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*“Remember them all...”*

## Building on Our Great History



Freedom is not free. Everything of value comes from selfless living and sacrifice for a greater good. Men and women from every background have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our great nation. They were willing to put their lives on the line for something more important than life itself.

That commitment to the greater good represented by The United States of America is the very essence of what makes us a great people. As long as we have citizen-warriors ready to live and die to protect and preserve the ideals that for which America stands, we will continue to be a great nation on this planet.

Our very existence as a great nation depends on how well we transmit these values, ideals and civic duty to succeeding Americans generations. This is the duty of every American, and it is a duty we Companions take most seriously.

Our continued service, the patriotic education we provide to America's youth, our recognition of excellence in ROTC, JROTC, and Boy and Girl Scout programs, and our support of our military services and veterans, and our working issues together as Companions, will help keep America's beacon shining brightly.

As Glenda and I travel throughout America, it is heartwarming to see MOWW chapters enjoying widespread support as they sponsor numerous activities and ceremonies honoring veterans and selfless service. I salute all Companions for their service to country, community and the Military Order.

Memorial Day 2013 is a time to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. On on this Memorial Day let us remember those who wore their nation's uniform while giving the last full measure of devotion to all of us. We are forever grateful to them, and we are forever in their debt.

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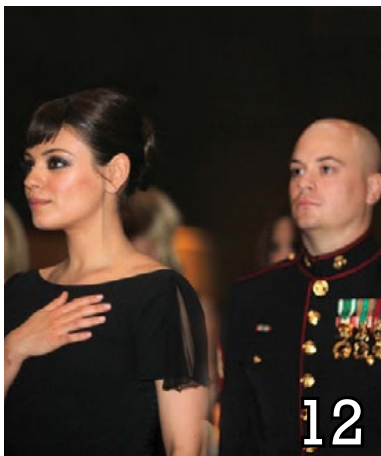
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In a military funeral, the flag is lifted, then folded over the casket. It is then presented "This flag is presented on behalf of a grateful nation and the United States Army as a token of appreciation for your loved one's honorable and faithful service."  
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# In Flanders Fields

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## In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields

Punch  
Dec 8-1915

John McCrae

"In Flanders Fields" was written during WWI by Canadian physician and Lieutenant Colonel John Alexander McCrae. He was inspired to write it on 3 May 1915 after presiding over the funeral of friend and fellow soldier Alexis Helmer, who died in the Second Battle of Ypres.

According to legend, fellow soldiers retrieved the poem after McCrae, initially unsatisfied with his work, discarded it. "In Flanders Fields" was first published on 8 December of that year in the London-based magazine, "Punch." Its references to the red poppies that grew over the graves of fallen soldiers resulted in the remembrance poppy becoming one of the world's most recognized memorial symbols for soldiers who have died in conflict.

The poem and the poppy are prominent Remembrance Day symbols throughout the Commonwealth of Nations, particularly in Canada, where "In Flanders Fields" is one of the nation's best-known literary works. ✕



# The Veterans Breakfast Club

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It was a great delight to have Todd DePastino speak with our chapter on the program he co-founded, known as the “Veterans Breakfast Club.” The Club provides a venue for veterans to share their military experiences with others, something they may not be inclined to do under other circumstances. Many of the stories deal with acts of valor and heroism during World War II.

Over the past two years, over 1,500 individuals have participated in the Veterans Breakfast Club. The Club meets three to five times per month at different locations. Todd has a Ph.D. in American History from Yale University and is the author of several books, including an award-winning biography of the famed WWII cartoonist, Bill Mauldin. He teaches at Waynesburg University, where in 2008, he won the Lucas-Hathaway Award for Teaching Excellence. What follows is an excerpt of Todd’s talk, which includes a few of the war stories he’s heard at the breakfasts:

I know how to tell a good story. As a writer and historian, that’s my job. But for the past three years, I’ve been focused on listening. And the stories I hear—some beautiful and heartbreaking, others gut-wrenching—are largely about war. I’m the Executive Director of the Veterans Breakfast Club (VBC), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization I co-founded to bring vets together to share their stories. Through our breakfast events and our oral history project, Veteran Voices of Pittsburgh, we are gathering the stories of Pittsburgh-area veterans of every generation.

The seed for the Veterans Breakfast Club was planted in November 2007 when my friend, Dan Cavanaugh, volunteered as a bus captain on trips that take veterans to the World War II Memorial in Washington, DC. Dan’s father was a World War II veteran who, toward the end of his life, opened up to his son about his experiences of war. Finding much wisdom in the stories he heard on the bus, Dan hit upon the idea of hosting breakfasts



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where veterans could gather and share their stories with each other and anyone else who cared to listen. I volunteered to help Dan. As word spread, veterans began flocking to our monthly breakfasts, anxious to tell their stories and bond with others who served their country, many of whom experienced the emotional trauma of war.

One veteran, a WWII Marine named “Bullet” Bob Daley, opens every breakfast by leading the group in the National Anthem. “Bullet” received his nickname on Saipan in 1944. He had just turned seventeen. He and a buddy had gotten separated from his platoon during combat and happened upon a Japanese tank half-buried in a swamp.

The two Marines decided to raise their weapons and wait for the enemy to emerge from the tank hatch. The only problem was ammunition. Bullet had spent his during an earlier firefight. His Browning Automatic Rifle (BAR) was empty. The hatch opened, and a Japanese officer arose to find the barrel of a BAR pointed at him. “I surrender,” the officer said to Bullet in perfect English.

Out of 31,000 Japanese soldiers on Saipan, fewer than 1,000 surrendered. “We were ordered not to take prisoners,” Bullet recalls, “and I knew I’d get chewed out for it. We had no place to keep them. But I was out of bullets.”

On the walk back to his command post, the Japanese officer tried to chat with Bullet, asking him where he was from and telling him he had been a college student at UCLA. “The



“Bullet” Bob Daley

guy spoke better English than I did!" Bullet explains. "I turned him over to my sergeant, who did chew me out, and then took the prisoners away.

I'd always assumed they were killed." That was until one afternoon thirty-seven years later when Bullet Bob, now an architect, attended a trade show at the McCormick Convention Center in Chicago. "I got this eerie feeling at the Panasonic booth, like someone was looking at me. I turned to the man standing next to me. He was Japanese," remembered Bullet. "'You're a Marine,' the man said to me. Chills ran down my spine. 'You pulled me out of a tank and took me prisoner,' the man said. I walked away quickly without saying a word, feeling like I'd seen a ghost."

Another one of our regular breakfast attendees is Norm Waldman, who, as a member of the 82nd Airborne Division, jumped from an airplane into a black abyss in the predawn hours of D-Day, June 6, 1944.

He and his machine gun crew landed behind enemy lines twenty miles off target, and fought for four days as the surrounding enemy tightened the noose. Late on June 9, a German soldier threw a "potato-masher" hand grenade into his position, killing one of Norm's squad members, blinding another and wounding Norm. Norm surrendered and began an unbelievable odyssey of survival.

Jammed into a boxcar, he rode toward Stalag XIII A, a large POW camp in Germany. American fighter planes swept down and strafed the train, killing and wounding several of the men in Norm's car. "Everything was chaos," says Norm.

Unloading at the camp, he saw masses of starving Russian prisoners. They were treated like animals. Americans, at least, got bread and, on Sunday, watery soup. Hungry, Norm and a fellow prisoner escaped one night through the bowels of the camp's latrine. They were caught in a farmer's field the next day, stuffing themselves with raw sugar beets.

Through the Swiss Red Cross, Norm got his hands on a book, *German for British Prisoners*. He studied it thoroughly and used his new knowledge of German to win small perks, including a barrel of beer for Christmas. He volunteered to serve as an interpreter on a project building housing for bombed out German families. The location would soon become the site of one of the most infamous events of the war: Dresden.

On the night of February 13, 1945, US and British bombers began a three-day attack on Dresden that would engulf the city in flames. Norm was just outside Dresden when he saw the first planes arrive and the incendiaries drop. "We saw the city start to burn," he recalls. He and his fellow prisoners huddled in a shelter as the concussions of 500-pound high explosive bombs threw them into the walls and ceiling. "You can't imagine the force of these bombs, even as far away from them as we were. Of all I went through during the war, those bombs were probably the worst." Norm emerged from the shelter to a flattened and blackened city, where hardly anything stirred. His job became retrieving the dead.

Then, things got bad. Food was so scarce, the prisoners were given an hour a day to scour the countryside for grass and weeds. They would boil what they collected with blue stock salt and eat it. "Then we would keep the windows of our barracks open and entice sparrows to fly in. We would catch them with our hands, rip the head, feet and feathers off, and then pop them in your mouth. You had to do it quickly because other guys were fighting you for it. You can't imagine what hunger does to you."

As the Allies closed in on Dresden, guards started the prisoners on a march into Czechoslovakia. There, their column ran into Soviet allies, a tank battalion of Marshal Konyev's First Ukrainian Army. The Ukrainians congratulated Norm on his liberation, then handed him a Russian-style fur hat with a red star and a machine gun. "I fought the rest of the war with the Ukrainians. We captured a lot of Germans. It wasn't easy. But at least I was getting fed." In Prague, Norm got word that American lines were just across the river. One night in late April, he wrapped rags around a horse's



Norm Waldman



hooves and silently slipped away from the Ukrainians. He spent the rest of the war in a field hospital before shipping home.

Not all stories we hear at our breakfasts are about combat. Our oldest veteran is Bernie Queneau, who just celebrated his 100th birthday on July 14, 2012. Bernie grew up in Newcastle-upon-Tyne in England, and is old enough to remember German Zeppelin raids and his entertaining wounded British soldiers in World War I. By World War II, Bernie was already a professor of metallurgy at Columbia University. His contribution to the war effort came as a naval commander at the Armor and Projectile Laboratory at Dahlgren Proving Ground in Virginia. In 1943, he noticed that B-17s were exploding in the air due to unarmored oxygen tanks. He wrote a seventy-page recommendation for armoring the tanks, thus saving hundreds if not thousands of American airmen's lives.

We also get quite a few veterans of World War II who served as WACS, WAVES and Army nurses. One is Julia Parsons, who tells how many men didn't welcome women joining the armed forces. She became a Navy WAVE in 1943.

Every day, she went to work in a nondescript building in Washington, D.C. Her top-secret job was deciphering Enigma, the machine-produced code that German officials deemed unbreakable. Julia worked on Enigma's U-boat communications, tracking the plans and whereabouts of German submarines in the North Atlantic.

