, to the Boyhood Home State Historic Site campus in Laclede, Missouri in 1982. A PPMA-funded Wall of Honor honoring veterans of any war was erected near the statue that guards the boyhood home in 1983.

Recently, the PPMA entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Missouri permitting the construction of the new Pershing Memorial Museum and Leadership Archives on Boyhood Home Historic Site campus. Upon completion of the project, the museum and archives must be operated solely by funds raised by the PPMA.

The modern museum exhibit gallery will display educational, hands-on and interactive displays spanning General Pershing's life and military career. A flexible theatre space will accommodate small groups or expand for larger audiences.

This state-of-the-art facility will present history in a way that is accessible to scholars and students of today. The gallery and classroom will allow the facility to feature special exhibits and

Plaque at the base of G/A Pershing's statue at his boyhood home reads: In commemoration of the rededication, held on 14 September 1996, whereat the restoration of this statue of GENERAL OF THE ARMIES JOHN JOSEPH PERSHING was presented by Colonel Homer G. Schmidt, National Commander-In-Chief, Military Order of the World Wars To the State of Missouri



Museum

traveling displays along with restored World War I film footage, lectures, conferences and book signings. The fire and tornado safe archives will primarily display two-dimensional objects such as books, letters, diaries, photographs, paintings and portraits. Treasures, such as the General's West Point class ring and jeweled ceremonial scabbard, will be housed safely and in the best manner for public viewing. The entire facility will be available for use by scholars, school groups, civic organizations and the general public.

The State of Missouri shall accept this museum into the park system of the State of Missouri, and shall maintain and staff this memorial in perpetuity. The Pershing Park Memorial Association (PPMA) budgeted a minimum \$190,000 for materials required to begin the construction of the museum building. PPMA also budgeted \$400,000 for exhibit design and construction of the tornado and fire safe archives and internet technology necessary in providing on-line virtual tours of the museum and archive access. Additionally, PPMA budgeted \$200,000 for an operating endowment fund. No professional fund raiser or firm will be employed. Instead, funding will consist only of funds acquired from individuals and organizations through the grass roots efforts of volunteers dedicated to the success of the project.

PPMA has submitted its formal written request to Missouri Army National Guard for assistance through the Innovative Readiness Training program to construct the Pershing Memorial Museum and Leadership Archives building. The Guard is able to provide the equipment, expertise and manpower necessary to construct the museum and archives and views the construction effort as a valuable training project for the summer of 2013 pending approval from the National Guard Bureau and the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs.

Although the Missouri Army National Guard will build the museum and archives at no cost,



Denzil Heaney, Director of the Pershing Boyhood Home State Historic Site in Laclede, Missouri, holds a Bachelor's Degree in History, with an emphasis in Military History. He is working on a Master's Degree in Land Warfare focusing on the late 19th and early 20th centuries, specifically focusing on the Pershing Era.

Source: Linn County Leader; Brookfield, MO

PPMA must raise funds for the materials. To do so, the Director, Denzil Heaney, and the PPMA Board are seeking funds from various veterans groups as part of a fundraising campaign known as "Campaign 150" that was initiated in conjunction during the 2010 celebration in Laclede, Missouri, recognizing the 150th anniversary of the birth of General Pershing in 1860.

As stated on the Pershing Museum's website, "John J. Pershing was the only living officer in the history of the United States authorized to wear six stars with the rank of General of the Armies of the United States. His name must be known by all Americans—every veteran, every school child, everybody. We are the generation that will ensure his name is firmly planted in the hearts, minds and history of our country. The Pershing name must not be lost to history."

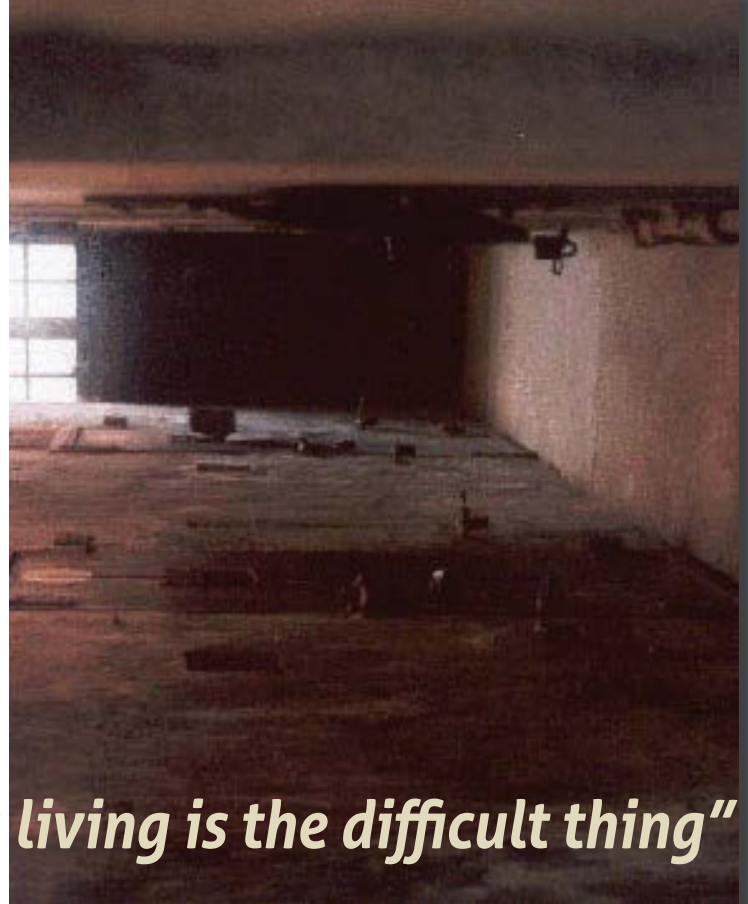
Your tax deductible 501(c)(3) contributions to the Pershing Memorial Museum and Archives Fund will create a living and lasting memorial to the General of the Armies John J. Pershing, and to the service and sacrifices paid by all of those who answered this Nation's call. Send contributions to the Pershing Memorial Museum and Leadership Archives Development Fund, 900 Pershing Drive, P.O. Box 47, Laclede, MO 64651 or go to: <http://www.pershingmuseum.com> ★



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Companion COL (Dr) "Hal" Kushner, USA (Ret), volunteered to be flight surgeon of the 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division. As flight surgeons should, he flew numerous combat missions with "Cav" pilots. On 30 Nov 67, on a night flight in a driving rain storm, the helicopter crashed.

Thus began the tortuous hell of five and a half years as the only medical doctor captured in the Vietnam War. This is an inspirational story about a brave, dedicated and very human US Army Flight Surgeon. These remarks are as told to his peers at the 1st Cavalry reunion at Ft. Hood. The words of Hal Kushner....



"Dying is very easy; living is the difficult thing"

"I want you to know that I don't do this often. I was captured 2 Dec 67, and returned to American control on 16 Mar 73. For those of you good at arithmetic, that is 1,931 days. It has been 32 years since my capture and 26 years since my return. I have given a lot of talks, about medicine, about ophthalmology, and even about the D-Day Invasion (I was privileged to go to Normandy and witness the 50th anniversary of the invasion in Jun 44), but not about my captivity.

I don't ride in parades. I don't open shopping centers. I don't give interviews and talks about it.

I have tried very hard NOT to be a professional POW. My philosophy has always been to look forward, not backward, to consider the future rather than the past.

That's a helluva thing to say at a reunion, I guess.

