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# Motivation Results in Action

November is a very special month for each of us and our Military Order. Thanksgiving is a day to assemble with family and friends to give thanks for our many blessings. Veterans Day is a time to celebrate those who have served or are serving in the United States Armed Forces.

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed 11 November as the first anniversary of Armistice Day. It marked the anniversary of the end of World War I, at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill establishing it as a Federal holiday and Congress amended the Act on 1 June 1954, replacing the word “Armistice” with “Veterans.” It has been known as Veterans Day since.

Most communities recognize and honor our veterans on Veterans Day. This is a great opportunity for our Companions and chapters to organize or participate in programs honoring our veterans. Veterans Day activities incorporate many aspects of our Preamble, including memories and associations, patriotism, patriotic education, fraternal relations of the Armed Forces, record of service, commemorations, and memorials. They also help in achieving our Strategic Goals (membership recruitment, Companion participation, outreach, MOWW visibility, and recognition).

Past MOWW activities have included parades, Massing of Colors, cookouts, social events, plaques, presentations of certificates, and much more. This year, it was my honor to represent the Order at the 2014 Veterans Day observances at Arlington National Cemetery in our nation’s capital. After the 11th Hour Program in the Memorial Amphitheater, I and other leaders of Veterans Service Organization placed wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknowns—a moving experience.

Companions, the wreath laying is an unforgettable experience and a highlight of my year as your CINC. The day’s activities ended with a memorial service at the grave of General of the Armies John J. Pershing. This event is attended by military attachés representing our World War I Allies. Thanks to the MG Meade Chapter for organizing this service.

I wish you and your family a great November. It is a month to give thanks and honor veterans; that is *MOTIVATION*. Planning, conducting, and attending activities—this month and throughout the year; that is *ACTION*.

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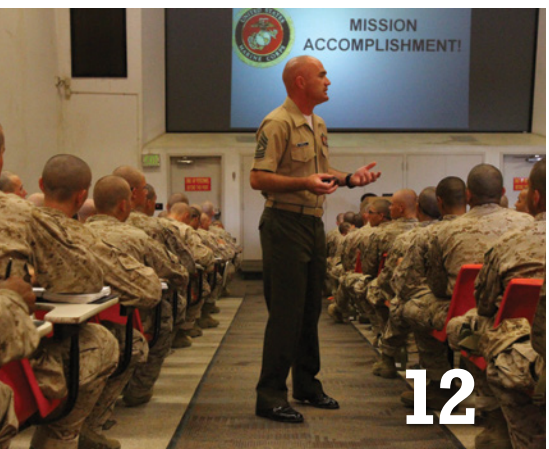
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**The Battle of Khe Sanh, Vietnam, 1968**  
Source: NARA



## PART I

## Underappreciated Patriot

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Original portrait of Nathanael Greene painted from life in 1783 by Charles Wilson Peale.

Our nation's battle for independence during the eighteenth century is a story frequently told and studied. Understandably, at the forefront is George Washington—patriot, commander, and leader—identified as our nation's "founding father" by virtue of his titles, General of the Continental Army and the first American President. Washington was seemingly everywhere during those formative days. For Americans young and old alike, his name alone emits a comforting impression of honor, pride, and success despite facing overwhelming odds at every turn. Unlike Washington, however, many note-worthy patriots during our revolutionary period are often over-looked and thus deemed inconsequential despite their remarkable contributions of selfless sacrifice, determination, and duty during our nation's formative years.

It is highly doubtful many Americans today have ever heard of Nathanael Greene, at one time the de facto second-in-command of the Continental Army behind Washington. Perhaps Greene's fate in the revolutionary era story rests with his own laurels in command. Many historians point out that General Greene never won a major battle against the British, and therein lays the rub—if you do not "win," then you have done nothing worthwhile. Yet, General Greene's battlefield contributions such as logistical expertise, prudent decisions, and timely troop support ultimately propelled the Continental Army to success against superior British troops, including confrontations with General Cornwallis' forces in the South.

Considering his background of little formal schooling and scant military education, Nathanael Greene is an anomaly of our nation's military historical figures. Born in 1742 in Warwick (formerly Potowomut), Rhode Island, his Quaker parents believed in pacifism, hard work, and minimal education. Working at his father's iron forge business that produced chains and ship anchors, Greene had little opportunity for schooling. However, he was quite inquisitive and became a self-taught reader, eventually acquiring a passion for books; during his lifetime, Nathanael accumulated over two hundred volumes. As he developed his English language skills, Greene gained considerable confidence with using the written word to his advantage, attributes he often called upon during his years of military service.

In 1775, the year the Revolutionary War began, Greene rejected his Quaker pacifism and became a citizen-soldier. That same year in June, the Rhode Island General Assembly appointed him the rank of brigadier general and commander of that colony's "Army of Observation." At the age of thirty-two, Greene became our country's youngest general. Soon, he joined George Washington at the siege of Boston, gaining valuable troop and command experience under Washington's tutelage. So, what was it about this young, self-taught ironworker which propelled him to key leadership positions, high rank, and command roles with seemingly more experienced and better, military-educated men ready to lead and ahead of Greene?