She also decoded more ordinary messages, such as when a German crew member received word that a son had been born back in Berlin. "I really felt like I got to know these people, and when we sunk their U-boats, I would

sometimes feel badly about it," she recalls. Although the war ended in 1945, Julia did not speak about her classified duties at all, not even to her Army veteran husband. It wasn't until 1997, when she saw an Enigma machine in a museum, that Julia felt safe telling her story.

Stories like Julia's remind us how quickly this part of our history is slipping away. Believing that history is indeed built one story at a time, we launched Veteran Voices of Pittsburgh last year in order to capture on camera the stories we hear at the breakfasts.

Our mission is not only to preserve and share the voices, images, and experiences of our veterans but also to find new and creative ways to tell their stories and make them accessible to a broad audience. We've been developing short and long-form videos for television and webcasting, and audio stories for radio and podcasts. We're also working on a book that brings together the diverse narratives of our remarkable group.

If you're in the Pittsburgh area, please consider joining us at one of our breakfasts. There are no membership dues, and you don't have to be a veteran to attend. All you need to do is listen. The veterans will do the rest. ★

*The Veterans Breakfast Club is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that creates communities of listening around veterans and their stories. You can find their event schedule at [www.VeteransBreakfastClub.com](http://www.VeteransBreakfastClub.com) or by contacting Todd DePastino at 412-623-9029 or [todd@veteransbreakfastclub.com](mailto:todd@veteransbreakfastclub.com).*



Julia Parsons



Bernie Queneau



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# A Fuelish Mission

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Major Leo D. Holloway, Jr., USAF (Ret) was born on 1 December 1921 in Memphis, TN. Leo graduated from Memphis Technical High School in 1939. Leo was interested in aviation from an early age.

In the summer of 1942, six months after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Leo attempted to enlist in the Army Air Corps Aviation Cadet Candidate Program, but failed the physical exam because of a hernia. After having the hernia surgically repaired at his own expense, Leo entered the program as a private in the Air Corps Enlisted Reserves of the Army of the United States (AUSA) on 8 October 1942. He then received orders to report for basic training at Miami, FL, no later than 1 February 1943.

Following basic training, Leo took general college level courses in a college training detachment, failed to complete primary pilot training, and then completed aerial gunnery training. Next, he transferred to Hondo Army Airfield, TX, for navigator training. Leo excelled in the navigator's course and was one of a few students in the class selected to graduate early in order to meet a critical need for navigators. On 22 April 1944, he graduated from navigator's training and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps (later to be designated the Army Air Forces) of the Army of the United States (AUS).

Leo transferred to a new B-24 crew for training at Muroc Army Airfield, CA (now Edwards Air Force Base). Each B-24 crew consisted of the pilot, co-pilot, navigator, bombardier, flight engineer, radio operator, armorer-gunner and three aerial gunners. When crew training was completed, Leo's crew and eleven other new crews ferried twelve new B-24s to the Southwest Pacific Theater of Operations. On the scheduled departure date, the B-24 assigned to Leo's crew failed the preflight check and the other eleven B-24s took off without them.



Finally, on 14 July 1944, Leo's B-24 took off for what was to be his first non-training assignment: to navigate that lone B-24 about 6,500 nautical miles over the Pacific Ocean from Fairfield-Suisun Army Air Base (now Travis Air Force Base) near Sacramento, CA, to

Townsville, in eastern Australia. The plane landed for refueling and rest stops in Honolulu, Canton Island and Guadalcanal Island. This lengthy flight is even more amazing in that it occurred before the availability of radar and other navigation aids that are common today. Even still, Leo successfully navigated the plane and its ten-man crew to a safe landing in Australia. The pilot, 1 Lt John Zwolinski, told Leo, "Since you steered us here okay, we'll keep you as our navigator."

Their assignment to the 394th Bomb Squadron, 5th Bomb Group, Thirteenth Air Force, led to Leo and the crew's first "combat" mission. This was a familiarization mission flown from Nadzab, near Lae, New Guinea, against Wewak on the northern coast of eastern New Guinea. The crew deployed to Momote Air Field on Los Negros Island, which was in the Admiralty Islands north of eastern New Guinea. The Thirteenth Air Force and its assigned units were an integral part of General MacArthur's stepping-stone strategy to liberate one island after another and thus isolate Japan.

The 5th Bomb Group moved frequently as the Japanese lost one position after another. While Leo's crew was with the 5th Bomb Group, his group was stationed, successively, at three air bases: Momote, Wakde Island (adjacent to the northern coast of Central New Guinea), and Noemfoor Island (adjacent to the northern coast of western New Guinea). While at Momote, Leo's crew flew two bombing missions—of up to twelve hours—against Japanese installations on Yap



Island. While on Wakde Island, they flew five different eight-hour missions against Japanese installations based on Palau Island and other islands in the Netherlands East Indies.

In mid-September 1944, the 5th Bomb Group moved from Wakde Island to Noemfoor Island. Beginning on 30 September 1944, the 5th Bomb Group flew five mass formation bombing missions from Noemfoor Island against Japanese oil and gasoline refineries at Balikpapan, Borneo, a major source of fuel for the Japanese war machine.

The round-trip distance for each of those missions was well over 2,000 nautical miles, farther than that of any previous daytime massed B-24 missions. The combined weight of the required additional fuel and a full bomb load made each aircraft about 12,000 to 13,000 pounds over the recommended maximum take-off weight. Leo's plane was on the third of those missions, and as the formation was approaching the target his aircraft fell out of formation and turned back

toward Noemfoor Island. The Pilot advised the crew that he had lost communication with the rest of the formation. The aircraft's load of bombs was "salvoed" over open water. As a part of an investigation that was launched to determine if the pilot's action to abort was justified, Leo turned his flight log over to the investigating officer.

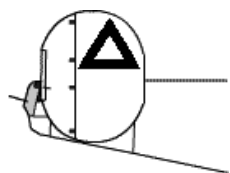
Next, Leo's crew was scheduled to fly a lone plane "target of opportunity" mission against Japanese shipping, primarily oil and gasoline tankers, in the Makassar Straits between Balikpapan and the Philippines. The total distance for that mission was to be even greater than that of the Balikpapan missions. The total take-off weight of the aircraft for that one mission was probably greater than that of any previous 5th Bomb Group B-24 mission.

At about 0300 hours on the day of the mission, Leo's crew taxied out from the revetment area and arrived at the designated "run-up" or "engine check-out" spot, near the end of the runway.



Page opposite:  
Aviation Cadet  
Leo D. Holloway, Jr.

The crew of 2/LT Holloway's B-24, standing left to right: LT Zwolinski (pilot), LT Claussen (co-pilot), LT Haas (bombardier), LT Holloway (navigator); kneeling left to right: CPL Oehring (gunner), S/SGT Fuller (radio operator), SGT Minar (flight engineer), CPL Vild (armorer/gunner), CPL Nacke (gunner), CPL Nelson (gunner).



Top-Bottom: Tail, B-24 Liberator; Patches for: 394 BS Tail Markings (5 BG, XIII AAF); 394th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy); 5th Bombardment Wing (Heavy); XIII Army Air Force; US Army Air Forces.

Contrary to normal procedures, a fuel truck was waiting nearby. The pilot ordered all of the crew except for himself, the co-pilot and the flight engineer to “deplane” and stand-by outside the aircraft. The crew of the fuel truck then topped-off the wing tanks while all four aircraft engines were running—also against standard operating procedures. After the additional fuel had loaded, the fuel hoses disconnected, and the truck moved away from the aircraft, the crew re-boarded the plane. The pilot then completed engine-check-out and taxied out to the initial take-off position on the runway.

As the plane began its take-off run, Leo was in his usual position at the navigator’s table, facing to the rear of the aircraft, with his back to the armored bulkhead directly behind the pilot. The bombardier stood between the pilot and co-pilot and the flight engineer stood behind the bombardier. The radio operator sat across from Leo facing the armor-plated bulkhead behind the co-pilot. The armorer-gunner sat on the floor behind the radio operator, and the two waist gunners and the tail gunner were at their assigned stations aft of the bomb-bay area.

After the pilot had the engines running at full throttle, they proceeded down the runway. Leo did not notice anything unusual, just the familiar shaking and rattling experienced each time the plane took off. Then he heard a loud, metallic scraping sound outside on the left side of the aircraft. All at once, Leo felt like a moment of truth had hit him, “We are crashing.”

Leo does not recall anything else that happened while he was inside the plane. An eyewitness later told him that after passing the control tower, the left wing, then the fuselage, and finally the right wing, were on fire. According to a second witness, the aircraft veered leftward somewhat, went through an anti-aircraft emplacement near the end of the runway, and killed four of the men assigned to that position. One of the gun crew was found between the gun position and the ocean. He must have been trying to reach the water to put out the flames that were consuming him.

Leo did not know how he got out of the plane, which evidently never got off of the ground.

The next thing he remembered was stumbling around outside the aircraft, unable to see, and hearing a roaring sound along with the sound of ammunition “cooking off.” He felt that he was attempting to wake up from a nightmare. His next memory was that of waking up in a field hospital and thinking that he must be the only crewmember still alive. At some point, he received the last rites of the Catholic Church even though he was not a Catholic. A nurse told him “You’re going to be okay Lt Holloway; Major Holloway is taking care of you.” Leo later had the pleasure of actually meeting Major Holloway.

While recovering in the field hospital Leo learned the medical team had a very hard time getting his blood pressure stabilized. At one point, a medic was told to put him off to the side as if he might not make it. When the medic turned Leo over on his side, he found a severe laceration in his right buttock that was bleeding profusely. That wound’s bleeding was causing his blood pressure problem. After that wound was sutured, and numerous transfusions of blood donated by fellow Airmen in the 394th Bomb Squadron, Leo was on the road to recovery. The medic who found that wound in his buttock undoubtedly saved his life.

Sometime later, probably the afternoon of the crash or early the next day, Leo was cheered up to learn that three other crewmembers also survived the crash: the flight engineer, the radio operator and the armorer-gunner. All four survivors were in the small area behind the bulkhead, which separated them from the cockpit and in front of the bomb bay.

The flight engineer and the armorer-gunner suffered extremely painful compound fractures of limbs and required treatment beyond the capability of the field hospital. After a few days to stabilize their vital signs, they returned to the United States for treatment. The radio operator had received only superficial injuries and was released from the field hospital after a short stay. Leo had no further contact with the other three survivors.