In 26 years, I've given only two interviews and two talks. One to my hometown newspaper, one to the Washington Post in 1973, and a talk at Ft. Benning in 1991 and to the Military Flight Surgeons in 1993. I've refused 1,000 invitations to speak about my experiences. But you don't say no to the 1-9th, and you

don't say no to your commander. COL Bob Nevins and COL Pete Booth asked me to do this and so I said, "Yes sir," and prepared the talk. It will probably be my last one.

I was a 26-year-old young doctor, just finished 9 years of education, college at the University of North Carolina, med school at Medical College of VA. I had a young wife and 3-year-old daughter. I interned at the hospital in which I was born, Tripler Army Med Center in Honolulu, HI. While there, I was removed from my internship and spent most of my time doing orthopedic operations on wounded soldiers and Marines. We were getting hundreds of wounded GIs there, and they filled the hospital. After the hospital was filled, we created tents on the grounds and continued receiving air evacuation patients.

Even though I knew what was happening in Vietnam, I decided that I wanted to be a flight surgeon.

I had a private pilot's license and was interested in aviation. So after my internship at Tripler, I went to Ft. Rucker and to Pensacola, through the Army and Navy's aviation medicine program, and then deployed to Vietnam. While in basic

training, and my “Escape & Evasion” course, they told us that as doctors, we didn’t have to worry about being captured. “Doctors and nurses,” they said, “were not POWs; they were detained under the Geneva Convention. If they treated us as POWs, we should show our Geneva Convention cards and leave.” It was supposed to be a joke, and it *was* pretty funny at the time.

I arrived in Vietnam in Aug 67, and went to An Khe. I was told that the Division needed two flight surgeons—one to be the division flight surgeon at An Khe in the rear, and the other to be the surgeon for the 1-9th, a unit actively involved with the enemy. I volunteered for the 1-9th. The man before me, CPT Karl Shenep had been killed and the dispensary was named the Karl Shenep Memorial Dispensary. Like many flight surgeons, I flew on combat missions in helicopters, enough to have earned three air medals. One of my medics, SSG Jim Zeiler, used to warn me, “Doc, you better be careful. We’ll be renaming that dispensary, the K&S Memorial Dispensary.”

I was captured on 2 Dec 67 and held for five and a half years until 16 Mar 73. I have never regretted the decision that I made that August to be the 1-9th flight surgeon. Such is the honor and esteem in which I hold the squadron. I am proud of the time I was the squadron’s flight surgeon. On 30 Nov 67 I went to Chu Lai with MAJ Steve Porcella, WO-1 Giff Bedworth and SGT McKeckney, our UH-1H crew chief. I remember giving a talk to a troop at Chu Lai on the dangers of night flying. The weather was horrible, rainy and windy, and I asked MAJ Porcella, the aircraft commander, if we could spend the night and wait out the weather. He said, “Our mission is not so important, but we have to get the aircraft back.” I’ll never forget the devotion to duty of this young officer; it cost him his life.

While flying from Chu Lai to Landing Zone (LZ) “Two Bits,” I thought we had flown west of Highway 1, which would be off-course. I asked Steve if we had drifted west. He called Air Traffic Control (ATC) at Duc Pho and asked them to find him. The operator at Duc Pho said that he had turned his radar off at 2100. He said, “Do you want me to turn it on

and find you?” MAJ Porcella replied, “Rog,” and that was the last thing he ever said.

The next thing I knew I was recovering from being unconscious in a burning helicopter which seemed to be upside down. I tried to unbuckle my seat belt and couldn’t use my left arm. I finally managed to get unbuckled, and immediately dropped and almost broke my neck. My helmet was plugged into the intercom, and the wire held me as I dropped out of the seat which was inverted.

The helicopter was burning. Poor MAJ Porcella was crushed against the instrument panel and was either unconscious or dead. Bedworth was thrown, still strapped in his seat out of the chopper. His right anklebones were fractured and sticking through the nylon of his boot. SGT Mac was unhurt but thrown clear and unconscious. I tried to free Porcella by cutting his seat belt and moving him. However, I was



unable to. The chopper burned up and I suffered burns on my hands and buttocks and had my pants burned off. While trying to free Porcella, some of the M-60 rounds cooked off and I took a round through the left shoulder and neck. My left wrist and left collarbone were broken in the crash, and I lost or broke 7 upper teeth.

We assessed the situation. We had no food or water, no flares, and no first aid kit or survival gear. We had two .38 pistols

Page opposite: A part of the North Vietnamese prisoner of war camp, sarcastically known as the “Hanoi Hilton,”
Source: <http://okvva750.org>

Then-MAJ Hal Kushner, USA (Active), in the fall of 1967.
Courtesy COL (Dr) Hal Kushner.

and 12 rounds, one seriously wounded WO co-pilot, a moderately-wounded doctor, and an unhurt crew chief.

We thought we were close to Duc Pho and Highway 1 and close to friendlies. Bedworth and I decided to send Mac for help at first light. We never saw him again.

Later, six years later, COL Nevins told me that SGT Mac had been found about 10 miles from the crash site, shot and submerged in a rice paddy. So on that night of 30 Nov 67 I splinted Bedworth's leg with tree branches, made a lean-to from the door of the chopper, and we sat in the rain for three days and nights. We just sat there. We drank rainwater. On the third morning, he died.



American prisoners of war look through barred wooden doors at Ly Nam De Street in Hanoi, North Vietnam.

Source: Horst Faas/AP

We could hear choppers hovering over our crash site, and I fired most of the rounds from our .38s trying to signal them, but cloud cover was so heavy and the weather so bad, they never found us. I took the compass from the burned-out helicopter and tried to go down the mountain towards the east and, I believed, friendlies.

My glasses were broken or lost in the crash, and I couldn't see well. The trail was slippery, and I fell on rocks in a creek bed and cracked a couple of ribs. I had my left arm splinted to my body with my army belt. My pants were in tatters and burned. I had broken teeth and a wound in my shoulder. I hadn't eaten or drunk anything but rainwater for three days. I looked and felt like hell. One of the cruel ironies of my life, you know how we all play the what if games, what if I hadn't done this or that... well, when I finally reached the bottom of the mountain, I estimated four hours after first light; the weather cleared and I saw choppers hovering over the top. I knew I couldn't make it up the mountain, and had to take my chances. What if I had only waited another 4 hours?

I started walking up the trail and saw a man working in a rice paddy. He came over and said, "Dai-wi, Bac-si- CPT Doctor." He took me to a little hootch, sat me down and gave me a can of sweetened condensed milk and a C-ration can, can opener and a spoon. This stuff was like pudding and it billowed out of the can and was the best tasting stuff I ever had. I felt very safe at that point. One minute later, my host led a squad of 14 VC [Vietcong, or National Liberation Front (NLF)] with two women and 12 rifles came upon me. The squad leader said, "Surrenda no kill." He put his hands in the air, and I couldn't because my left arm was tied to my body. He shot me with an M2 Carbine and wounded me again in the neck.

After I was apprehended, I showed my captors my Geneva Convention card, white with a red cross. He tore it up. He took my dog tags and medallion which had a St. Christopher's (medal) on one side and a Star of David on the other, which my dad had given me before leaving. They tied me with commo wire in a duck wing position, took my boots and marched me mostly at night for about 30 days. The first day they took me to a cave, stripped my fatigue jacket off my back, tied me to a door and a teenage boy beat me with a bamboo rod. I was told his parents were killed by American bombs.