Greene's military journey began with the Boston Tea Party incident of 1773. Though limited in availability, he purchased and borrowed any military text he could get his hands on, reading drill manuals, stories of famous battles, and biographies of great soldiers. Subsequently, he developed a theoretical knowledge of war, including the importance of battlefield logistics and troop supply, which impressed his fellow Rhode Island citizens. Next, Greene organized and drilled a local volunteer outfit named the Kentish Guards. When not selected as an officer due to a limp caused by a childhood injury, he enlisted as a private in order to prove himself. After his selection in 1775 by the assembly to serve on a committee to prepare Rhode Island's defenses, Greene won respect for his extensive military knowledge and promising leadership qualities. Thus, Nathanael Greene seemed a logical choice to command three army regiments.

General Washington, impressed with Greene's military wisdom and strategic insight, tagged him for future responsibilities in the Continental Army. Yet, despite a promotion to major general in 1776, Greene's first year commanding was unimpressive. At Manhattan, he lost Fort Mifflin to the British, and retreated with General Washington across New Jersey. Greene did regain his reputation somewhat in December 1776 by helping Washington plan and carry out an attack against the British at Trenton. Over the next few months, he made himself indispensable to Washington by taking on numerous duties, including fighting and leading units in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown. In camp with Washington during the Valley Forge winter of 1777-1778, General Greene began honing his skills as future logistician and chief supplier for the Army.

Even Washington, who chose the winter encampment location, called Valley Forge a dreary kind of place and uncomfortably provided. Without proper shelter, clothing, food, and transportation system, the Continental Army may not survive. Greene wrote to General McDougall on 27 January 1778, "Our troops are naked, we have been upon the eve of starving and the Army of mutinying. Our horses are dying by dozens every day for the want of Forage, and the men getting sickly in their Hutts [sic] for the want of acids and Soap to clean themselves."

Soldiers died by the hundreds, while horse carcasses rotted in the snow. Horses—the primary means of transportation for hauling supplies, artillery canons, and cavalry troops—were a key logistical concern for Army leadership, and General Greene understood this all too well. Writing on 12 February 1778, General Washington

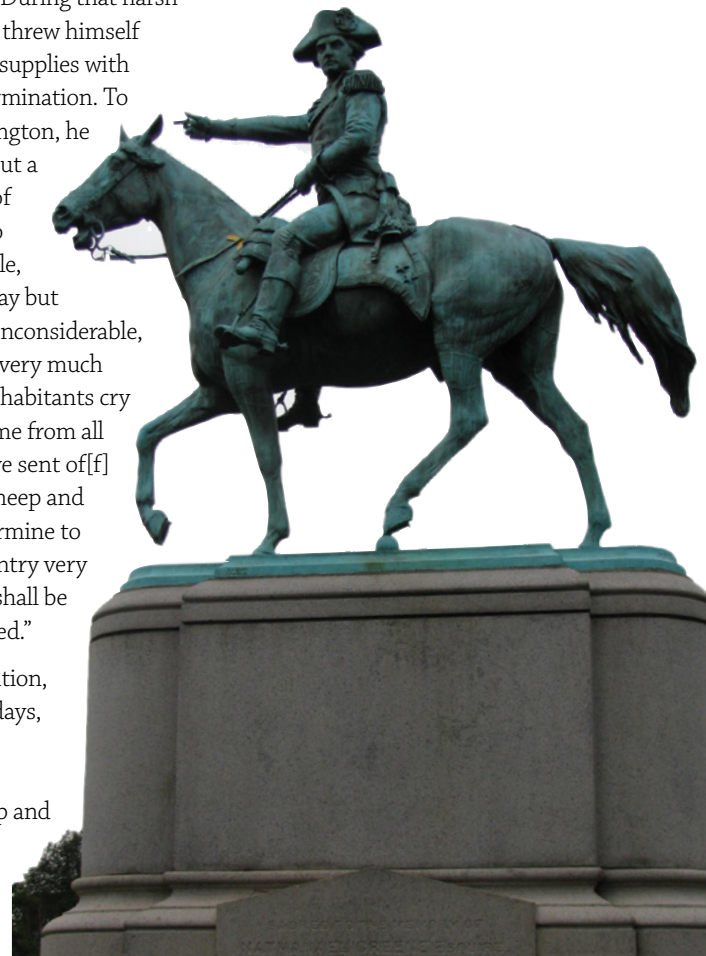
turned to Greene during this crisis to, "Authorise [sic] impower [sic] and Command you forthwith to take Carry off and secure all such Horses as are suitable for Cavalry or for Draft...together with every kind of Forage that may be found in possession of any of the Inhabitants within the Aforesaid Limits Causing Certificates to be given to each person for the Number Value and Quantity of the horses cattle Sheep...so taken."