While Leo was recovering in the field hospital on Noemfoor, the 5th Bomb Group moved to Morotai Island in the Netherlands East Indies.



Leo remained in the field hospital on Noemfoor about a month. After his release, he hitched a ride on a B-25 to rejoin his squadron. Much later, Leo's original flight log was returned to him. Had it not been for the investigation related to that aborted mission the flight log would have been lost in the crash. Leo still has that wartime flight log.

In his letter to the 394th Bombardment Squadron Commander dated 12 January 1945, the squadron Flight Surgeon reported as follows:

*"Lt Holloway suffered the following injuries:*

- a. Wounds, lacerated, multiple, left parietal region, right and left frontal region, right infraorbital and supraorbital regions, moderate.*
- b. Wound, lacerated, buttock, right, severe.*
- c. Wound, lacerated, posterior aspect of right arm, severe.*
- d. Wound, lacerated, left knee, mild.*
- e. Burns, second degree, face, both arms and hands, circular, gasoline.*
- f. It is my opinion that having undergone such an ordeal this officer is in no condition to complete his tour of combat duty and cannot be rehabilitated in this theater. I recommend that he be returned to the Continental United States for rehabilitation."*

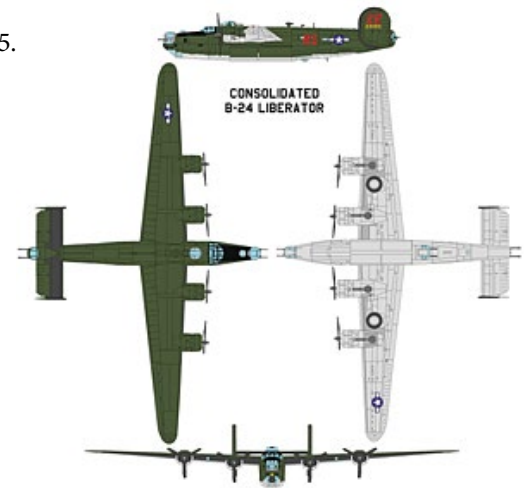
Leo was then placed on light duty, non-flying status. Over Christmas, he went on Rest & Recuperation (R&R) to Australia and then returned to his unit. He was still with the 5th Bomb Group when it moved to Samar Island in the Philippines in early March 1945. After a few days on Samar Island, he received orders to return to the United States. He flew from Samar to Biak, and after given the choice of returning to the United States by plane or ship, he chose to return by ship. He arrived in San Francisco on 22 April 1945 aboard a Dutch freighter, exactly one year from the date he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant.

Upon returning to the United States, he went to Fort McPherson, GA, for processing through Personnel. He also received a complete physical examination. He was then ordered to St. Petersburg, FL, for treatment at the Don CeSar Hotel, which was converted to a rehabilitation hospital during the war. He was discharged shortly

after V-J Day in August 1945.

Leo returned to Knoxville, TN, and attended the University of Tennessee for two years (1946-1948) under the provisions of the GI Bill. From 1948 to 1951, he worked at several different jobs in the Knoxville area. While studying at the university, Leo met an English teacher, Nell Seymour. They fell in love and were married on 5 March 1951. During that same period, Leo worked with various military personnel offices to reconstitute his World War II service records so he could apply for return to active duty. He finally received orders for active duty in June of 1951, just in time to serve a combat tour in Korea. Leo flew 50 combat missions in Korea as navigator on the Douglas A26 Invader, a two-engine light bomber. Leo remained on active duty following his combat tour in Korea and attained the rank of Major before retiring on 1 September 1969.

Now, sixty-eight years later, Leo wonders if his B-24 would have crashed, killing six of the ten crewmen and four men on the ground, if the plane had not been required to carry extra fuel for the long range mission. He also wonders if they had not "topped off" with even more fuel after the plane was prepared for take-off, would they have crashed. These questions persist in Leo's mind—even to this date. ★



COL Lyons graduated from Ohio University in 1956, and received an MBA degree from the University of Alabama in 1968. His 26 year Army career included assignments in Germany, Korea, Vietnam and Saudi Arabia, and a four-year tour on the Army Staff. He also graduated from the Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College. After retiring 1981, he served for 15 years as the Vice President for Finance and Business Administration at The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, followed by two-years as Secretary to The Citadel Board of Visitors.

# SALUTING AND FLAG ETIQUETTE

PCINC COL JAMES D. ELMER, USAF (RET)  
CENTRAL ARKANSAS CHAPTER (225), AR

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*There is often confusion as to when and how to salute. This article provides some of the applicable etiquette. This etiquette is as applied within U.S. jurisdiction.*

*In some cases, US military service etiquette prescribes other requirements applicable to the service issuing the guidance. In countries and places other than the United States, local etiquette applies.*

*MOWW policy regarding saluting is Companions of the Military Order follow the guidance applicable to active duty military members.*

*For more complete information, please consult Chapter 1 of Title 4 of the United States Code (4 U.S.C. § 1 et seq). This is a U.S. federal law, but there is no penalty for failure to comply with it. In fact, the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that punitive enforcement would conflict with the First Amendment right to freedom of speech.*

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## SALUTING OUTDOORS

When outdoors, military members and veterans in and out of uniform should stand at Attention and render a military hand salute during the playing of the United States National Anthem, "To the Colors," "Reveille," "Taps," "Hail to the Chief" or "Hail Columbia." Alternatively, veterans not in uniform may salute by putting their right hand

over their heart in lieu of the military hand salute. Hold the salute or hand over the heart until the last note of the Anthem, etc., concludes.

Civilians should stand quietly with their right hand over their heart from the first to the last note of the National Anthem/Reveille/Taps.

When in uniform, military members and veterans do not salute by putting their hand over their heart. Additionally, when standing at Attention (e.g., during the playing of the National Anthem), one does not sing. One also does not salute if headgear is not worn.

## SALUTING INDOORS

When indoors, military members and veterans in and out of uniform should stand at Attention but not salute during the playing of the National Anthem, etc., and when the National Colors pass by.

Alternatively, veterans not in uniform may salute by putting their hand over their heart in lieu of the military hand salute. As is the case when outside, non-veteran civilians salute by putting their right hand over their heart, i.e., they never render a military hand salute.

Indoor salutes are only rendered during formal reporting (e.g., to an officer or when the Colors are presented) and some ceremonies (e.g., changes of command). Other than those exceptions, do not render military hand salutes indoors.

When in uniform, military members and veterans do not salute by putting their hand over their heart. Additionally, when standing at Attention, one does not sing. Additionally, do not salute if not wearing headgear.





## **SALUTING THE NATIONAL COLORS**

When an outdoors military formation in which uncased National Colors are carried passes, individuals being passed should come to Attention. They should and salute when the Colors are six paces distant and hold their Salute until the Colors have passed six steps beyond them. In such cases, outdoors saluting guidance provided earlier applies.

When outdoors and when raising or lowering the National Ensign, military members and veterans in uniform or in civilian clothes should come to the position of Attention. They should then render a military hand salute while facing the National Ensign or the sound of the National Anthem/Reveille/Taps if the National Ensign is not visible. They should hold the military hand salute until the last note of the Anthem, etc., concludes.

Civilians should stand quietly with their right hand over their heart from the first to the last note of the National Anthem, etc.

## **PARADING THE COLORS**

National and organizational flags mounted on flagstaffs equipped with finials are called Colors. When outdoors and when a military formation in which an uncased National Color is being carried marches by, one should salute when the Colors are six steps distance and hold one's Salute until the Colors have passed six steps beyond the individual saluting.

When indoors and when the Colors or a Color Guard passes, military members, veterans and civilians should stand at Attention without saluting and without rotating as the Colors pass.

To salute, all persons in uniform come to attention. Outside, military members and veterans in uniform render the appropriate military hand salute. Veterans not in uniform may render a salute or, like civilians, may salute by placing their right hand over the heart. Men in civilian

clothes wearing headgear should remove the headgear and hold it to the left shoulder, with their hand over their heart.

When an indoors military formation in which uncased National Colors are carried passes, individuals being passed should come to attention without saluting when the Colors are six paces distant and hold the position of until the Colors have passed six steps beyond the individual at Attention. Depending on the ceremony, e.g., presenting the Colors, one may remain at Attention until after the Colors are presented, posted or retired, according to local custom.

Military members, veterans and civilians should stand at Attention without saluting when indoors. This is true whether the Colors are static (in place) or part of an indoor honor guard (moving). The exception to this is when the Colors are presented to a presiding or receiving officer, in which case the receiving officer will salute and order the Colors to be posted or retired.

No one should salute small flags carried by individuals, such as those carried by spectators at a parade. It is also improper to salute with any object in the right hand or with a cigarette, cigar or pipe in the mouth.

## **THE NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Whenever and wherever the United States National Anthem, etc., is played, at the first note, all personnel in uniform (i.e., military members, and/or veterans) who are not in formation should face the flag (or the music, if the flag is not in view) and stand at Attention. This position is held until the last note of the music is sounded.

Additionally, when outdoors, those in uniform should salute. Military members and veterans should render the military hand salute, although veterans in civilian clothes may place their right



hand over their heart in lieu of the military hand salute. Civilians likewise should turn and face the flag or the music (if the flag is not visible or present), and place their right hand over their heart from the first to the last note of the music. Civilian men with headgear should remove it and hold it to left shoulder such that their hand is over their heart.



When indoors, members of the Armed Forces and veterans do not render a salute but instead stand at Attention facing the flag, or the music if the flag is either not present or visible. When indoors, civilians salute by placing their right hand over the heart.

US citizens who are neither members of the US Armed Forces nor US military veterans should not render the military salute. Citizens of other countries present should stand at Attention. Only two civilians are entitled to a military hand salute, i.e., the Secretary of Defense and the President, since they are both legally in the military chain of command.

Additionally, when standing at the position of Attention, one does not sing. Moreover, when “Ruffles and Flourishes” is played in honor of a General or Admiral, all present should stand at Attention and face the general or flag officer being honored without saluting.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance is not recited in military formations or in military ceremonies. At indoor functions where the Pledge of Allegiance is recited, member of the US Armed Forces in uniform should silently stand at Attention facing the flag. When other participants are primarily civilians or in civilian attire, members of the US Armed Forces in uniform indoors may recite the Pledge if they desire. This guidance also applies to veterans in uniform when indoors.