We rested by day and marched by night. I

walked on rice paddy dikes and couldn't see a thing. They would strike these little homemade lighters, and by the sparks they made, see four or five steps. I was always falling off the dikes into the rice paddy water and had to be pulled back up. It was rough. On the way, I saw men, women and kids in tiger cages, and bamboo jails. I was taken to a camp, which must have been a medical facility as my wound was festering and full of maggots and I was sick. A woman heated up a rifle-cleaning rod and gave me a bamboo stick to bite on. She cauterized my wound through and through with the cleaning rod, and I almost passed out with pain. She then dressed the wound with mercurochrome and gave me two aspirin. I thought, "What else can they do to me?" I was to find out.

After walking for about a month through plains, then jungles and mountains, always west, they took me to a camp. I had been expecting a POW camp like a Stalag with Hogan's Heroes; barbed wire, search lights, nice guards and Red Cross packages-and a hospital where I could work as a doctor. They took me to a darkened hut with an oriental prisoner who was not American. I didn't know whether he was Vietnamese, Cambodian, Laotian or Chinese. He spoke no English and was dying of TB. He was emaciated, weak, and sick and coughed all day and night.

I spent two days there, and an English-speaking Vietnamese officer came with a portable tape recorder and asked me to make a statement against the war. I told him that I would rather die than speak against my country. His words, which were unforgettable, and if I ever write a book, [it] will be the title. He said, "You will find that dying is very easy; living, living is the difficult thing."

A few days later, in a driving rain, we started the final trek to camp. I was tied again, without boots, and we ascended higher and higher in the mountains. I was weak and asked to stop



A section of the Hanoi Hilton in a 1970 US aerial surveillance photo.

often and rest. We ate a little rice which the guards cooked. We actually needed ropes to traverse some of the steep rocks. Finally, we got to POW Camp One. There were four American servicemen there, two from the US and two from Puerto Rico. Three were Marines, and one was in the Army. These guys looked horrible. They wore black PJs, were scrawny with bad skin and teeth, and beards and matted hair.

The camp also had about fifteen ARVN [Army of the Republic of Vietnam soldiers] who were held separately across a bamboo fence. The camp was just a row of hootches made of bamboo with elephant grass roofs around a creek, with a hole in the ground for a latrine. This was the first of five camps we lived in the south—all of them depressingly similar. Sometimes, though, we had a separate building for a kitchen and sometimes we were able to pipe in water through bamboo pipes from a nearby stream.

I asked one of the Marines, the man captured longest and the leader, if escape was possible. He told me that he and a special forces CPT had tried to escape the year before, and the CPT had been beaten to death, while he had been put in stocks for 90 days, having to defecate in

his hands and throw it away from him or lie in it. The next day I was called before the camp commander and chastised; I was yelled at for suggesting escape. My fellow POW then told me never to say anything to him that I didn't want revealed because the Vietnamese controlled his mind. I threatened to kill him for informing on me. He just smiled and said I would learn.

Our captors promised us that if we made progress and understood the evils of the war they would release us. And the next day, they released the two Puerto Ricans and 14 ARVN POWs. The people released wore red sashes and gave anti-war speeches.

Just before the release, they brought in another seven American POWs from the 196th Light Infantry Brigade who were captured in the TET Offensive of 1968. I managed to write our names, ranks and serial numbers on a piece of paper and slip it to one of the PR POWs who was released. They transported

Five had been released, and ten had died. They died of their wounds, disease, malnutrition and starvation. One was shot while trying to escape. All but one died in my arms after a lingering, terrible illness. Five West German nurses in a neutral nursing organization, called the Knights of Malta, similar to our own Red Cross, had been picked up (I always thought by mistake) by the VC in the spring of 1969. Three of them died, and the other two were taken to North Vietnam in 1969 and held until the end of the war.

The twelve who made it were moved to North Vietnam on foot. The fastest group, of which I was one, made it in 57 days. The slowest group took about 180 days. We traveled about 900 kilometers. We walked through Laos and Cambodia to the Ho Chi Minh trail and then up the trail across the DMZ until Vinh. At Vinh, we took a train 180 miles to Hanoi in about 18 hours. We traveled with thousands of ARVN POWs who had been captured in Lam Song 719, an ARVN incursion into Laos in 1971. Once in Hanoi, we stayed in an old French prison called The Citadel or as we said, "The Plantation," until Christmas 1972 when the Christmas bombing destroyed Hanoi. Then we were moved to the Hoa Lo or Hanoi Hilton for about three months. The peace accord was signed in Jan 73, and I came home on 16 Mar, with the fourth group.

In the north, we were in a rough jail. There was a bucket in the windowless, cement room used as a latrine. An electric bulb was on 24 hours a day. We got a piece of bread, a cup of pumpkin soup and three cups of hot water each day. We slept on pallets of wood, wore PJs and sandals, and got three tailor-made cigarettes per day. We dry shaved and bathed with a bucket from a well twice per week, and we got out of the cell each day to carry our latrine bucket.

Towards the end, they let us exercise. There were no letters or packages for us from the south, but I understood some of the pilots who had been there awhile got some things. In the summer, it was 120 in the cell, and they gave us little bamboo fans. But there were officers and a rank structure and we communicated using a



POWs disembark a bus at Gia Lam Airport to board a C-141 Starlifter aircraft for evacuation to Clark Air Base, Republic of the Philippines, Mar 73. COL Kushner pictured center.

Source: US Air Force photo by TSgt James L. Baker.

the information home, and in Mar 68, our families learned we had been captured alive.

We were held in a series of jungle camps from Jan 68–Feb 71.

At this time, conditions were so bad, and we were doing so poorly that they decided to move us to North Vietnam. They moved 12 of us. In all, 27 Americans had come through the camp.

tap code on the walls. No one died. It was hard duty, but not the grim struggle for survival which characterized daily life in the camps in the south. In the north, I knew I would survive.

In the south, each day was a struggle for survival. There were between three and 24 POWs at all times. We ate three coffee cups of rice per day. In the rainy season, the ration was cut to two cups. I'm not talking about nice white rice, Uncle Ben's. I'm talking about rice that was red, rotten, and eaten out by bugs and rats, cached for years, shot through with rat feces and weevils. We arose at 4:00 AM and cooked rice on wood ovens made of mud. We couldn't burn a fire in the daytime or at night unless the flames and smoke were hidden, so we had these ovens constructed of mud which covered the fire and tunnels which carried the smoke away. We did slave labor during the day, gathering wood, carrying rice, building hootches or going for manioc, a starchy tuberous plant like a potato. The Vietnamese had chickens and canned food. We never got supplements unless we were close to dying and only then we might get some canned sardines or milk. We died from lack of protein and calories. We swelled up with what is called hungry edema and beriberi. We had terrible skin disease, dysentery and malaria. Our compound was littered with piles of human excrement because people were just too sick or weak to make it to the latrine.

We slept on one large pallet of bamboo. So the sick vomited and defecated and urinated on the bed and his neighbor. For the first two years, we had no shoes, clothes, mosquito nets or blankets. Later, in late 1969, we got sandals, rice sacks for blankets and a set of clothes. We nursed each other and helped each other, but we also fought and bickered. In a POW situation, the best and the worst come out. Any little flaw transforms itself into a glaring lack. The strong can rule the weak. There is no law and no threat of retribution. I can report to you that the majority of the time, the Americans stuck together; they helped each other and the strong helped the weak. But there were exceptions and sometimes the stronger took advantage of the weaker ones. There was no organization, no rank structure. The VC forbid



the men from calling me Doc, and made me the latrine orderly to break down rank structure. I was officially forbidden from practicing medicine.