Troops needed food (also referred to as forage), and the animals, including horses, needed forage in order to survive. Moving supplies required strong, healthy horses to pull loaded wagons. Although Washington stressed respecting civilian property wherever they went, military necessity often required impressment, or direct seizure, of food, wagons, and animals from local citizens. Yet, often the compensation given back to the locals was devalued Continental money, or perhaps an IOU for a future payment of the same, suspect currency.

People whose property the Army or individual soldiers took were entitled to reimbursement, and Greene tried to see they got it. During that harsh winter, Greene threw himself into procuring supplies with vigor and determination. To General Washington, he wrote, "I sent out a great number of small parties to collect the Cattle, Horses yesterday but collection was inconsiderable, the Country is very much drained. The Inhabitants cry out and beset me from all quarters...I have sent of[f] all the Cattle Sheep and Horses...I determine to forage the Country very bare. Nothing shall be left unattempted."

His first expedition, lasting eleven days, was successful, especially with collecting sheep and cattle to feed the soldiers. However, with meat still in

**General Nathanael Greene is a bronze equestrian statue, by Henry Kirke Brown. It is located in Stanton Park, NE Washington DC.**





**Major General Nathanael Greene Saves The Army, Halifax County, VA, 14 February 1781 by Werner Willis.**

Source: Halifax County Historical Society.

short supply, Greene recommended supplementing their intake with a course of fermented wheat and sugar. At the very least, this diet would be palatable and nourishing, and less expensive than meat. Nonetheless, Greene's bottleneck continued to be a shortage of wagons and horses.

Greene's efforts at supplying the Army that winter cannot be understated. Without his determination and resolve, the entire force might have starved or froze to death. Washington took notice of Greene's doggedness for supplying the troops. With many of the soldiers barefoot, without pants, and hungry, the budding nation needed a good quartermaster general (QMG) since Thomas Mifflin recently resigned as such. His resignation was a good thing as he was doing a disgraceful job running the new quartermaster department. A replacement QMG needed Congressional approval, though General Washington would have some say in the matter. Both Congress and Washington turned their attention to General Greene as Mifflin's replacement.

While Greene proved his value to Washington as field general—marshaling men quickly, moving them to the right locations, and plotting big picture strategies—his unappreciated military value came at matters of logistics. When Washington needed cartridges at White Plains in 1776, Greene delivered 80,000, and he strategically positioned stores (or supply points) during the New Jersey retreat. Washington noticed this leadership attribute within Greene. Someone had to find and deliver the goods needed for battle, and Greene was the right man for the job. As commander of the Army, Washington needed a smart, competent, and aggressive QMG vice another decent field general. Thus, Washington and a congressional committee pressed Greene to take the job.

Greene had every reason for not wanting the position

given his desire to command troops against the British. He also knew well problems existed within the current quartermaster department, e.g., inflation and funding issues, poor subordinate management, and depleted resources across the countryside. Only the most loyal, patriotic citizens considered selling goods to the American Army given the British could pay in hard, silver coin vice the almost worthless colonial currency. Greene, writing to General Knox, considered that, "The General [Washington] is afraid that the department will be so ill managed unless some of his friends undertakes it that the operations of the next campaign will in a great measure be frustrated...ruin awaits us unless the Q Masters and Commissary Generals departments are more economically managed for the future..."

Bound by his sense of patriotic duty and a final push from George Washington and Continental politicians, Greene begrudgingly accepted the assignment. One assurance Washington rendered to Greene was the possibility of reverting to field commander if Washington deemed a future, battlefield situation needed Greene's command presence. General Washington officially appointed Major General Nathanael Greene the position of Quartermaster General of the Army of the United States on 24 March 1778. Once Greene accepted his new position, he immediately went to work. In a letter dated 26 March 1778 to Henry Laurens, President of the Continental Congress, Greene stressed the Army's substantial deficiencies with items such as tents, horses, and wagons. Greene further emphasized payments for such critical items required cash as form of payment vice IOUs despite the "...depreciated State of our Currency."

Some Continental Congress leaders contended that Greene took the new job of QMG only to seek financial gain. Before accepting his new post, Greene wrote on 7 February 1778, "I hope my little children are well. Money becomes more and more the Americans' object. You must get rich, or you will be of no consequence."<sup>17</sup> For every one hundred dollars of government money he spent on feeding and furnishing the Army, Greene would get a one-dollar commission, and then split it three ways with his two assistants. In addition, he retained his rank and pay grade as Major General. Married with children, Greene still had a family to support, so it is certainly possible that Greene was concerned with making money off the new position.

Yet, as Greene pondered his new appointment, it is doubtful he was a pure profiteer as sometimes suggested. Just prior to selection as QMG, he wrote on 16 March to

the deputy quartermaster, “I am not solicitous about the profits of the Office of QMG. If the publick [sic] business is but well executed, that is all that I shall be solicitous about if I accept. I wish Officers of every denomination and in every department was more attentive to the publick good and less to their private gain.” Thus, it is highly unlikely Greene became the QMG solely on the premise he did so just to line his own pockets with wealth, especially given the devalued currency situation.