When members of the US Armed Forces and veterans are in civilian clothing, they may recite the Pledge while standing at Attention, and facing the flag with the right hand over the heart.

### WEARING HEADGEAR

Active duty rules concerning the wear of hats, caps, etc., while in uniform apply to retirees in uniform, i.e., headgear is not worn indoors unless the individuals involved are in a formation. Companions do not wear the MOWW garrison/overseas/flight cap indoors. ★



*PCINC Col Jim Elmer has been conducting fifth grade Flag Education classes for about 15 years. Each year, with the help of other patriotic MOWW members and friends, they have presented flag education classes to more than 6,000 Central Arkansas students annually.*



## COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF 2013 SCHEDULE

*To invite CINC LTC Gary Engen and his wife, Glenda, to visit your Chapter, State, Department or Region functions, please contact him by e-mail at [gengen8@comcast.net](mailto:gengen8@comcast.net)*

DATE	LOCATION
31 May – 2 Jun:	Region I Conference- Newport, RI
5–7 Jun:	Philadelphia Chapter Installation Luncheon, PA
8– 10 Jun:	Region 15 Conference, Tacoma, WA

DATE	LOCATION
12–14 Jun:	Memphis Chapter Installation Meeting, TN
21–24 Jun:	Red White Blue Ball, Simi Valley, CA
26–27 Jun:	Patriots Point YLC, Charleston, SC
13–18 Aug:	Annual National Convention, Dallas, TX





*It is better to serve than to be served*

### NATIONAL OFFICERS

Dear Mr. Secretary

DOD policy currently states the DWM will immediately follow the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) in order of precedence. That means the DWM ranks ahead of the Bronze Star Medal (BSM) and the Purple Heart Medal (PHM). It also means the DWM ranks ahead of the Soldier's Medal (SM), the Navy and Marine Corps Medal (NMC), the Airman's Medal (AM), the Coast Guard Medal (CGM) and the Coast Guard Gold Lifesaving Medal (GLM), which are the highest non-combat decorations awarded for heroism. This ranking is a serious mistake and is disrespectful to those who have been decorated for heroism by the Nation they so selflessly served.

However, the DOD policy that appropriately states the DWM will not be awarded for acts of valor under any circumstances (because it recognizes a lesser act) lends credence to our firm view that the DWM should not rank ahead of the BSM, PHM, and Service medals for non-combat heroism. *In short, we support the DWM, but only if it ranks after the PHM but before the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (DMSM) in order of precedence.*

*Gary Engen*  
GARY O. ENGEN, LTC, USA (Ret)  
Commander-in-Chief

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## READINESS AND FORCE MANAGEMENT

Dear Mr. Engen:

Our military awards programs are extremely important not only to the Department of Defense, Service members, and veterans, but also to the public. The Secretary of Defense understands the reasoning for the creation of the DWM and believes that you and other veterans' organizations have raised legitimate questions. Therefore, the Secretary of Defense believes it merits a review, including its level of precedence.

Thank you for your interest in this matter and for your continued support of the men and women who serve our great Nation.

Virginia S. Penrod  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
(Military Personnel Policy)



## READINESS AND FORCE MANAGEMENT

Dear Mr. Engen:

The Military Department Secretaries, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Secretary Chack Hagel all clearly recognize that the character of modern warfare has changed and will continue to evolve. Technological advancements have led to remarkable military accomplishments that have direct bearing on battlefield success even though they entail less direct physical risk to our force. Former Secretary Leon Panetta was acutely aware of how remotely piloted vehicle and cyber operators were directly and significantly impacting combat operations. Secretary Panetta realized, and we agree, that extraordinary and meritorious achievements of our Service men and women who employ this technology deserve distinct recognition. We are grateful to Secretary Panetta for initiating this effort.

Use of a distinguishing device to recognize impacts on combat operations reserves our existing combat medals for those Service members who incur the physical risk and hardship of combat, perform valorous acts, are wounded in combat, or as a result of combat give their last full measure for our Nation. Accordingly, Secretary Hagel issued a new memorandum superseding the memorandum dated February 13, 2013, that announced the creation of the DWM.

Sincerely,

Virginia S. Penrod  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
(Military Personnel Policy)



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## PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES | DRESS: CASUAL |

### TUESDAY, 13 AUGUST 2013

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	ATTENDEES
<i>As desired</i>	<i>Breakfast at leisure</i>	<i>As desired</i>	<i>All Conferees</i>
0800-0950	PRE-CONVENTION EXCOM MEETING (STRATEGIC PLAN RESULTS)	Rm 209 (HOL SQ-16)	EXCOM MBRS
1000-1050	BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING	Rm 209 (HOL SQ-16)	CMTE MBRS
1100-1220	COUNCIL OF REGION COMMANDERS (CRC) MEETING	TB I (CLASS-48)	CRC MBRS
1100-1150	CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS COMMITTEE MEETING	Rm 209 (HOL SQ-16)	BOARD MBRS
<i>1200-1250</i>	<i>Lunch at leisure</i>	<i>As desired</i>	<i>All Conferees</i>
1300-1350	PATRIOTIC EDUCATION, INC., (PEI) MEETING	Rm 209 (HOL SQ-16)	PEI MBRS
1400-1450	BOARD OF TRUSTEES (PAST FY REVIEW & NEXT FY FORECAST)	Rm 209 (HOL SQ-16)	BOARD MBRS
<i>1730-TBD</i>	<i>Dinner at leisure</i>	<i>As desired</i>	<i>All Conferees</i>

### WEDNESDAY, 14 AUGUST 2013

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	ATTENDEES
<i>As desired</i>	<i>Breakfast and lunch at leisure</i>	<i>As desired</i>	<i>All Conferees</i>
0800-TBD	Tour 1: Bear Creek Golf Club (0900 Tee-Off)	Dallas, TX	All Conferees
1000-1500	Tour 2: Dallas Tour	Dallas, TX	All Conferees
1800-2100	CINC's WELCOME BUFFET	PWB A-D (RND-200)	ALL CONFEREES

\* GOLF AWARD PRESENTATIONS. SPEAKER: TBD (HUMOROUS). REQUIRES PODIUM/MICROPHONE, TWO (2) BARS & TWO (2) HORS D'OURVES LINES

## CONVENTION ACTIVITIES | DRESS: COAT & TIE, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED |

### THURSDAY, 15 AUGUST 2013

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	ATTENDEES
<i>As desired</i>	<i>Breakfast at leisure</i>	<i>As desired</i>	<i>All Conferees</i>
0700-0850	COUNCIL OF PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF (WORKING BREAKFAST)	TB I (HOL SQ-36)	CPC MBR/GUEST
0800-0850	SEMINAR NATIONAL SECURITY ★	PWB A-B (CLASS-80)	ALL CONFEREES
0900-0950	SEMINAR HOMELAND SECURITY ★	PWB A-B (CLASS-80)	ALL CONFEREES
1000-1500	Tour 3: Dallas Museum of Arts & Nasher Sculpture Garden	Dallas, TX	Spouses & Guests
1000-1050	SEMINAR LAW & ORDER ★	PWB A-B (CLASS-80)	ALL CONFEREES
1100-1150	SEMINAR INFORMATION & PUBLICITY ★	PWB A-B (CLASS-80)	ALL CONFEREES
<i>1200-1250</i>	<i>Lunch at leisure</i>	<i>As desired</i>	<i>All Conferees</i>
1200-1630	Tour 4: 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor Museum	Dallas, TX	Spouses & Guests
1300-1350	SEMINAR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS (SROTC & JROTC)	PWB A-B (CLASS-80)	ALL CONFEREES
1400-1450	SEMINAR PATRIOTIC EDUCATION ★	PWB A-B (CLASS-80)	ALL CONFEREES
1500-1620	PATRIOTIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE (PROGRAM REVIEW) ★	PWB E-F (CLASS-80)	YLC DIR & STAFF
1500-1550	SEMINAR CHAPTER ACTIVITIES & AWARDS ★	PWB A-B (CLASS-80)	ALL CONFEREES
1600-1650	SEMINAR CHAPTER OPERATIONS ★	PWB A-B (CLASS-80)	ALL CONFEREES
1700-1720	SEMINAR FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT ★	PWB A-B (CLASS-80)	ALL CONFEREES
1730-1830	CHAPTER COMMANDER'S CALL (WITH CINC ENGEN)	TB I (Hi/Lo RNDs-60)	CHAP CMDRS (ONLY)

\* REQUIRES PODIUM/MICROPHONE & ONE (1) BAR & HORS D'OURVES LINE

1730-1830	YOUTH ENRICHMENT FOUNDATION (YEF) BOARD MEETING	Rm 209 (HOL SQ-16)	BOARD MBRS
<i>1830-TBD</i>	<i>Dinner at leisure</i>	<i>As desired</i>	<i>All Conferees</i>
1900-1950	HANN-BUSWELL MEMORIAL CHAPTER MEETING	TB I (CLASS-60)	CHAPTER MBRS

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## FRIDAY, 16 AUGUST 2013

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	ATTENDEES
<i>As desired</i>	<i>Breakfast at leisure</i>	<i>As desired</i>	<i>All Conferees</i>
0800-0950	<b>SEMINAR</b> MEMBERSHIP (RECRUIT, INVOLVE & RETAIN)★	PWB A-B (CLASS-80)	ALL CONFEREES
0830-1430	<i>Tour 5: Dallas Arboretum w/ box lunch</i>	<i>Dallas Arboretum</i>	<i>Spouses &amp; Guests</i>
1000-1050	<b>SEMINAR</b> SCOUTING (BSA & GS-USA)★	PWB A-B (CLASS-80)	ALL CONFEREES
1130-1415	MOWW AWARDS LUNCHEON [BSA HONOR GUARD] * SPEAKER: TBD (MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER) [REQUIRES DAIS FOR EIGHT, WITH CENTRAL PODIUM & MICROPHONE]	PWB C-F (RND5-200)	ALL CONFEREES
1230-1630	<i>Tour 6: Perot Museum of Nature &amp; Science</i>	<i>Perot Museum (Dallas)</i>	<i>Spouses &amp; Guests</i>
1430-1500	NOMINATING CMTE TELLER ORIENTATION	RM 212 (HOL SQ-16)	TELLERS
1430-1510	NOMINATING CMTE NATIONAL CANDIDATE PRESENTATIONS	PWB C-F (RND5-200)	ALL CONFEREES
1520-1700	NOMINATING CMTE TELLER SUPPORT MEETING	RM 212 (HOL SQ-16)	TELLERS
1520-1700	NOMINATING CMTE DELEGATE VOTING	PWB C-F (RND5-200)	NOM CMTE & DELEG
1700-TBD	<i>Dinner at leisure</i>	<i>As desired</i>	<i>All Conferees</i>
1800-1900	Hann-Buswell Chapter Cocktails   <b>MESS DRESS/TUXEDO</b>   * REQUIRES ONE (1) BAR	TB I (HI/LO RND5-60)	H-B Mbrs & Guests
1900-2100	Hann-Buswell Chapter Dinner   <b>MESS DRESS/TUXEDO</b>   * SPEAKER: TBD. REQUIRES PODIUM/MICROPHONE	TB II (RND5-60)	H-B Mbrs & Guests