I hoarded medicine. I had the men fake malaria attacks and dysentery so we could acquire medicine and keep it until we needed it. Otherwise, it might not come. I tried to advise the men about sanitary conditions, about nutrition and to keep clean, active and eat everything we could; rats, bugs, leaves, etc. We had some old, rusty razor blades, and I did minor surgery, lancing boils, removing foreign bodies, etc. with them, but nothing major.

At one time, in the summer of 1968, I was offered the chance to work in a VC hospital and receive a higher ration. The North Vietnamese Army (NVA) Political Officer, who made the offer and was there to indoctrinate us, said it had been

Photo Top: POWs are lined up in preparation to return to the US.

Source: www.otherside.grprisons-06.jpg

Photo Below: COL Kushner rejoins US troops on 16 Mar 73.
Courtesy COL (Dr) Hal Kushner.



COL Hal Kushner, center, belts out "America The Beautiful" upon reaching Hawaii on his way back from Vietnam.

Courtesy COL (Dr) Hal Kushner.

done in WWII. I didn't believe him and didn't want to do it anyway, so I refused and took my chances. Later, upon return, I learned that American Army doctors in Europe in WWII had indeed worked in hospitals treating German soldiers. But I'm glad now I did what I did.

We had a First Sergeant who had been in Korea and in WWII. He died in the fall of 1968 and we were forbidden from calling him "Top." The VC broke him fast. I was not allowed to practice medicine unless a man was 30 minutes away from dying. Then they came down with their little bottles of medicine and said "Cure him!" At one point, we were all dying of dysentery, and I agreed to sign a propaganda statement in return for Chloromycetin, a strong antibiotic, to treat our sick. Most of us were seriously ill, although, a few never got sick, maintained their health and their weight. I never figured it out.

When a man died, we buried him in a bamboo coffin and said some words over his grave and marked it with a pile of rocks. I was forced to sign a death certificate in Vietnamese. I did this thirteen times. The worst period was the fall of 1968. We lost five men between September and Christmas. Shortly before the end of November, I thought I was going to lose my mind. All of these fine young, strong men were dying. It would have been so easy to live—with just some nutrition, fluids and antibiotics. I knew what to do, but

had no means to help them. I was depressed and didn't care whether I lived or died myself.

At this time, we were simply starving to death. As an example of how crazy we were, we decided to kill the camp commander's cat. Several of us killed it and skinned it. We cut off its head and paws, and it dressed out to about three pounds. We were preparing to boil it when one of the guards came down and asked us what was going on. We told him we had killed a weasel by throwing a rock. The guards raised chickens, and the chickens were always being attacked by weasels.

The guard, who was a Montagnard, an aborigine, found the feet, and knew it was the cat. The situation became very serious. The guards and cadre were mustered...it was about 3:00 AM. The prisoners were lined up, and a Marine and I were singled out to be beaten. He was almost beaten to death. I was beaten badly, tied up with commo wire very tightly (I thought my hands would fall off and knew I would never do surgery again) for over a day. I had to bury the cat. And I was disappointed I didn't get to eat it. That's how crazy I was.

Shortly thereafter, the Marine who had been beaten so badly died. He didn't have to. He simply gave up, like so many. Marty Seligman, a professor of psychology at University of Pennsylvania has written a book about these feelings called *Learned Helplessness and Death*. The Marine simply lay on his bamboo bed, refused to eat, wash or get up...and he died. So many did this. We tried to force them to eat and to be active, but nothing worked. It was just too hard. This Marine wavered in and out of coma for about two weeks. It was around Thanksgiving, the end of November. The rains had been monstrous, and our compound was a muddy morass littered with piles of feces.

David Harker of Lynchburg, VA, and I sat up with him all night. He hadn't spoken coherently for over a week. Suddenly, he opened his eyes and looked right at me. He said, "Mom, Dad...I love you very much. Box 10, Dubberly, Louisiana." That was Nov 68. We all escaped the camp in the south. Five were released as propaganda gestures.

Ten Americans and three Germans died, and twelve Americans and two Germans made it back. I am the only POW who was captured before the end of 1967 to survive that camp.

I came back 16 Mar 73 and stayed in the hospital in Valley Forge, PA, for a month getting fixed up with several operations and then went on convalescent leave. The first thing I did was travel to Dubberly, LA, and see the Marine's father. His parents had divorced while he was captured. I went to see five of the families of those that died and called the others on the phone.

It was a terrible experience, but there is some good to come from it. I learned a lot. I learned about the human spirit. I learned about having confidence in oneself. I learned about loyalty, to your country and its ideals, and to your friends and comrades.

No task would ever be too hard again. I had renewed respect for what we have and swore to learn my country's history in depth (I have done it), and to try to contribute to my community and set an example for my children and employees.

I stayed on active duty until 1977 when I was honorably discharged and entered the Reserves, from which I retired as a colonel in 1986. I have a busy medical practice down in Florida and have been remarkably successful. I am active in my community in a number of ways and despite being drenched with Agent Orange a number of times, and having some organs removed, I have enjoyed great health. Except for some arthritis and prostate trouble, I'm doing great.



I was lucky...very lucky, and I'm so thankful for that. I'm thankful for my life, and I have no bitterness. I feel so fortunate to have survived and flourished when so many braver, stronger and better trained men did not." ★

COL (Dr) Hal Kushner, USA (Ret) at his office in Daytona Beach, FL.

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COL (Dr) Hal Kushner, USA (Ret), is a Perpetual member of the Space Coast-Indian River (170), Chapter, FL. After his release from captivity in 1973, he was stationed in San Antonio at Brook Army Medical Center, where he served residencies in Internal Medicine and Ophthalmology before leaving active duty to move to Daytona Beach. He remained a reserve officer until 1986, when he retired with the rank of colonel. Dr. Hal Kushner has been an ophthalmologist in the Daytona area since 1977 and remains in practice today.



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Nominating Committee Instructions

PAST CINC COL PHILEMON A. ST. AMANT II, USA (RET)
CHAIR, MOWW NOMINATING COMMITTEE

★ 2012 National Convention ★

*Notice to Region, Department, State, and Chapter
Commanders and all other National Officers*

Chapter Committee Members: The National Convention Rules of the Order, for the Nominating Committee meeting, are located on the MOWW website and mentioned in Appendix V of the *MOWW Policy Manual*. Each chapter is authorized one representative to the Nominating Committee. The Chapter Commander, by virtue of their election as Chapter Commander, is authorized to be a voting member of the Committee. The Chapter Commander is the PRIMARY representative of the chapter to the Nominating Committee. However, if they should be unable to attend the National Convention, they should name an ALTERNATE representative to represent the chapter at the Nominating Committee Meeting. The Chapter representative (PRIMARY or ALTERNATE) who wishes to be a member of the Committee, will hand carry an authorization letter to the convention (see MOWW Form 22, "Convention Delegate Appointment" at www.militaryorder.net) and present it to the Nominating Committee Registration Desk prior to the Nominating Committee meeting and receive a numbered ballot. The chapter representative who is going to be a registered Committee member will be required to show their National Convention badge and their numbered ballot to be admitted to the Nominating Committee meeting room.

Chapters Without a Selected Representative: In the absence of a chapter PRIMARY or ALTERNATE committee member as designated by the Chapter Commander, the chapter members present at the National Convention may select one of their members present as its chapter Nominating Committee member. A blank Committee Member Selection form may be obtained from the Chairman, Nominating Committee or the Nominating Committee Operations Director (to be announced) at the Committee Registration Desk during the National Convention. Complete this form and present it to the Nominating Committee Registration Desk prior to the Nominating Committee meeting to receive a numbered ballot.