On 30 March, while at Valley Forge, he addressed future logistics issues to Colonel Biddle, quartermaster of the Pennsylvania militia. Detailing how to setup a chain of stores and magazines (interchangeable terms for supply and logistics locations), Greene discussed storage of over 800,000 bushels of grain (wheat, oats, corn, rye) to feed men and horses. Greene identified how he intended “...to construct some boats...to transport forage and Stores upon and down the Delaware and Schuylkill [rivers].” Using boats as an alternative or supplemental form of transportation in lieu of wagons was a logistical area Greene valued and later used successfully.

Greene took over the quartermaster department none too soon. Working tirelessly and displaying firm leadership, a great change evolved in the Quartermaster Corps. In June 1778, the Army departed Valley Forge in pursuit of Sir Henry Clinton’s forces now in New Jersey. It was, however, very difficult supplying adequate provisions to the different units as they marched. Greene’s job as QMG involved a multitude of responsibilities. Supplies had to be located, purchased, and transported—most often with wagons, horses and drivers. Skilled workers (or artificers) hired to repair bridges, fix broken wagons, harnesses, guns and anything else needing repair were in constant demand. When the Army decided to move, Greene selected encampments with an eye towards water, wood, drainage, and defense. Before the Army settled in, latrines were dug, straw brought in for bedding, and security posts established—all at Greene’s direction.

Washington, ever appreciative of Greene’s logistical attentiveness, wrote to the President of Congress on 3 August 1778 how his QMG enabled the Army to make a rapid departure out of Valley Forge in pursuit of Clinton. Further, Washington emphasized that “...the public is much indebted to him [Greene] for his judicious management and active exertions in his present department...he has given the most general satisfaction and his affairs carry much the face of method and System.” Greene’s awareness of better logistical preparation, techniques and effective applications were

paying dividends for Washington and the Army.

One thing was now certain—the Army would not suffer again during the next winter due to poor preparation or a lack of clothing. Large shipments arrived from France and from various New England companies. Greene reported from Boston to General Washington on 19 September 1778, that “...between 10-12,000 Blankets, 7,669 pair of Shoes, 8,000 Suits of Uniforms and 2,000 Shirts...[and] 15,000 Pair of Hose (socks) and 11,000 (additional) Suits of Uniforms,” plus other articles of clothing would soon be on the way from Boston and Portsmouth to the Army. However, Greene was never free from worry concerning his department’s buying procedures, and purchasing agents succumbing to the temptation of defrauding the government.

While Greene occasionally placed orders with companies he invested in, he did not allow overcharging or inferior goods. Nonetheless, grumblings from Congress filtered to Greene of purported irregularities in his department. Greene did not deny that fraud to some extent existed. However, he believed the allegations were exaggerated. He got the best men he could, and kept as close a watch as possible over the department he assured. Writing to Henry Marchant, a Rhode Island congressional delegate, Greene wrote, “A charge against a quartermaster-general is most like the cry of a mad dog in England. Every one joins in the cry, and lends their assistance to pelt him to death. I foresee the amazing expenditure in our department will give rise to many suspicions...the great evil [originates]...in the depreciation of the money and the growing extravagance of the people.”

*[Editor’s Note: To be concluded next month. Next month, the concluding installment highlights how Maj Gen Green continued to provide improving logistics support to maneuvering Continental Army forces while battling Congress, and how ultimately is given command of the Southern Department.]*



**Mount Vernon, home of George Washington, on a US stamp of 1936. Nathanael Greene is also depicted on the right**















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# Strategic Goals In Action

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MOWW's Strategic Goals unify effort. Unity enhances our likelihood of achieving our goals. You will recall several articles over the past few years about MOWW's Strategic Goals, Chapter Action Plans (CAP) and more. Operationalizing the Military Order's Strategic Goals at the chapter level may seem a daunting task, but it is not—as MOWW's Dallas Chapter clearly demonstrates.

The most important thing the Dallas Chapter did was to ensure their chapter's goals and objectives supported achieving the Military Order's Strategic Goals. This alignment enhances the Military Order's unity of effort:

**Unity of effort means harmonizing efforts among elements and levels of an organization so all are working towards a similar objective. This prevents an organization from working at cross-purposes with itself and reduces duplication of effort.**

Also note the straightforward way the Dallas Chapter developed their chapter goals and objectives ensured all goals are measurable, which best enables the regular tracking of progress and ultimately, goal achievement.