## SATURDAY, 17 AUGUST 2013

<i>As desired</i>	<i>Breakfast at leisure</i>	<i>As desired</i>	<i>All Conferees</i>
0730-0830	MEMORIAL SERVICE	PWB C-F (CLASS-200)	ALL CONFEREES
0900-0920	OPENING CEREMONIES, 2013 MOWW CONVENTION [JROTC HONOR GUARD] * REQUIRES DAIS FOR 8, WITH CENTRAL PODIUM & MICROPHONE	PWB C-F (CLASS-200)	ALL CONFEREES
0930-1150	MOWW CONVENTION—PART I (BUSINESS AGENDA) * REQUIRES DAIS FOR 8 WITH CENTRAL PODIUM & MICROPHONE	PWB C-F (CLASS-200)	ALL CONFEREES
1000-1500	<i>Tour 7: Shopping at Northpark Mall</i>	<i>Northpark Mall (Dallas)</i>	<i>Spouses &amp; Guests</i>
1200-1250	<i>Lunch at leisure</i>	<i>As desired</i>	<i>All Conferees</i>
1300-1530	MOWW CONVENTION—PART II (BUSINESS AGENDA) * REQUIRES DAIS FOR 8 WITH CENTRAL PODIUM & MICROPHONE	PWB D-F (CLASS-200)	ALL CONFEREES
1600-1650	<i>Non-Denominational Worship Service (w/Chaplain General)</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>All As Desired</i>
1800-1850	CINC's FORMAL RECEPTION   <b>MESS DRESS/TUXEDO</b>   * REQUIRES ADJACENT SPACE FOR RECEIVING LINE. REQUIRES TWO (2) BARS	TB I/II (HI/LO RND5-200)	ALL CONFEREES
1900-2100	MOWW INSTALLATION BANQUET   <b>MESS DRESS/TUXEDO</b>   [JROTC HONOR GUARD] * DSA SPEAKER/PRESENTATION; INSTALL NATIONAL OFFICERS/CINC. REQUIRES DAIS FOR 14, WITH CENTRAL PODIUM & MICROPHONE; ONE (1) BAR	PWB C-F (ROUNDS-200)	ALL CONFEREES

## POST-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES | DRESS: CASUAL |

## SUNDAY, 18 AUGUST 2013

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	ATTENDEES
0800-1150	POST—CONVENTION EXCOM MEETING (STRATEGIC PLANNING) * WORKING BREAKFAST	RM 209 (HOL SQ-16)	EXCOM MBRs
0800-0950	EXCOM SPOUSE/GUEST BREAKFAST	RM 212 (HOL SQ-16)	SPOUSE/GUEST
TBD	<i>Departure as desired</i>	<i>As Required</i>	<i>All Conferees</i>

NOTE 1: **SEMINAR** All Companions should attend all seminars

NOTE 2: **CHAPTER COMMANDER'S CALL** "For the good of the Order" discussion between the CINC and Chapter Commanders

NOTE 3: Core Convention Sessions

NOTE 4: Optional Tours

NOTE 5: Registration & Information Desk (Trinity Foyer) open daily (Tuesday-Saturday, 0900-1700)

NOTE 6: Hospitality Lounge (Rm. 209) open daily (Thursday-Saturday, 1700-1900, 2200-2400).

NOTE 7: Other meetings: maybe scheduled off-line by Companions as convention events permit

NOTE 8: FIRST FLOOR: PwB = Park West Ball Room (A-F); TB = Trinity Ballroom (I & II) | SECOND FLOOR: Room 209; Room 212

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# MOWW || 2013 Convention Tours

## WEDNESDAY 14 AUG

### Tour #1 Bear Creek Golf Club

"Top 50 Resort Courses in America"—Golf Digest.

0800 hrs-TBD Tee-Off: 0900 hrs



All events are limited to the first 57 people who sign up, with the exception of Tour #2 "Dallas Tour with Rose-Mary Rumbley" which is limited to the first 54 participants who sign up. Also, all tours must have a minimum of 40 participants. Cost per person assumes 57 passengers.

## WEDNESDAY 14 AUG



### Tour #2 Dallas Tour with Rose-Mary Rumbley

stories, she'll tell the history of Dallas as the tour goes through downtown then on to east Dallas to see the "Gem of Dallas - the Fair Park" with it's 1930s art-deco architecture. The tour will go through stately Oak Cliff then proceed to the Dallas-Ft. Worth National Cemetery in west Dallas.

Lunch will be at a first-class Dallas restaurant and is included in the tour which will be limited to the first 54 attendees who sign-up.

Price: \$55/Person (includes \$12-14 lunch and all tips) • Leave Hotel: 1000 hrs Return: 1500 hrs

Rose-Mary Rumbley is a well-known Dallas historian/humorist. Her five-hour Dallas Tour is certain to be a high-light from among the Special Events' offerings during the convention. Among her many

## THURSDAY 15 AUG

### Tour #3 Dallas Museum of Art and Nasher Sculpture Garden

The Dallas Museum of Art (DMA) is a collection containing over 22,000 works of art and sculpture from all cultures and time periods spanning 5,000 years of human creativity. Use your Wi-Fi-enabled phone in the galleries to access interactive content on selected works.



The Wendy and Emery Reves Collection includes paintings by impressionist, post-impressionist, and early modernist masters. Wendy, originally from East Texas, built a small replica of her Italian villa on the fourth floor of the DMA to display these masterpieces. There you will see one of the largest collections of papier-mâché, wood, mother of pearl and black lacquer furniture in the country. The dining room table is rumored to be one from Coco Chanel.

The restaurant in the atrium features a magnificent flower glass sculpture by Dale Chihuly.

#### THE NASHER SCULPTURE GARDEN

The world famous Nasher Sculpture Garden opened in 2003 and houses a collection of modern and contemporary sculpture in a beautiful building designed by Renzo Piano. This four-acre garden adjacent to the Dallas Museum of Art was the dream of Dallas philanthropist Ray Nasher and his wife Patsy.

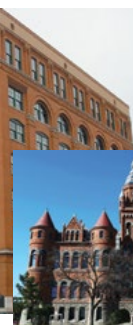
Price: \$35/Person • Lunch is OYO  
Leave Hotel: 1000 hrs Return: 1500 hrs



### Tour #4 6th Floor Museum & Tour Red Court House

For the history-buff, this step-back-in-time (50 years) tour will be an incredible experience. View the complete video, newspaper and historical events and items of the November 1963 assassination of President John F Kennedy. Hear the little told story of Jack Ruby, who shot Oswald and see actual footage taken from the scenes. There is a ninety-minute audio tour or you may download and use your cell phone for your own walking tour. You will also want to visit Dealy Plaza and the Kennedy Memorial (white building) which are across the street.

Price: \$35/Person • Lunch **before** leaving hotel /OYO  
Leave Hotel: 1200 hrs Return: 1630 hrs

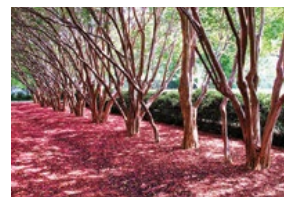


## FRIDAY 16 AUG

### Tour #5 Dallas Arboretum

Featuring 66-acres of spectacular gardens in a serene setting on White Rock Lake, the Dallas Arboretum is one of the city's most beautiful outdoor attractions. Wear comfortable walking shoes for a guided tour along the quiet walkways and hidden coves. Wheelchairs are available at no cost. An additional feature is a tour of the DeGolyer House, a 1940's style Spanish mansion located on the grounds. Be sure to take advantage of this true gem in the City of Dallas.

Price: \$49/Person • Box lunch is included  
Leave Hotel: 0830 hrs Return: 1430 hrs



### Tour #6 Perot Museum of Nature and Science

The Perot Museum of Nature and Science has five floors that house 11 permanent exhibit halls containing state-of-the-art video and 3-D computer animation with thrilling, life-like simulations where visitors can exercise their brains through hands-on activities, interactive kiosks and educational games.

The plinth level houses the Main Lobby complete with a 35-foot Malawisaurus fossil; access to a roof deck; the Café; a 300-seat, multimedia Theater; and the Store. Inside and out, the Museum will feature natural sustainability and environmental friendliness including a rainwater collection system, LED lighting and solar-powered water heating. Lunch on your own at the Museum or across the street at the famous El Fenix Mexican Restaurant.

Price: \$35/Person • Lunch is OYO • Leave Hotel: 1230 hrs Return: 1630 hrs

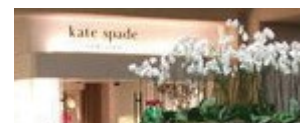


## SATURDAY 17 AUG

### Tour #7 North Park Shopping

The city of Dallas is noted for it's sense of fashion and high design. NorthPark Center exemplifies both qualities with a mix of retail, fine dining, art and unique promenades.

\$14 • Lunch is OYO • Leave Hotel: 1000 hrs Return: 1500 hrs





# Paying Our Debt Forward

VCINC COL CLAY C. LE GRANDE, JR., USA (RET)  
LTG MIDDLETON-BATON ROUGE CHAPTER (056), LA

Listening to a popular nationwide radio show every weekday afternoon one hears people exclaim, “*I’m Debt Free!*” What they really mean is that they are financially debt free, but that is not the totality of our obligations, is it? We all have many other obligations and responsibilities—family, civic and spiritual—just to name a few we all share.

Can we ever really be debt free from all of our obligations? No...because these obligations do not just concern how we manage our private affairs. They also involve public service. How we choose to honor these commitments largely defines us as individuals within our families and communities.