Department Commanders as a Chapter Representative to the Nominating Committee: Department Commanders are NOT automatic voting members to the Nominating Committee meeting. However, a Department Commander may elect on their own authority to represent a chapter when there is NO chapter representative present at the National Convention. A blank Committee Member Selection form may be obtained and completed as outlined in paragraph 2 above. The Department Commander will only have one vote and can represent only one Chapter.

General Staff Officers-at-Large (Elected and Appointed) as Chapter Representatives: General Staff Officers-at-Large (Elected and Appointed) are NOT automatic voting committee members to the Nominating Committee meeting. However, they may be selected to represent their chapter in the same manner as other chapter members, as described in paragraphs 1 and 2 above.

Past Commanders-in-Chiefs (PCINCs) and All Currently Installed Region Commanders as Automatic Voting members to the Nominating Committee:

- a. Appendix B of the *MOWW Policy Manual* specifies all Past CINCs and all currently-installed Region Commanders are automatic members of the Nominating Committee with voting privileges.
- b. By custom and in keeping with MOWW's Preamble "to foster fraternal relations," the Chair of the Nominating Committee (2nd Past CINC), and the Vice Chair, Nominating Committee (Immediate Past CINC), will not cast ballots for any candidates or display any bias for or against specific candidates. Additionally, to ensure complete impartiality in voting, Companions and spouses who assist the Nominating Committee with the vote-counting cannot be related or married to any announced candidate for national office.
- c. Region Commanders do not have the authority to represent a chapter in their Region when that chapter is unrepresented at the Nominating Committee Meeting. In addition, when the Region Commander is unable to attend, they may provide written authorization only for the Region's Senior Vice Commander or Region General Staff Officer to represent that Region at the Nominating Committee Meeting.

6. Announcement of Voting Results: The tally of votes for each individual candidate will not be announced; only the winner's names will be announced for each national office. This policy exists to avoid discouraging future leadership candidates for office who may not be well known and/or who may receive only a few votes, and to avoid acrimony and/or hard feelings over-closely contested positions. Remember: that the Nominating Committee report is a recommendation to the National Convention. Candidates not satisfied with the results of the Nominating Committee have the option of having their name entered as a candidate from the floor of the full Convention after the Nominating Committee presents its recommendations.

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CONVENTION FEE & SCHEDULE:

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

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

OPTIONAL EVENTS (See Tour Descriptions)

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

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

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

Total = \$ _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

Registration Questions: COL Jerry Webb @ 619-934-7614 or gewebb01@att.net

All Other Questions: Col Clark Khelos @ 858-361-8432 or cjkhelos@msn.com

4. Hann-Buswell Chapter Dinner (Thursday, 2 Aug): Attending chapter Companions and prospective members must RSVP to: CW04 Allan Peschek @ 253-752-4944 or allanpeschek@comcast.net, or COL Bri Chabot @ 256-461-0612 or bchabot@knology.net

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PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

MONDAY, 30 JULY 2012

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

TUESDAY, 31 JULY 2012

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

WEDNESDAY, 1 AUGUST 2012

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

CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY, 2 AUGUST 2012

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ATTENDEES</u>
TBD-0755	Breakfast at leisure	As desired	All Conferees
0700-0850	COUNCIL OF PAST CINCS (CPC) MEETING (WORKING BREAKFAST)	PALM C (CONFERENCE-26)	CPC MBR/GUEST
0800-1050	PATRIOTIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE (PEC) PROGRAM REVIEW	PAVILION A (CLASSROOM-150)	YLC DIR & STAFF
0800-0850	SEMINAR HOMELAND SECURITY	PALM A-B (CLASSROOM-80)	ALL CONFEREES
0900-0950	POLICY-PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING (PLANNING SESSION)	PALM C (CONFERENCE-26)	CMTE MBRS
0900-1050	SEMINAR CHAPTER OPERATIONS	PAVILION B (CLASSROOM-150)	ALL CONFEREES
1000-1050	SEMINAR LAW & ORDER	PALM A-B (CLASSROOM-80)	ALL CONFEREES
1100-1150	SEMINAR FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT	PALM C (CONFERENCE-26)	ALL CONFEREES
1100-1150	HANN-BUSWELL MEMORIAL CHAPTER MEETING	PAVILION B (CLASSROOM-150)	CHAPTER MBRS
1200-1250	Lunch at leisure	As desired	All Conferees
1100-1500	Tour 6: Queen Victoria High Tea		Spouses/Guests
1300-1350	SEMINAR NATIONAL SECURITY	PALM B (CLASSROOM-26)	ALL CONFEREES
1300-1330	TELLER ORIENTATION	PALM A (CLASSROOM-40)	TELLERS
1300-1450	NATIONAL CANDIDATE PRESENTATIONS AND AUDIENCE Q&A	PAVILION A (CLASSROOM-150)	ALL CONFEREES
1500-1650	TELLER SUPPORT MEETING (NOMINATING COMMITTEE SUPPORT)	PALM A (CLASSROOM-26)	TELLERS

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THURSDAY, 2 AUGUST 2012

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

FRIDAY, 3 AUGUST 2012

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

SATURDAY, 4 AUGUST 2012

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

POST-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, 5 AUGUST 2012

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ATTENDEES</u>
0800-0950	POST-CONVENTION EXCOM MEETING (DRESS: CASUAL)	PALM B (HOLLOW SQUARE-30)	EXCOM MBRS
0800-0950	EXCOM SPOUSE BREAKFAST	PALM A (HOLLOW SQUARE-30)	EXCOM SPOUSES
1100-2100	Tour 10: Viejas Indian Casino, Company Stores (lunch)	San Diego	All (OPTIONAL)
TBD	Departure as desired	As Required	All Conferees

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

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

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

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

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Make Hotel Reservations:

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

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

Mail Check & Completed Registration Form To:

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

TOUR #1: MCAS MIRAMAR MEMORIAL GOLF COURSE

Price: \$50/Person (includes cart)



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

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

★ NOTE: Cart fee included. Breakfast, lunch & beverages are self-pay. POC: Darryl Peralt @ peraltadarryl@att.net

TOUR #2: OLD TOWN

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



When: Tue, 31 Jul 12, 1700-2000

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

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

TOUR #3: USS MIDWAY & CABRILLO NATIONAL PARK

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



When: Wed, 1 Aug 12, 0930-1530

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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TOUR #5: SAN DIEGO ZOO

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



When: Wed, 1 Aug 12, 0900-1500

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

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

TOUR #6: QUEEN VICTORIA HIGH TEA

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



When: Thurs, 2 Aug 12, 1100-1500

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

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

TOUR #7: HARBOR DINNER CRUISE

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



When: Fri, 3 Aug 12, 1800-2230

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

★ NOTE: Indicate your choice on your registration form.

Price includes: transportation, meal, tax and tip

TOUR #8: HOTEL DEL CORONADO & SEAPORT VILLAGE

Price: \$29/Person (bus ride)



When: Sat, 4 Aug 12, 0900-1500

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

★ NOTE: Price includes transportation only

TOUR #10: VIEJAS INDIAN CASINO & COMPANY STORES

Price: \$29/Person (bus ride)



When: Sun, 5 Aug 12, 1100-2100

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

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

MOWW Resolutions in a Nutshell



LTC RUTH L. HAMILTON, USA (RET)
CHAIR, LEGISLATIVE & RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Process

The Military Order's Legislative & Resolutions Committee considers all proposed resolutions pertaining to the activities of Congress and other governmental agencies that impact the programs of our Order, e.g., National Security, Homeland Security, Patriotic Education.