## MOWW STRATEGIC GOALS

**To Achieve Outcomes Vital to the Military Order and Its Chapters.**

Strategic Goal (SG) 1. **Annually grow chapter membership by a net increase of five percent, and annually increase Companion participation in chapter activities.**

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

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

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

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

**Clever!**

## Dallas Chapter Goals & Objectives

2014 – 2015

- **Membership: Our lifeline to perpetuity:**
  - **Increase our living chapter membership to 370 members, a net 5% increase**
    - **Each member to bring one qualified guest to a meeting at least once a year**
    - **Theme: "Two minutes a day"**
  - **Increase Companion involvement at presentations by 50%**
- **Information and Communication:**
  - **Update ALL email addresses and other pertinent information on each Companion**
  - **Use electronic means for financial management**
  - **Coordinate with other nearby chapters for speakers and chapter functions**
- **Leadership Training:**
  - **Increase attendance at Regional and National Conferences to six or more Companions**
  - **Honor our Chapter Companions with appropriate recognition for their service**
- **Community Outreach:**
  - **Fundraising: Both within our membership and from external contributors**
    - **Prepare a supporting brochure**
  - **YLC: Fundraise both within our resources and within the communities to support 100 student interviews and selections**
  - **School Targets: Increase selections from 45 to 50 schools**
    - **Add emphasis for Home Schoolers**
  - **ROTC & JROTC: Award of Merit recognitions at high school and college levels**
  - **SROTC Medal Awards plus service specific awards to the Gold-level senior ROTC cadet at our defined universities**
  - **Law and Order: Recognize 10 first responders with MOWW Certificates of Commendation**
  - **Scouting: Recognize Boys (Eagle) and Girls (Gold) at appropriate ceremonies**
  - **Raise Chapter Local Visibility: Recognize the Newspaper/TV/radio staff members who provide us with publicity**

Source: The Commander, Dallas Chapter (069), TX



# Mother Was Correct

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One of the options a person has is the ability to prolong good health for as long as possible. At any age, exercise is good. Just 20 minutes three or so times a week will keep cardiovascular function in good shape.

It is not required to do strenuous work outs constantly unless you are doing so for competitive purposes. Any physical fitness program is better than “vegging” and merely watching football, etc. You can still do “static exercises” even while being a couch potato. Moving muscles prevents pulmonary embolus.

Several exercises can be done while sitting: Right leg bent and left straight, make circles in one direction and then reverse the direction. Change legs and continue for 30 seconds for each set. This tones the thigh muscles. Squeeze your butt for 30 seconds. Straight leg rising for a minute is beneficial. These moves are perfect for the “desk bound.” Even doing repeated standing and sitting with no hands works for your back. Twisting the torso and doing some work while standing all helps, as does sitting up straight, as your mother no doubt advised.

You will find that exercises in a warm water pool (92F or so) are easier on the joints and provide unlimited opportunities to improve mobility, physical shape, and endurance. The bonus of meeting similarly motivated

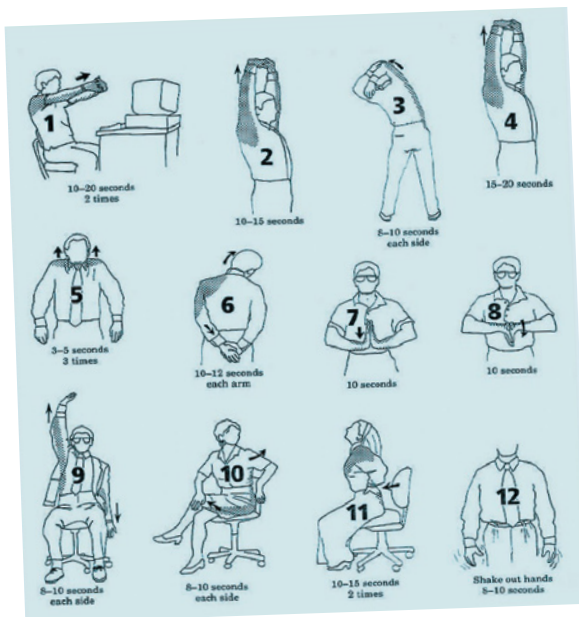
people just helps keep you going. Swimming involves all the body’s muscles. You do not need speed to gain the benefits sought.

Stationary devices are numerous and can be adapted to any fitness level. Treadmills, elliptical bikes, and multi-station exercise equipment are just some of the devices and that can be used in doors in all weather conditions.

Going up stairs at home is a good modality as is yard work, walking, and even doing housework. It almost goes without saying that chasing after grand children can be a part of your fitness program. A 20-minute walk (or run) provides many fitness benefits—and costs nothing but a little time.

Wounded Warrior programs and projects prove that almost any physical problem can be addressed and a person’s physical condition improved. Leroy Petry, recent Medal of Honor recipient from Santa Fe whose hand was blown off by a hand grenade saving his buddies, has a mechanical hand that allows him to pick up a single grain of rice. Things like that shows that many of the advances in medicine, surgery, and rehabilitation result from times of conflict and casualties.