Every year we experience two national holidays—Memorial Day and Veterans Day. On these holidays, our nation acknowledges its debt to veterans who served and sacrificed to preserve our liberty and way of life. Yet, as these days’ events fade in memory in the days that follow, sometimes the commitment to pay our debt to veterans and serve succeeding generations fades.

How can this be? We have a debt to pay forward. Would our mortgage company be happy with two payments a year? Would our families be satisfied with loving concern twice yearly? Of course not.

Instead, we must pledge a continual contribution to pay the debt we owe to our veterans. We owe it to them to help build and support a greater America. MOWW does that by promoting good citizenship, patriotic education, and military and public service, and by promoting scouting, memorials, national and homeland security, and law & order. As Companions, we do these things together.

MOWW is uniquely able to assist you in paying your debt forward. How? MOWW is a Veteran Service Organization (VSO) with programs that focus on selfless service to others—especially America’s youth—as reflected in MOWW’s motto, “*It is nobler to serve than to be served.*”

Teaching our nation’s founding ideals to our youth is one of the most appropriate payments we can make on behalf of those who served and sacrificed for our nation. Our approach to recruiting new members should emphasize the point that our Order is a vehicle by which we can continually pay forward the debt we owe all veterans by serving America’s youth.



**LTG Herb Temple, USA (Ret), listens to Student Leaders at the 2012 Thousand Oaks (CA), Youth Leadership Conference.**

We cannot know now what great achievement the next new member we recruit or the next students we send to Youth Leadership Conferences will contribute to our nation. However, we do know they will be part of the Order’s continuing contribution to a patriotically educated citizenry, one steeped in the ideals that made this nation great and for which veterans so willingly served.

Becoming a Perpetual Membership and personally recruiting new Companions this and every year will ensure we continually honor our veterans by enshrining their service in the hearts of all citizens—especially America’s youth! ★



VCINC Le Grande was commissioned in the Adjutant Generals Corps and served in combat service support units from Company to Theater Level. His culminating assignment was Commander, 321st Theater Materiel Management Center, Third Army forces in the Middle East & Southwest Asia. Within the LTG Middleton Chapter, he served as Vice Commander for Youth Leadership, Vice Commander for Membership, and as Chapter Commander. He is currently serving his second year as Louisiana Department Commander and Region VII Adjutant, and he is a VCINC of MOWW.

# MOWW || Baileyisms

## Customs & Courtesy



LT COL BRUCE M. BAILEY, USAF (FMR)  
DALLAS (069) CHAPTER, TX

As an RB-47 crew, we were constantly subjected to survival and interrogation training. That usually involved several days of being thrown into a POW-type confinement, and being bombarded with threats, interrogation, psychological manipulation and physical stress and more.



**US POW training camp**  
Source: Author's personal collection

We were put into full-scale POW camps or makeshift stockades (such as being stuffed into wall lockers for cells) or confined in darkened, sealed buildings. There we were interrogated intensely and subjected to many forms of mental

and physical stress in an attempt to break us.

During one of those ordeals, USAF U-2 and RB-57 crews and some RAF aircrews were commingled. We had been run through the mill pretty thoroughly and seen some new tricks. In one interrogation room, there was a long, high counter with the interrogators sitting behind it. There was a row of bright floodlights behind the interrogators, so we could not see their faces or much of anything really.

We had to strip down to nothing but our shoes and stand at attention in front of the counter. Standing there, totally nude, we were questioned intently. We kept our cool and did not wilt under the barrage of questions, threats and bright lights. They had to do something about that.

What they did next was designed to shake us up, embarrass us, destroy our bearing and reestablish their control. In the midst of a flood of questions, all went silent and a single female voice shot a barb at an RAF sergeant.

The realization that a female was behind the counter was intended to rattle us badly. She gruffly asked the sergeant, "Sergeant, don't you salute when in the presence of an officer?"

The Sarge shot back, "No ma'am, not wi' out me friggin' 'at!" That pretty well ended that session of interrogation. ★



*Lt Col Bailey served two years in Marine Corps infantry, then transferred to the Air Force where he was an Electronics Warfare Officer (RB-47s, RB-57s, RC-135s and DC-130s). He was involved in the U-2 and SR-71 programs.*





## MOWW || Chief's Notes

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



# SERVE IN MOWW LEADERSHIP POSITIONS!

### ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

The 2013 National MOWW Convention is coming in August 2013. Between now and then, every Companion has the opportunity to fulfill the promise of MOWW's motto, "*It is nobler to serve than to be served*," by volunteering for elected or appointed national office.

- These elected and appointed offices include National Officers, General Staff Officers, National Committees Chairs and Vice Chairs, and National Committee members.
- Please email the following Companions with your volunteer preferences:
  - o PCINC COL Phil St. Amant (Chair, National Nomination Committee) at [pastamant@aol.com](mailto:pastamant@aol.com)
  - o IPCINC CAPT Russell Vowinkel (Vice Chair, National Nomination Committee) at [rcv3515@aol.com](mailto:rcv3515@aol.com)
  - o Brig Gen Art Morrill (MOWW Chief of Staff) at [mowwcs@comcast.net](mailto:mowwcs@comcast.net)

### NATIONAL CITATIONS

EVERY Commander in MOWW—at every level—can recognize Companions excellence by nominating those Companions for a National Citation.

Chapter commanders should submit their nomination as a one-page Microsoft Word.doc attachment to an email addressed to [mowwcs@comcast.net](mailto:mowwcs@comcast.net), Subject: "2013 National Citation Nomination." Please refer MOWW Policy Manual Handbook, Chapter 10, for additional guidance. Nomination contents include:

- Nominated Companion's full name, rank, service and chapter name.

- Narrative National Citation nomination of approximately 5-8 sentences.
- Nominating commander's full rank, name.

HQ MOWW prepares all National Citations, and the CINC presents them during the Business Session of the National Convention.

PS: Don't forget about Silver Patrick Henry Awards, Outstanding Service Awards, Certificates of Appreciation, too!

### DELEGATES TO NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Commanders should be completing two important Convention-related forms.

- MOWW Form 22, Convention Delegate Appointment. The chapter's convention delegate(s) must present this completed form at the Convention Registration Desk in the convention registration area, at which time an identification device will be issued to permit the delegate to vote.
- MOWW Form 23, Chapter Nominating Committee Primary / Alternate Members. The Chapter's Nominating Committee member must present this completed form at the Nominating Committee Registration Desk in the Convention Registration area prior to the Nominating Committee meeting or at the Committee Registration desk outside the Nominating Committee meeting room at the time of the Committee meeting.

### GENERAL STAFF EMERITUS

Eligible Companions may apply for General Staff Emeritus status. Refer to the MOWW Policy Manual for guidance and use MOWW Form 7, "General Staff Emeritus Application," to apply. Send applications to: [mowwcs@comcast.net](mailto:mowwcs@comcast.net)



## MOWW || Chief's Notes

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CHIEF OF STAFF, MOWW



## PRE-CONVENTION ACTIONS

**The National MOWW Convention (14-17 August 2013) is fast approaching, and all Companions in the Military Order should be preparing for it.**

1. **Join your friends at the national convention!**  
We hope every Commander in the Order attends, and every chapter in the Order has at least one representative attend.
2. **Honor chapter and individual excellence!**  
Every chapter should prepare and submit chapter and individual award packages, National Officer and Commander Reports, and Convention Delegate and Nominating Committee credentials.
3. **Make your convention arrangements today!** This includes your travel & lodging arrangements, and registering for the convention & tours.

### MAY

- ✓ **15 MAY:** Chapter commanders submit recommendations for Companions to be designated Emeritus, as appropriate.
- ✓ **15 MAY:** Commanders at all levels submit National Citation recommendations to HQ MOWW. Note: Every region, department, state or chapter commander may present Outstanding Service Awards to deserving and eligible Companions. Please see the MOWW Policy Manual, Chapter 10, for further guidance.  
*NOTE: Late submissions will not be included in the 2013 Convention Book.*
- ✓ **30 MAY:** Commanders at all levels prepare Convention Delegate Appointment credentials (MOWW Form 22).  
*NOTE: Present at the convention.*
- ✓ **30 MAY:** Commanders at all levels prepare Chapter Nominating Committee Member/

Alternate credentials (MOWW Form 23).  
*NOTE: Present at the convention.*

### JUNE

- ✓ **1 JUN:** Chapter commanders must submit their annual report to their region, department and state commanders
- ✓ **15 JUN:** CINC, SVCINC, VCINC's and National Officers must submit their annual report ([word.doc only](#)) to HQ MOWW/CS via email. *NOTE: Late reports are not included in the 2013 Convention Book.*
- ✓ **15 JUN:** Region Commanders must submit their annual report ([word.doc only](#)) to HQ MOWW/CS via email. *NOTE: Late reports are not included in the 2013 Convention Book.*
- ✓ **20 JUN:** Chapter commanders should submit organizational, program and individual award packages to applicable national committees. *Note: Late submissions are not considered.*
- ✓ **30 JUN:** National Committees must submit recipients of their respective committee's awards to HQ MOWW.  
*Note: Late submissions are not considered.*





# MOWW || Chaplain's Pulpit

## Optimism

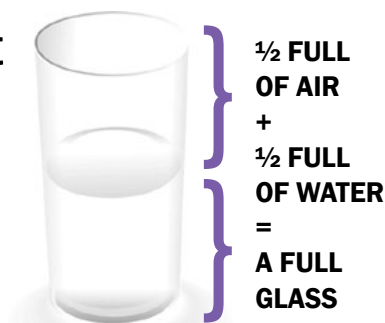
CAPT THEODORE O. ATWOOD, JR., CHC, USN (RET)  
SAN DIEGO (100) CHAPTER, CA

On Memorial Day, we recall those who made the supreme sacrifice. We miss them even as we honor them. The circumstances that led to their sacrifice, and recent events in Boston and elsewhere, might prompt some to say we live in challenging times. Others might say, "Who hasn't, and who won't?" I would simply say that while we will always face challenges, we should still celebrate the good people and things in life, and be positive in our outlook.

The dictionary in my library defines "optimism" as "The tendency to hope for the best or to take a favorable view of circumstances or prospects." This doctrine was first put forward by the German philosopher and mathematician Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz, who wrote the "actual world is the best of all possible worlds that could have been created."

As we know, the opposite of optimism is pessimism. Lebanese born American philosophical essayist Kahlil Gibran put these divergent positions in proper perspective when he observed, "The optimist sees the rose and not the thorns; the pessimist stares at the thorns, oblivious to the rose." Similarly, the American psychologist and philosopher, William James concluded, "Pessimism leads to weakness, optimism to power."