Proposed resolutions must be received by the Chair, Legislative & Resolutions Committee, no later than 15 June of each year so the Committee can review them for consideration before the National Convention. The Chair's contact information is in the *MOWW National Directory* on the MOWW Website at:

<http://www.militaryorder.net/New%20MOWW%20Design/National%20Directory/ND%2042312.pdf>

Only those resolutions properly presented to and approved by a majority Committee vote are presented to delegates in convention for their consideration and vote.

res-o-lu-tion [rez-uh-loo-shuhn] noun

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Format

Please refer to the sidebar for the format.

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- Proposed resolutions should clearly articulate the reason for their proposal and the position of Companions of The Military Order of the World Wars.
- Proposed resolutions should be tied in some way to the tenets of MOWW's Preamble, and the Constitution of the Military Order.
- The proposed resolution's wording should be appropriate for public presentation to Members of Congress in soliciting their support for the Order's position on any given resolution issue.

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Once State and/or Department Commanders present the approved resolutions to Members of Congress, the Legislative & Resolutions Committee will monitor information on the activities of Congress and other governmental agencies, etc., pertaining to actions of interest to companions of the Order relating to approved resolutions. Actions that are deemed so important to the welfare of our Order and support of its ideals will be immediately addressed to the Commander-in-Chief and the National Leadership of the Order. Proposed resolutions that would require a change to the MOWW Constitution & Bylaws will be referred to the Chair, Constitution & Bylaws Committee, for concurrent action.

Articles in future issues of the *Officer Review* will outline how individual companions can track legislative matters online. Additionally, the Committee will periodically publish a brief synopsis of important legislative issues to keep Companions informed on matters relating to approval resolutions and on matters of interest to the Military Order. ★

RESOLUTION

(Subject of Resolution)

WHEREAS, _____

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WHEREAS, _____

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convention, in _____(city),
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_____ (convention dates),

_____ (closing text).



LTC Ruth L. Hamilton, USA (Ret), was commissioned as an Adjutant General's Corps officer in February 1985. She served in a variety of positions in US Army and NATO assignments worldwide. GSO LTC Hamilton currently serves the Order as an EXCOM Member (Appointed), as a General Staff Officer (Elected), as the Chair, Legislative and Resolutions Committee, and as the Vice Chair, Magazine Committee.



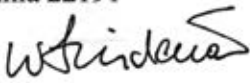
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To: Captain Russell C. Vowinkel, USN (Ret)
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APR - 5 2012

From: 
Wulf R. Lindenau
Commander General
Military Order of Foreign Wars (MOFW)

Subject: Recommendation and Thanks

1. As a Perpetual Member of the MOWW, I wish to express my thanks and admiration for the most excellent April 2012 edition of the *Officer Review*. The articles, pictures, commentary, especially the input provided by Colonel Arthur N. Tulak, USA, are worthy of the highest praise! I am proud to be a member of this unique Order, and shall do what I can to increase your membership.
2. I noted the information of the *MOWW National Convention 30 July – 5 August 2012 in San Diego, California*. The Convention will be a huge success, I am sure – but it also means the culmination of your service as the MOWW Commander-in-Chief. This is unfortunate as your leadership will be sorely missed – it takes more than one year to make any lasting contribution. My recommendation is that serious consideration be given by the appropriate MOWW senior officers to lengthen the Commander-in-Chief's tenure to at least two years. The MOFW has that tenure for the Commander General, and it is not the optimum, but adequate.
3. Please accept my well wishes for the MOWW and for your leadership.

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To be published in the 2012 Convention Book, annual reports must be emailed to the Chief as a Microsoft Word ("doc") attachment; no exceptions are permitted. Due to publishing timelines, report submissions received after 15 June 2012 will not be published.

Based on submissions received on or before 15 June, MOWW National Headquarters will prepare and publish the Convention Book, and provide it to all delegates attending the 2012 National Convention meeting in San Diego, CA. An electronic version will also be hosted on the MOWW website.

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MOWW || Surgeon's Tent

SIC HOC TRANSIT GLORIA MUNDI

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

According to the movie "Patton," a servant whispered this phrase in the ear of a conquering Roman general as the general rode his chariot in a victory parade celebrating his exploits. *Sic transit gloria mundi* is Latin for "Thus passes the glory of the world," or "Worldly things are fleeting." I have been reminded of this recently because my Santa Fe Chapter lost two exceptional warriors.

One warrior lost is remembered as a jet fighter pilot and wing commander. Though he was a recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross, he lost the battle with his pancreas. He fought the internal battle as hard as any other external enemy he faced. Unfortunately, modern medicine only postponed the inevitable.

As a civil war medicine and surgery expert, I sometimes wonder if we have really made progress from the days of having such conditions rapidly run their course with minimal battle time and less prolonged suffering. Is "going all out" just adding to our distress while only prolonging the inevitable?

We all know those who (wisely, I think) have exercised control of a bad situation and opted for a longer quality life instead of just pursuing quantity of life. Debilitating chemotherapy and radiation just "isn't for them." Others of us learn to accept the fact that some of our parts can be repaired (e.g., knees, eyes) and some "parts" just wear out—and we do the best we can.

The other warrior lost was a much-decorated man of lofty rank. He ran continents for this country and was

a combat veteran. His decorations numbered in the dozens. He will rest at Arlington. After a very protracted struggle combatting many attacking conditions, his machine finally just wore out.

As a group, we are an aging set of humans. Things we never thought of or could even once pronounce have overtaken us. Runner's knees and feet need assistance, climbing steps is difficult and respiratory problems constrain us. Resource demands strain us all. The paradox is the better the medicine gets, the sicker the population gets. Things that were fatal a decade or two ago now are chronic, expensive and often debilitating for decades. Even if we are "doing ok so far," many of us are care-givers.

One of my recurring dreads is the day when I can no longer drive. I have accumulated several health care people as I age. Eyes, ears, veins, blood pressure, etc., all need attention and so my independence quotient has changed. Also changed is our ability to do things we once did routinely without a second thought.

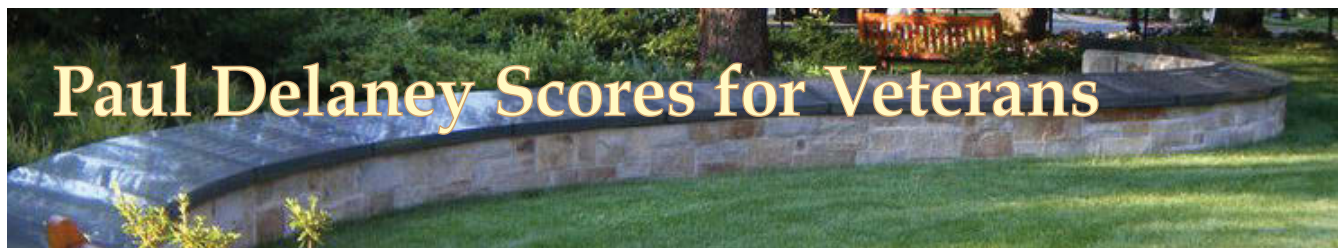
I think the moral of the story is to live each day as well as possible for as long as possible. Achieve, dream, contribute and leave your mark. Be happy. As hard to believe as it is, we are not immortal unless it is in the memory of those whose lives we have touched. Fame may be fleeting but we are all capable of leaving the place a little better when we exit. Certainly Chapter 209's warriors will always be with us in spirit. ★

The Korean War Veterans Memorial sculpted by Frank Gaylord in Washington, DC.