Do not give in to the desire to do nothing. All movements are good, but remember that “no pain, no gain” does not apply to general conditioning. As time passes, the above can still be done if the habit gets started. You just may be able enhance your mobility and agility even as you slow the aging process, just by keeping fit. ★



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# It is Nobler To Serve

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This past September, my wife and I attended a pinning ceremony at Coronado Naval Station. Our son, Sam, is now a Chief Petty Officer. It is a big deal.

My service was Army, and while advancement to E-7 grade is important and certainly meaningful, the Navy makes that change something special. That change is definitely a transformation for the better, e.g., a new and different uniform, new responsibilities, and a very different level of respect from those in lower and more senior ranks, and new opportunities to serve.

Because he is now a “Chief,” his career and his life are changed. That ceremony, with its Bosun’s Pipe bringing him aboard, the bell, and the salute, made me think back over all the transformational changes in his life, in mine, and in what life offers all of us.

Some years ago, I had a parishioner who happened to be a retired Air Force Brigadier General. One afternoon he said to me, “Fred, there I was one summer, driving a tractor on my Dad’s farm helping to bring in the hay. The next year I was flying a P-51 Mustang 500 feet above the ground at 500 miles an hour and I haven’t been the same since.”

As you celebrate Veteran’s Day this November, it might be useful, I think, to recall how putting on that uniform probably transformed you, enriched you spiritually, and imbued you with a greater need to serve others.

The men and women who went to Germany or the Pacific during WWII were not the same when they returned home. However, it does not matter whether we served in WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan, in the United States or during the Cold War, or whether we served in the environments of land, sea, air or space. We veterans who have worn or still wear their nation’s uniform, and who have defended the nation, have found our service requires sacrifice, but we also found it to be enriching—and both are worth celebrating

Though only a select few choose to wear the uniform and serve our country in the Armed Forces, it is the privilege and responsibility of all of us to recognize, applaud, and support the service of America’s veterans—each other. This collective and individual service should further inspire us to serve others in keeping with our motto, *“It is nobler to serve than to be served.”* ★



*Dr. Ramsay was born in Baltimore, graduated from Washington and Lee University, and received his doctorate from the University of Illinois. He served on active duty with the US Army at the Edgewood Arsenal. In 1971, was ordained an Episcopal priest. He writes mysteries and lives in retirement in Arizona with his wife, Susan.*





DALLAS (069), TEXAS

**Coalition Commander during 2003 Iraq War Inducted as PM**

BY LTC DON B. MUNSON, USA (RET)

LTG Ricardo Sanchez, USA (Ret), was inducted into the Dallas Chapter as a Perpetual Companion, during a ceremony in his office in San Antonio. LTG Sanchez is currently the CEO of OpTech, but most people remember him as the Commanding General of Joint Task Force 7, the Coalition of ground forces from 43 different nations, who routed the army of Saddam Hussein in March of 2003. We proudly welcome Ric into the Dallas Chapter as our 402nd Perpetual Companion.



HILL COUNTRY (220), TEXAS

**Region VIII Commander Presents Silver Patrick Henry**

BY LTC CHARLES S. CHAMBERLIN, JR., USA (RET)

Region VIII Commander LTC Charles S. Chamberlin, Jr., USA (Ret), presented CAPT Deborah Dombeck, USCG (Ret), with the MOWW Silver Patrick Henry Medallion in recognition for her contributions in re-energizing the chapter, particularly the recruiting efforts. The presentation was made after she was inducted as Commander, Hill Country Chapter, for a second tour.



LTG MIDDLETON (056), LOUISIANA

**June 2014 Installation of Officers**

CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENT

The LTG Middleton-Baton Rouge Chapter recently elected a new slate of Officers to serve for 2014-2015. They are (L-R) Chapter Vice-Commanders: LTC Paul K. McKeough, Jr., USA (Ret); LTC Reginald Brown, USA (Ret); Maj Rodney L. Breland, USAF (Ret); Chapter Commander LTC Patrick L. Widner, USAR (Ret), and Adjutant/Treasurer COL Ulysses S. Hargrove, Jr., USAR (Ret), who also serves as Louisiana Department Commander.



VIRGINIA PIEDMONT (030), VIRGINIA

### Cadets in Action

BY MAJOR JAMES H. HANEY, USMC (RET)

Students from the Army JROTC program at Chatham High School, Chatham, VA, were sponsored by the chapter to attend the American Independence Foundation of Colonial Virginia Conference held in Williamsburg-Jamestown, VA.

**(L-R): Cadet Lindsey Wyatt is a member of the JROTC rifle team and is a 4-H Ambassador; Cadet Elijah Moreno is on JROTC rifle and drill teams and competes with the track team. Cadet Abigail Stallings is on the JROTC rifle and drill teams and plays on the school volleyball team.**



PHOENIX (092), ARIZONA

### Presentation of the Bronze Patrick Henry to the Knights of Columbus

BY COL RICHARD E. MINOR, USA (RET)

COL Richard E. Minor, USA (Ret), presented the MOWW Bronze Patrick Henry to Sir Grand Knight John Robertson of the Knights of Columbus, Saint Mary of the Angels Council #7912, from Pinetop, AZ. The Council donated funds to assist students from Blue Ridge HS in Pinetop to attend MOWW's AZYLC. The Phoenix Chapter typically sponsors 6-8 students from the Pinetop/Lakeside, AZ, Blue Ridge HS. Blue Ridge HS is located 200 miles from Phoenix, AZ.