In America, one of the most visible symbols of optimism is a civic club founded in Buffalo in 1911. Its 2,900 chapters are known in their communities for their upbeat attitudes. They place strong emphasis on children, by imparting hope and portraying a positive vision for them. The club's creed reads, in part, "Promise yourself to be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind ... to look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true ... to forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future." This is great advice, and it certainly captures what we hope for as Companions of the Military Order dedicated to serving others—especially youth.



My great (x 4) Grandfather, Captain John Mor McIntosh, was the commander of General James Oglethorpe's Scottish Highlander Guard. Thus, I am inclined to things Scottish. Four years ago, two parishioners of mine returned from Scotland and shared an experience they had. It seems Edinburgh celebrates the New Year via a four-day party known as Edinburgh's Hogmanay. A facet of the celebration was "A Market of Optimism," where a special currency was dispensed (the Neuro) which could be used to purchase an "optimism renewal contract" and time at the Bile Cannon. Regarding the latter, people write down things that worry them on small pieces of paper and place them in the cannon. They fire the cannon and those worries shot to the winds!

As one who finds Country & Western music to be a helpful diversion from life's hectic pace, I was glad to come across the wisdom of Jimmy Dean, who said, "I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination." Winston Churchill expanded on that thought when he said, "For myself, I am an optimist – it does not seem to be much use being anything else."

As we sail across the sea of life, we can gain much wisdom left to us by the legendary American jurist, Oliver Wendell Holmes, who wrote, "To reach the port of heaven, we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against the wind—but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor." ★



*Ted Atwood, a native of Augusta (GA), commenced his Naval career when he enlisted as a Seaman Recruit in the Naval Reserve as a High School senior. He served two years of active duty and was discharged as a Machinist Mate, Third Class. He was later commissioned as an Ensign (Probationary) while a Theological student in Berkeley (CA). He returned to active duty in 1969 and served with the Marine Corps in Vietnam. He retired in 1989 with 35 years total Naval Service. He resides in San Diego (CA).*

# Do Penguins Have Knees?

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

When I was a young man, my father asked me, “Do penguins have knees?” At the time, it was amusing and nothing more. As I grow older, I realize that being in cold weather and constantly walking with that unsteady wobble must hurt and get worse over time. Recently I was on a tour of the aircraft carrier USS Midway in conjunction with this year’s rewardingly educational and socially successful annual meeting. Walking around the ship’s 900-foot periphery through hatches every 12-feet with at least foot-high sills, I must have done the equivalent of 1000 deep knee bends. Life’s wear and tear, some extra weight and a little competitive school football made me aware of the wear out factor—and just how useful good knees are.

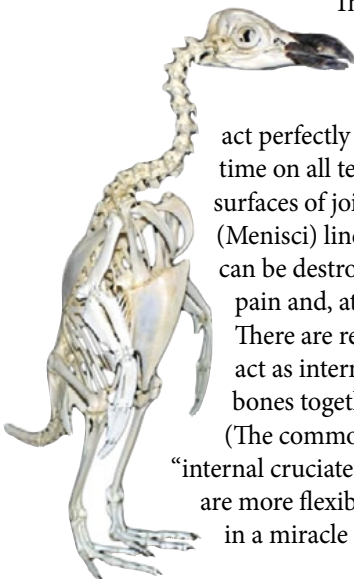
Technically, our knee is the flexible junction between the upper and lower leg. Many elements provide stability and support. The knee is a hinge joint with a twisting screw movement at the end of its range of motion. Disease and injury affect knees. Arthritis, both auto-immune (there are many varieties) and mechanical (wear and tear) can occur. Trauma, over time or a suddenly-caused “derangement,” can lead to a lifetime of distress.

Three bones form the knee:  
femur (upper leg bone), tibia  
(main lower leg bone), and  
patella (kneecap). They must

act perfectly and in synchronization all the time on all terrain. Cartilage lines the inner surfaces of joints. Thick fibrous shock absorbers (Menisci) line the actual contact surfaces and can be destroyed or torn, leading to immobility, pain and, at the least, clicking with motion.

There are relatively solid ligament cables that act as internal and external braces to tie the bones together inside and outside the joint.

(The common “ACL Tear” occurs when the “internal cruciate ligament” ruptures.) Muscles that are more flexible surround this joint, and move it in a miracle of form and function.



How does one diagnose when something is wrong? First, one examines the nature of the injury, the history of the problem and length of time it has existed. Second, one physically bends and stresses the various parts. Other forms of examination include X-rays, various types of scans or to actually look in the joint with a scope. Any fluid (traumatic or infectious) can be aspirated and a biopsy taken of diseased tissue.

Treatment: fix what is broken or destroyed. This simple concept gets one into complex medical conditions such as autoimmune problems, or finding ways to influence the growth and shape of the joint structures. Surgically, one may fix a break, remove or replace a torn cartilage, splice a ligament, or wire a kneecap to establish stability.

The knee is a tremendous and powerful lever. That is why surgeons try to save the knee if possible. Extreme conditions may suggest total knee replacement, which has complications of its own. Physical and strengthening therapy also has a place. Playing sports, riding motorcycles etc., requires knee protection. One can switch to low impact activities, wear supportive devices (custom supportive shoes and stockings are worth the cost). Non-steroidal and steroidal injections are also helpful but are temporary fixes. The bottom line: protect yourself and adjust your activities to protect your knees.

P.S. Yes, penguins do have knees. ★



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 || Chapters in Action



|| GREATER KANSAS CITY (087), MISSOURI

### First Stop

BY COL JAMES M. TOBIN, USA (RES)

In November, Companions toured the Eisenhower Presidential Library & Eisenhower Museum in Abilene, KS. Started in 1962, it includes a Visitor Center, Dwight D. Eisenhower's boyhood home, the Place of Meditation (where Mamie is entombed), and the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum.



|| SAN DIEGO (100), CALIFORNIA

### Troop 622 Eagle Scout Recipients

BY SVCINC CAPT DEBORAH KASH, USAF (RET)

Chapter Commander Col Clark Kholos, USAF (Ret), stands with 2012 Eagle Scout recipients from San Diego's BSA Troop 622 at their 6 Jan 13 Eagle Court of Honor ceremony. Troop 622 has a rich history filled with many fine traditions that distinguish it among other troops in the council. No tradition is finer, however, than that which has earned the Troop its well deserved nickname of "The Troop of the Eagles." To date, Troop 622 has advanced over 120 scouts to the rank of Eagle Scout.

**The troop's 2012 Eagle Scout recipients were Matthew S. Weir, Ajay Nathan, Derek Michael Bozym, Duncan C. Williams and Jack H. Bell.**



|| MG MEADE (026), MARYLAND

### Single-Day Law and Order YLC

Maryland high school students from Anne Arundel and Howard Counties met with Companion MG Gary D. Maynard, USA NG, Maryland's Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, during the recent Single-Day "Law and Order" Youth Leadership Conference (YLC). Retired Judge 1LT Norman E. Johnson, Jr., USA (Ret), a member of the MG Meade Chapter, initiated and sponsored this Single-Day YLC. Other law and order dignitaries the students met with and heard from were: Judge Robert M. Bell, Chief Judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals; Judge Timothy Meredith of the Maryland Court of Special Appeals; Ms. Leslie Gradet, Clerk of the Court of Special Appeals, and Ms. Jennifer Wazenski, Assistant Attorney General and Principal Counsel to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. The students also were given a tour of the Maryland Law Library and its Special Collection of rare, law books and Audubon prints by the Library's Director, Mr. Stephen Anderson.

**Judge Norman Johnson (5th from the left), and MG Gary D. Maynard, USA NG, (7th from the left) with student attendees of the YLC.**



# MOWW || Chapters in Action



|| AUGUSTA (168), GEORGIA

## New "Ethics Bowl" a Great Success

BY CINC LTC GARY ENGEN, USA (RET)

The 1st Annual Central Savannah River Area (CSRA) High School Ethics Bowl, held 2 Feb 13, was a resounding success! Six CSRA high school JROTC teams competed in the day-long event, debating ethical issues from off-shore drilling safety, to SAT requirements, polar bears, and major league baseball hall-of-fame steroid prohibitions. By the end of the day, Elbert County High School was the clear winner, having gone undefeated in each of the five matches throughout the day. CSRA includes a 13-county region in the state of Georgia and five counties in South Carolina.)

**Row 1, Elbert County JROTC Team (L-R): Cadet Dallas Yeargin, Sam Heydinger, Cadet Clay Carlton, Cadet Jacob Heydinger and Cadet Tyler Segars; Row 2 (L-R): CPT James Brady, III, USA (Fmr)-MOWW Augusta; LT Richard Herdegen, USA (Ret)-MOWW Augusta; Rev (Dr) Gregory Francisco, Archbishop to the United States Armed Forces and Department of Defense; CINC LTC Gary Engen, USA (Ret)-MOWW Augusta; Dr. Ja'net Bishop, Dr. Steven Weiss, Robert Sherwood, Major(R) Edward Lovin Elberton County Team Advisor, Ms. Karenann Amster-MOWW Augusta; Dr. Aman Kay; Ms. Gigi Davis; Ms. Jennifer O'Leary, and Mr. Reggie Shannon.**



|| GREATER BOSTON (004), MASSACHUSETTS

## Chapter Welcomes 2LT Patrick J. Lupfer, USA

GREATER BOSTON NEWSLETTER

Our newest Perpetual Member is 2LT Patrick J. Lupfer, USA, was commissioned on 12 Jan 13 and became a MOWW Companion on the same date. The Officers of the Chapter voted to extend an offer of complimentary Perpetual Membership to LT Lupfer based on his academic accomplishments and his performance in the ROTC program. He graduated *magna cum laude* and received recognition as Cadet of the Year (ranking first on the "National Order of Merit" list outperforming 5,579 Cadets).

**Following the commissioning (L-R): CPT William Maloney, USA (Fmr); LTC Walton Stamper, USA (Ret); proud parents Patrick and Nancy Lupfer, 2LT Patrick Lupfer, Department of Massachusetts Commander CDR Robert Gillen, USN (Ret).**



|| GEN VANDENBERG (213), CA

## New Companion Jumps In

BY CPT RICHARD B. HATHCOCK, USA (FMR)

CPT Dick Hathcock inducted Maj Herbert Lucas, USAF (Ret), as a new Companion of the Order. Before joining the US Air Force, Maj Lucas was an enlisted NCO with the 82d Airborne who jumped into Normandy on D Day and jumped in every airborne landing the 82d participated in, including operation "Market Garden."