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

MOWW || Companion Spotlight



2LT JASON A. SOKOLOV, USA (FMR)
ADJUTANT, GREATER BOSTON (004) CHAPTER, MA

Source: Photo courtesy of Boston College

FOR THE LAST SIX YEARS, the Greater Boston Chapter has actively supported the creation of new veterans monuments at local universities, and the leaders of these efforts have become MOWW members. One of these leaders is CPT Paul G. Delaney, USA (Fmr), whom we have become accustomed to thinking of as “...our man at Boston College.” He has become a devoted Companion.

On 25 Mar, CPT Delaney joined with others and demonstrated his previously unsuspected public relations talent. On that day, he joined with Capt John Farley, USMC (Fmr), and SGT Kenneth Rahm, Illinois Army National Guard (who recently returned from deployment in Afghanistan), in the singing of the National Anthem—on the ice before a crowd of 21,400 fans at the opening of the Chicago Blackhawks game against the Nashville Predators in Chicago’s United Center.

The veterans were in the spotlight as the Blackhawk’s baritone soloist, Jim Cornelison, gave his inspiring rendition of the *Star Spangled Banner*, always a great favorite at the United Center. The Chicago fans are noted for their fondness for veterans, and the packed crowd gave them a standing ovation during a break in the third period and throughout the singing of the entire anthem (as is the tradition at home games) as their images were projected on the JumboTron screen. Paul proudly wore his MOWW cap, tie and name badge for the event. This honor to service personnel is repeated for every home game at the United Center, and all on-ice service personnel are selected by USO of Illinois.

Paul is also very proud of his son, Kevin, who is the Skating and Skills Development Coach of the



L-R: Capt Farley, CPT Delaney, and SGT Rahm salute as Jim Cornelison sings the *Star Spangled Banner*.

Source: Courtesy Chicago Blackhawks

Chicago Blackhawks. Although it was an off-night for the Blackhawks, they subsequently rebounded to win a slot in the playoffs.

It should also be noted that our Chapter has been very impressed with Paul’s leadership in the creation of the new Veterans Memorial at Boston College, and in his work in arranging annual Veterans Day commemorations there. For his patriotic efforts, Paul was awarded a Silver Patrick Henry medallion. We are honored to count him as a Companion. ★



2LT Jason A. Sokolov, USA (Former), served in the US Army Signal Corps and has recently retired after more than four decades of law practice in Boston, MA. He has also been an instructor at Northeastern University, Boston University and Boston College

Law School. He is the Adjutant of the Greater Boston Chapter.

MOWW || Chapters in Action



|| AUGUSTA (168), GEORGIA

A Columbia County Couple Serve Their Community

BY COL DONALD G. STEPHENS, USA (RET)

Columbia County couple received Certificates of Appreciation for their talks to the Chapter in March. SSG Jay Dunham, Georgia Army National Guard, and Fleet Manager for the Department of Transportation, Columbia County Board of Education, spoke on his experiences while deployed to Qatar in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Captain Donna Dunham, in charge of the Office of Professional Standards for the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, spoke of her experiences during her 22-year career as a Law Enforcement Officer in the county.

(L-R): Chapter Vice Commander LT Richard Herdegen, USN (Ret), Captain Donna Dunham and SSgt Jay Dunham, USCG (Active).



|| BRADENTON-SARASOTA (038), FLORIDA

Port Manatee Expects Future Growth

BY CAPT EDWARD C. PARKS, USAF (RET)

Mr. Carlos Buqueras, Executive Director, Manatee Port Authority, provided an overview of Port Manatee which has grown to support over 24,000 employees with an economic impact of \$2.3 billion dollars. Port Manatee is the closest US port to the Panama Canal; because of this, the port has signed a *Memorandum of Understanding* with the Panama Canal Authority. The Port Authority is also evaluating the implementation of a ferry service to Cuba.

(L-R): Chapter Commander Capt Edward C. Parks, USAF (Ret), Mr. Carlos Buqueras, and President of Bradenton/Sarasota MOAA, Lt Col Gerard F. Koontz, Sr. USAF.



|| EL PASO (070), TEXAS

JROTC Cadets In Action

BY MAJ RALPH W. MITCHELL, USA (RET)

Chapter Commander Ralph Mitchell presented a Sweepstakes Trophy to the Del Valle JROTC cadets at the Amigos Drill Meet on 25 Feb 12.



|| DALLAS (069), TEXAS

VCINC Presents a Rare Award

It is exceedingly rare to present a Scout with an award for valor. VCINC Capt John Hayes, USAF, (Ret), made just such a presentation on 12 Dec 12, to Daniel Michael Maugham of Troop 28, in Colleyville, TX. Daniel was credited with administering lifesaving CPR to a drowning victim until Emergency Response Teams arrived. The chapter presented Daniel with a Certificate of Commendation and Congressman Ken Marchant recognized his deed with an American Heroism award and added the citation to the US Congressional Record.

Picked up from www.dallas-moww.org/

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CLEARWATER (136), FLORIDA

JROTC Awards Are On Their Way!

BY LTC DAVID V. MASON, USA (RET)

On 26 Apr 12, LTC David V. Mason, USA (Ret), took completed packets containing JROTC Awards of Merit and medals to the Post Office. The awards were delivered to Anclote High School, Zephyrhills High School, Ridgewood High School and Westport High School for presentation at their Annual Awards Ceremony. LTC Mason serves as the Chapter's JROTC Coordinator, Marshall and Staff Officer/ROTC.



CENTRAL ARKANSAS (225)

"Humble and Gentle in Victory"

BY PCINC COL JAMES D. ELMER, USAF (RET)

Companion Col Harry Canham, USAF (Ret), had a spellbinding tale to tell Companions and guests at the January dinner meeting. Col Canham enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1942 and initially was a glider pilot. He flew combat missions in three wars (WWII, Korea, and Vietnam). He earned five Distinguished Flying Crosses. He is 91-years-old.

As an aside, Col Canham is a very humble man and does not like to talk about anything that might make him seem important or that his experiences make him look like a hero, which of course is what he is. Harry is a member of our local DFC (Distinguished Flying Cross) Society. He's so humble that when he applied for membership in the DFC Society, he only submitted one of his DFCs and none of us or the Society knew he had that many. After he had spoken, we had a question/answer time. One of our officers asked "What did you receive your DFC for? He put his head down and was quiet for quite awhile. Then he raised his head, and with tears in his eyes, he said very quietly, "I have five DFCs." It was a moment I will never forget.

(L-R): PCINC Col James D. Elmer, USAF (Ret); Col Harry Canham, USAF, (Ret); Chapter Adjutant Col Thomas P. Williams, USAF, (Ret); and Chapter Commander Lt Col Thomas A. Robertson, Jr., USAF (Ret).



GEN RIDGWAY-PITTSBURGH (018), PENNSYLVANIA

Students' Departure To Freedom Foundation

BY COL ROBERT REESE, USA (RET)

Chapter Companions and guests saw students from Oliver, Valley and West Mifflin area High Schools off at the Greater Pittsburgh Airport on their way to a three-day conference hosted by the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge.