**(L-R) COL Richard Minor with Sir Grand Knight John Robertson after the presentation.**



GEN RIDGWAY (018), PENNSYLVANIA

### Veteran Recognition

BY COL ROBERT L. REESE, USA (RET)

On 18 Sep, COL Robert L. Reese, USA (Ret), assisted by MG George B. Bauer, USA (Ret), and COL Carmen J. DiGiacomo, USA (Ret), presented twenty-four veterans of North Catholic High School with MOWW "Certificates of Patriotism" upon the occasion of their 65th Class Reunion. COL Reese gave a brief explanation of the mission of MOWW and the programs undertaken by the Pittsburgh Chapter. The certificate thanked each veteran for having served in the military with distinction and honor thus protecting our freedoms and our form of government.





PUGET SOUND (120), WASHINGTON

### NWYLC Top Student

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

The Northwest Youth Leadership Conference (NWYLC) trained 77 high school students in June. CDR Alan Mandigo, USN (Ret), congratulates the top student, Emily Brandt who attends Arlington High School. The June NWYLC marked the 24th leadership conference sponsored by the Puget Sound Chapter.



SUN CITY CENTER (226), FLORIDA

### Sun City Center Airwaves

BY MAJ JAMES H. HANEY, USMC (RET)

Chapter Treasurer Maj Jim Haney, USMC (Ret), was interviewed at the newly established, local WSCQ FM 96.3 radio station. Ms. Dana Dittmar (CEO of the Sun City Center Chamber of Commerce) hosts the weekly half-hour show. In addition to discussing the Order’s goals, objectives, and programs, the interview addressed several Chapter activity highlights.



MG WHEELER (202), ALABAMA

### Kiwanis Foundation Sponsors Students to Attend Huntsville YLC

BY PCINC COL BRI CHABOT, USA (RET)

COL Mike Roddy, USA (Ret), presented a Kiwanis Foundation check to PCINC COL Bri Chabot, USA (Ret), and COL John Reitzell, USA (Ret), MG Joe Wheeler Chapter Commander. The generous contribution will sponsor five students for the upcoming MOWW Huntsville YLC. Seated far right in the photo is Holocaust Survivor MSG Robert Sawada who later joined the US Army then served in Korea and Vietnam. MSG Sawada will address the YLC on the theme “Freedom is Not Free.”

(L-R): COL Mike Roddy, USA (Ret); PCINC COL Bri Chabot, USA (Ret), and COL John Reitzell, USA (Ret).



MG MEADE (026), MARYLAND

### Fort Meade's 2014 Veterans Appreciation Day Celebration

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

MG Meade Companions manned the MOWW table at the 26 September Veterans Appreciation Day celebration. Twenty potential Companions stopped by to hear about MOWW.

(L-R) PCINC COL Bert Rice, USA (Ret); VCINC LTC John H. Hollywood, USA (Ret); and Maj John P. Benevides, USAF (Ret).



AUGUSTA (168), GEORGIA

### The Mission of the Augusta Warrior Project

BY CPT JAMES BRADY III, USA (FMR)

Chapter Commander CPT James Brady, USA (Fmr), presented a MOWW Certificate of Appreciation to members of the Augusta Warrior Project for their outstanding presentation to Companions at the September meeting. The Augusta Warrior Project strives to connect Warriors and their families who live in the Greater Augusta area of Georgia and South Carolina (CSRA) with resources that improve their lives. The organization assists in creating resources in partnership within the community.

(L-R): Commander Brady; Tracy Mitchell, Employment Service Coordinator; Al Steele, Veterans Education Coordinator; and Jeanette Gilles, Coordinator of Services.



APACHE TRAIL (207), ARIZONA

### Apache Trail Chapter Delegates

BY MAJ ROSANNE E. TRUJILLO, USA (RET)

Eighteen JROTC delegates (sponsored by the Chapter) participated in the five-day MOWW Arizona Youth Leadership Conference (AZYLC). Two of the Chapter's sponsored delegates were recognized as "Outstanding Student Delegate" and "Best Essayist" at the conference. Sixty-seven delegates from across the state attended the YLC.

Some of the eighteen Apache Trail sponsored delegates, photographed on registration day at the AZYLC (Tempe, AZ) in July, 2014.