**(L-R): CPT Richard B. Hathcock, USA (Fmr), Maj Herbert Lucas, USAF (Ret), with sponsor PCINC COL Jack B. Jones, USA (Ret).**

# MOWW || Chapters in Action



|| G/A BRADLEY & SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, CA

**“...MOWW was featured on every radio and television station in America that night.”**

BY SVCINC CAPT DEBORAH KASH, USAF (RET)

PCINC CDR (DR) Hans von Leden at the joint meeting of the G/A Omar Bradley (186) and San Fernando Valley (134) Chapters with SVCINC Capt Debbie Kash, USAF (Ret). CDR von Leden spoke at the meeting, sharing when he was CINC (1962–63), Senator Barry Goldwater announced his candidacy for President of the United States at the MOWW National Convention. Senator Goldwater was the first recipient of the Order's Distinguished Service Award.



|| COL WOOLSEY (113), CALIFORNIA

## Special 17th Annual Veteran's Day Military Ball

BY BGEN FREDERICK LOPEZ, USMC (RET)

The Pierre Claeysens Veteran's Museum & Library presented its 17th Annual Military Ball on 6 Feb 13. The ball marked the 236th anniversary of the formation of the US Marine Corps and honored all veterans of foreign wars. MOWW Companions hosted the VIP reception prior to the start of the ball and Companions held major roles in the program.

**(L-R): Companions LT John Blankenship, USN (Ret) of the Pierre Claeysens Veteran's Museum; Maj Jose Ramirez, USMC (Ret); BGen Frederick Lopez, USMC (Ret); CDR Charles Huff, USN (Ret).**



|| LTG MIDDLETON (056), LOUISIANA

## A Chapter Honors Its Commanders

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

On 2 Apr 13 the Chapter met at the City Club of Baton Rouge for its regular monthly meeting. Dr. Randy Gurie, Executive Director, Cadets of the Ole War Skule provided a presentation on the history of the LSU (Louisiana State University) Cadet Corps. He described the corps' role in supporting the nation and university from its inception to the present. The LTG Middleton Chapter is active in supporting the local high school JROTC and college ROTC programs throughout Louisiana with annual Outstanding Cadet Awards. During the meeting the chapter honored those individuals that had served as the local chapter commander. Seven of the past commanders were present for the meeting.

**Past Chapter Commanders of the LTG Middleton Chapter, (L-R): Lt Col Phil Collins, COL Van Mayhall, GSO-E COL Ted Grant, VCINC COL Clay Le Grande, PCINC COL Phil St. Amant II, Region VII Cdr LTC Shaun McGarry, and Chapter Cdr COL Ulysses "Shelby" Hargrove.**



# MOWW || Chapters in Action



DALLAS (069), TEXAS

## Portrait of a Warrior Memorial Gallery

BY LTC DON B. MUNSON, USA (RET)



On a quiet street in Baytown, 20 minutes from Houston, there is a nondescript storefront that contains hundreds of portraits of fallen Texas warriors—and more emotion than is possible to describe. It's all the work of a humble American patriot. His name is Ken Pridgeon. The Chapter recently presented a MOWW Silver Patrick Henry Medallion to Ken “The Dauber” Pridgeon and a contribution of \$500 for him to continue his project.

Ken is a former commercial sign painter, who earned the nickname “The Dauber” for his work on off-shore oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico. Now, while he describes himself as “retired,” he works more than 14-hours a day painting portraits of fallen

Texas warriors from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

He knows about their lives well enough that he calls these fallen heroes his “boys and girls” and he talks to them. He calls each one “A Portrait of a Warrior.” When he arrives each morning, he tells the portrait of Shane Martin (one of his boys), “Shane, let’s paint today!” Then, he spends the next 14 hours painting, sometimes forgetting to eat. Ken’s paintings are not just portraits. He includes their hobbies and interests, their friends, their families’ favorite memories; all can be seen in the portrait that Ken lovingly captures in careful, colorful brush strokes.

What began as a favor to a friend became a passion and a calling. Ken has committed himself to paint a portrait of each of the more than 500 Texas fallen heroes, Ken donates each magnificent portrait to the spouse or parents. He refuses to accept payments for the paintings saying “it would be disrespectful”.

As one parent said, “Ken’s portrait ensures that our son’s life will inspire us, forever.”

**(L-R): Chapter CDR Capt Lyle Mueller, USMC (Ret); LTC Chuck Chamberlin, USA (Ret); Mr. Ken Pridgeon; Capt Dave Darelius, USAF (Fmr); GSO LTC Don Munson, USA (Ret).**

**Inset: Ken Pridgeon’s portrait of CPT Ed W. “Too Tall” Freeman, USA (Ret), who received the Medal of Honor for his actions in the Battle of Ia Drang during the Vietnam War on 14 Nov 65, while serving with Company A, 229th Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile). His Medal of Honor Citation reads in part, “After medical evacuation helicopters refused to fly into the area due to intense enemy fire, CPT Freeman flew 14 separate rescue missions, providing life-saving evacuation of an estimated 30 seriously wounded soldiers—some of whom would not have survived had he not acted.”**



VIRGINIA PIEDMONT (030), VA

## “Every Friday Since 30 Oct 01—and Counting”

BY CPT NEIL BOHNERT, USA (FMR)

Beginning in October 2001, MOWW Companions gather each Friday at Monument Terrace in Lynchburg, VA, for an hour of remembrance and to show support for all our nation’s deployed troops.



# MOWW || Chapters in Action



|| SUN CITY CENTER (226), FLORIDA

## Swinging on a Star

BY CAPT B. FRANK KEPLEY, USN (RET)

In appreciation of the Preamble's "To foster fraternal relations among all branches of the armed forces," the Chapter hosted a formal military ball and welcomed other area veterans associations and special guests. The evening featured a patriotic program and entertainment. Chapter Companions enjoyed dinner and dancing, then gathered for a group photograph.



|| WEST VALLEY (131), ARIZONA

## A Time for Remembrance—A Massing of the Colors

BY CPT FREDERICK J. RAMSAY, USA (FMR)

The Massing of the Colors was a great success! The Peoria High School AFJROTC students executed a moving POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony. Music was provided by the Peoria High School Band and keynote speaker, Arizona's Secretary of State Ken Bennett also played guitar and sang a special song dedicated to honor veterans.

(L-R): Sun City West served as a beautiful backdrop; Peoria HS AFJROTC POW-MIA Table; MOWW SVCINC Capt Debbie Kash, USAF (Ret), with Secretary of State, Ken Bennett.



|| PINSON MEMORIAL (233), TEXAS

## Pinson Memorial Chapter in the 2012 Dallas Veterans Day Parade

BY LTC ARTHUR B. FOWLER, USAR (RES)

Chapter Companion Kenneth Robinson rolled his 1967 Buick Riviera into position number 90, behind the MOWW banner and Companion COL Jim Methered's USA (Ret), Mesquite Jaguar Battalion Color Guard. This year's theme was honoring the Doolittle Raiders, and in keeping with this, a B-25 bomber like those used in the raid flew over downtown Dallas during the parade.



## MOWW || VA: Have You Heard?

### Care and Benefits for Veterans Strengthened by \$153 Billion VA Budget



#### A LOOK at the BUDGET

Continuing the transformation of the Department of Veterans Affairs into a 21st century organization, the President has proposed a \$152.7 billion budget, a 10.2 percent increase over FY 2013. This budget will support VA's goals to expand access to health care and other benefits, eliminate the disability claims backlog, and end homelessness among veterans. The budget includes \$66.5 billion in discretionary spending, largely for healthcare, and \$86.1 billion for mandatory programs—mostly disability compensation and pensions for veterans.

### VA Will Use 'Preliminary Findings' To Reduce Verification Denials of Veteran-Owned Small Businesses



To speed eligibility determinations of veteran-owned small businesses for Department of Veterans Affairs' "Veterans First" contracts, VA will allow applicants the opportunity to correct minor deficiencies before an initial denial is issued. Starting May 1, VA began providing preliminary findings to applicants before completing a comprehensive review of their

submissions. This is expected to greatly reduce the number of VA's initial denials and subsequent requests for reconsideration from companies.

Firms that would be denied based on easily corrected issues will receive a preliminary finding before a determination letter of eligibility is issued. They will have 48 hours to respond with their intent to correct and resubmit the documents within a specified timeframe. All Veteran-owned companies receiving preliminary findings will be encouraged to work with verification-assistance counselors to address identified issues that might result in denial.

CVE has initiated a series of limited pilots to exercise and refine this new process for applying for verification as a veteran-owned small business. The program is aimed at eliminating a large percentage of verification denials that are due to single points of failure.

As VA has improved the program and processes, the average time to initial determination has been reduced from more than 130 days during the summer of 2011 to an average of 46 days for those applications completed last month.

This is the most recent initiative aimed at improving the verification process. In June 2012, Secretary Shinseki announced that VA would double the amount of time - from one year to two years - before the owners of service-disabled, Veteran-owned small businesses

and Veteran-owned small businesses had to re-verify their status with VA.

VA encourages feedback on the process and will post additional information and the listing of easily correctable issues on [www.VetBiz.gov](http://www.VetBiz.gov). CVE has also established a help desk service to address questions at 202-303-3260.

### VA Launches Hotline to Answer Questions on VA Health Care and Benefits for Women Veterans



The VA has launched a new hotline —1-855-VA-WOMEN — to receive and respond to questions from veterans, their families and caregivers about the many VA services and resources available to women veterans. The hotline is staffed by knowledgeable VA employees who can provide information about benefits including health care services for women. Callers can be linked to information on claims, education or health care appointments as well as information about VA cemeteries and memorial benefits. Staff can answer urgent questions and provide referrals to homeless and mental health services as well as provide Vet Center information. The service began accepting calls on April 23, 2013. ★

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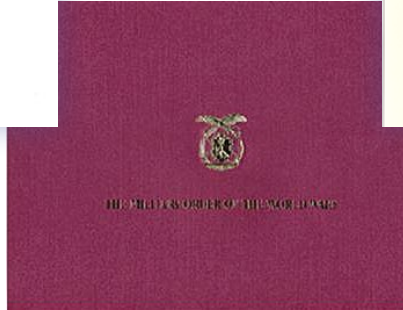
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