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|| GREEN MOUNTAIN (169) , VERMONT

Patrick Henry Awarded to University President

BY LTC MICHAEL J. JARVIS, USA (RET)

RADM Richard W. Schneider, USCG (Ret), President, Norwich University, was presented the MOWW Patrick Henry award for his leadership in establishing the New England Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) at Norwich University. Since 2009, over 300 high school students have participated in this Leadership, Citizenship, and Free Enterprise program. This is the only YLC fully supported by a university in the Nation.

(L-R): New England YLC Director LTC Michael Jarvis, USA (Ret), presented the award to RADM Richard W. Schneider, USCG (Ret).



|| GEN VANDENBERG (213), CALIFORNIA

Cal Poly Cadet Leader—Saluting Excellence

BY CDR DON MORRIS, USN (RET)

Chapter Commander CPT Richard B. Hathcock, USA (Fmr), presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Cal Poly ROTC Executive Officer, CPT Jennifer Hill, for her diligence and cooperation concerning the Cal Poly ROTC program and MOWW.

(L to R): CPT Richard B. Hathcock, USA (Fmr), Cal Poly ROTC Executive Officer CPT Jennifer Hill and PCINC COL Jack B. Jones, USA (Ret).



|| COL WOOLSEY (113), CALIFORNIA

Recognition for Outstanding Service

BY LT EDWIN C. HOLT, USNR (FORMER)

The Chapter was honored to host CINC CAPT Russell C. Vowinkel, USN (Ret), and other MOWW national officers at a chapter luncheon on 20 Mar 12. The CINC presented B Gen Frederick Lopez, USMC (Ret), with an Outstanding Service Award. B Gen Lopez heads MOWW's Dept of Central California.

(L-R): CINC CAPT Russell C. Vowinkel, usn (Ret), and B Gen Frederick Lopez USMC (Ret)



|| VIRGINIA PIEDMONT (030), VIRGINIA

Certificate of Appreciation Presented to Lisa Tracy

BY COL PAUL H. LILLY, JR., USAF (RET)

The March gathering was most enjoyable as author Lisa Tracy (*"Objects of Our Affection"*) entertained us with stories of her family. Also, she piqued everyone's interest when she asked and partly explained that there is no total explanation as to why we get so attached to our "stuff."

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|| LTG CRITZ (155), OKLAHOMA

Curator Awarded Silver Patrick Henry

BY LTC JOHN EVANS, USA (RET)

Nationally-renowned Fort Sill Museum curator Mr. Towana Spivey was awarded the Silver Patrick Henry Award. Companion LTC Jerry P. Orr, USA (Ret), introduced Curator Spivey as "...an incredible historian. I have taken many a group of Boy Scouts out there, and he'll come out, and he doesn't have any notes, and he can talk and tell stories and hold you right in the palm of his hands as he tells them."

(L-R): Mr. Towana Spivey accepted the Silver Patrick Henry Award from LTC Neil Springborn, USA (Ret), Chapter Commander.



|| MG MEADE (026), MARYLAND

Eagle Court of Honor

BY LTC STEPHEN MCNAMARA, USAR (RET)

Eagle Scout Tyler S. Earley was presented his MOWW Certificate of Recognition during his Eagle Court of Honor in Bedford, PA, on 18 APR 12. Laurel Highlands Council (Western Pennsylvania) Court of Honor.

(L-R): Eagle Scout Tyler S. Earley, LTC Stephen McNamara, USAR (Ret), and Scoutmaster Jeff Eisaman (former CPT, US Army).



|| SUN CITY CENTER (226), FLORIDA

Col Thomas I. Diggs, USAF (Ret), Inducted into French Legion of Honour

BY CAPT B. FRANK KEPLEY, USN (RET)

CINC CAPT Russell C. Vowinkel, USN (Ret), joined with Chapter Companions to present Col Thomas I. Diggs, USAF (Ret), with the French Legion of Honor medal. The medal, first created by Napoleon Bonaparte, was awarded to Col Diggs by the Consulat Général de France à Miami. The notification stated that Col Diggs was given the award for demonstrating courage and selflessness during World War II, and that "The solidarity you lent our country and people as a Colonel in the 75th Military Airlift Squadron participating in the Battles such as Normandy will never be forgotten and be assured that we are eternally grateful. I would like to extend, on behalf of our government and people, a heartfelt congratulations for your induction into the French Legion of Honor..." Col Diggs was shot down behind enemy lines in France shortly after D-Day and later rescued by the French underground.

(L-R): CAPT B. Frank Kepley, USN (Ret), Chapter Commander; Col Thomas I. Diggs, USAF (Ret); Lt Col Loyal G. Bassett, USAF (Ret), Region VI Commander; and CINC CAPT Russell R. Vowinkel, USN (Ret).



MOWW || VA: Have You Heard?

Women Take On Combat Roles

Women Marines will soon be serving in ground combat elements.



A new research trial approved by Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James F. Amos will allow some senior officer and enlisted women Marines and sailors to be assigned in their current primary military occupational specialties to many of the units previously off limits to women.

This was prompted by a directive from the Secretary of Defense to access the impact women serving in other newly-opened positions and to begin evaluating where else women service members can effectively serve. This research includes the exemption to the Ground Assignment Policy, quantitative research and a total force survey.

Amos said he will take the combined information to make an “informed and educated recommendation on potential policy changes.”

Active duty and unrestricted Marine company grade officers, gunnery sergeants and staff sergeants serving in administration, logistics, communications, supply or motor transport fields may

now be assigned to artillery, tank, assault amphibian, combat engineer, combat assault and low altitude air defense battalion staffs, according to *All Marine Message 012/12*.

Women Navy medical officers, chaplains and hospital corpsmen, ranked E-6 and E-7, can also now be assigned to these units.

However, these opportunities exist only for the sake of research, and any women graduates of either IOC or ITB will not receive infantry as a primary MOS.

The Total Force Survey is scheduled to be conducted this spring, and the Commandant said he is looking forward to the “input regarding potential changes to the current assignment policies related to female Marines.” He called on all Marines to share their experiences and opinions and said both will be invaluable to him as the Corps evaluates the results of all three parts of the research plan.

DoD Says Amputations Reached Wartime High



with the spike came advances in medicine and technology that have enabled troops with devastating wounds to survive and,

The number of US troops who lost limbs reached a wartime high in 2011, according to data from the Defense Department, but along

in some cases, return to duty.

In 2011, 240 deployed troops had to have at least an arm or a leg amputated, compared with 205 in 2007, the height of the surge in Iraq, according to data published by the Armed Forces Health Surveillance Center.

The increase in 2011 coincides with the surge of troops in Afghanistan, who often dismount on foot patrols in the country’s austere and rugged terrain.

Troops wounded in Afghanistan also have suffered the loss of multiple limbs—of the 187 service members with major limb loss in 2010, 72 of them lost more than one limb, according to the report from the Army’s Dismounted Complex Blast Injury Task Force.

Additional 1,900 Mental Health Staff Added Nationwide



The Department of Veterans Affairs has expanded its mental health services to include professionals from two additional health care fields: marriage and family therapists (MFT) and licensed professional mental health counselors (LPMHC).

For more information about mental health care that VA provides, visit: <http://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/>

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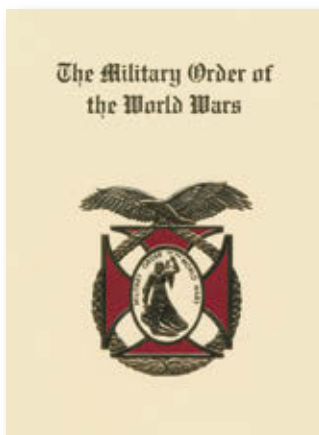
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