# VA 2015 Budget Request Fast Facts

Total VA funding has grown in 2015 by nearly 68% from 2009

## 2015 Appropriation Highlights

### Benefits Claims Processing

Keeps VA on track to meet its priority goal to eliminate the Veterans' disability claims backlog in 2015

- Requests \$2.5 billion (up \$28.8 million over 2014) for more efficient benefits processing through technology enhancements, improved business processes, and intensive staff training
- Invests \$138.7 million for the Veterans Claims Intake Program (VCIP) to convert paper claims to digital images into the Veterans Benefits Management System (VBMS) to improve claims processing
- Supports completion of 1.5 million disability compensation and pension claims, and 4.8 million education claims
- Provides \$95.6 billion for mandatory benefits, including disability compensation and Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits

### Information Technology

Enhances Veteran access - 84% of 2015 IT Budget supports direct delivery of medical care and benefits to Veterans

- Requests over \$3.9 billion (up \$200 million over 2014) for a consolidated IT program that supports modernized information systems for Veteran services and benefits
- Invests \$137 million for development and implementation of VBMS
- Provides \$100 million for development and implementation of the Veterans Relationship Management (VRM) initiative
- Includes \$269 million for VistA Evolution and \$57 million for VLER to develop an Electronic Healthcare Record and to continue interoperability efforts with DoD to better serve Veterans, Servicemembers, and eligible beneficiaries

### Medical Care

Increases access to healthcare and keeps VA on track to meet its priority goal to end Veteran homelessness in 2015

- 2015 Medical Care: \$59.1 billion (including \$3.1 billion in collections) for Veterans medical care (up \$1.8 billion over 2014)
- 2016 Medical Care: \$58.7 billion for the 2016 advance appropriation request (up \$2.7 billion over 2015 request)
- Homelessness: \$1.6 billion (up \$248 million from 2014) for VA's integrated plan to end Veteran homelessness, including \$500 million for the Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF) program
- Mental Health: \$7.2 billion (up \$309 million from 2014) to expand inpatient, residential, and outpatient mental health care
- Long-term Care: \$7.0 billion (up \$235 million from 2014) to expand institutional and non-institutional long-term care services
- Telehealth: \$567 million (up \$23 million from 2014) for home telehealth to improve access to care
- Women Veterans: \$403 million (up \$32 million from 2014)
- Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans: \$4.2 billion (up \$501 million from 2014) to meet the needs of over 757,000 Veterans returning from U.S. operations in Iraq and Afghanistan

### Veterans Employment

- Invests \$1 billion over 5 years for a new Veterans Job Corps
- Provides \$106 million to help separating Servicemembers better transition to civilian life

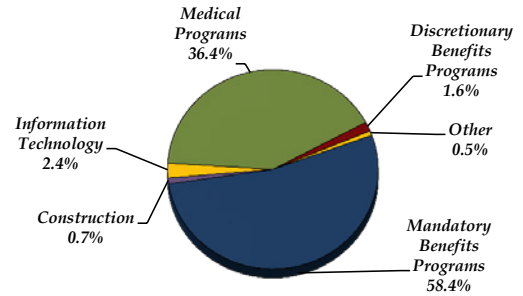
### National Cemetery Administration

- \$257 million (up \$8 million) for operations and maintenance
- Expands access by opening two National Cemeteries in Florida and preparing to open two rural National Veterans Burial Grounds

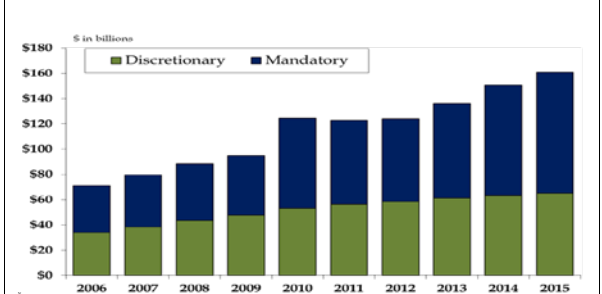
### Construction

- Supports four major critical safety projects at: West Los Angeles, CA; Long Beach, CA; Canandaigua, NY; and San Diego, CA

## FY 2015 VA Budget Request Breakout



## VA's Historical Perspective



	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Mandatory	36.8	41.3	44.9	47.1	71.3	66.4	65.5	74.8	87.5	95.6
Discretionary	34.3	38.3	43.7	47.8	53.1	56.3	58.5	61.4	63.4	65.3
MCCF	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.9	3.1
<b>Total VA</b>	<b>73.1</b>	<b>81.8</b>	<b>91.0</b>	<b>97.7</b>	<b>127.2</b>	<b>125.5</b>	<b>126.8</b>	<b>139.1</b>	<b>153.8</b>	<b>163.9</b>

## Discretionary Funding by Appropriation (\$ in millions)

Medical Care <sup>1/</sup>	\$59,067
Medical and Prosthetic Research	589
Veterans Benefits Administration	2,494
National Cemetery Administration	257
General Administration	322
Board of Veterans' Appeals	94
Information Technology	3,903
Construction/Grants	1,182
Office of Inspector General	121
Loan Administration Funds	162
DoD Transfers for Joint Accounts	162
<b>Total Discretionary</b>	<b>68,354</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Includes Collections





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