



Veterans Day 2015

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Serving Veterans

Dear Companions –

This month, we celebrate Veterans Day, formerly known as “Armistice Day,” which generally marks the end of World War I. While the war officially ended with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles in 1919, an armistice between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918. Because of this armistice, 11 November 1918 is generally seen as the end of “The Great War,” which was known then as “the war to end all wars.”

President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the first commemoration of Armistice Day on 11 November 1919. This was a day dedicated to honoring and furthering good will and peaceful relations with other nations. With the passing of legislation on 1 June 1954, “Veterans” replaced “Armistice,” and the day became one on which we honor American veterans of all Services of all conflicts. Unlike Memorial Day, which is strictly dedicated to honoring our fallen veterans, Veterans Day is a day of celebration for those who are currently serving and those who served at any point in United States history.

November 11th of each year is also the date of the Pershing Memorial Service at Arlington National Cemetery. On that date, military attachés (and other dignitaries) of our WWI Allies gather to honor the sacrifices of the Allied nations during that war, and to honor the service of GA Pershing and the forces under his command. It is a very moving and impressive ceremony.

On a related topic, this year’s Officer Review™ convention issue mentioned a new standing national committee, i.e., the Veterans Affairs Committee. Just as we reach out to and recognize scouts and cadets, we need to reach out to fellow veterans—Active, Reserve and Guard—and there are many opportunities to do so. COL Patricia Little-Upah, USA (Ret), chairs this committee. She is greatly involved in veteran outreach activities in the Phoenix Chapter and is a perfect choice to guide this Order-wide outreach effort. Her contact information is in the MOWW National Directory on the MOWW website. Please call her to learn how your chapter can be more involved in veterans’ activities.

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ON THE COVER

The late Joseph Ambrose, then an 86-year-old World War I veteran, attends the dedication day parade for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in 1982. He is holding the flag that covered the casket of his son who was killed during the Korean War.

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Where Valor Rests

LTC RUTH L. HAMILTON, USA (RET)

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE WORLD WARS

CINC LTC Ruth L. Hamilton, USA (Ret), provided the remarks below as the Honored Speaker during the 2015 G/A Pershing Memorial Ceremony, held at G/A Pershing's gravesite at Arlington National Cemetery on 11 November 2015.

"Good afternoon on this beautiful, busy day of activities celebrating veterans who are currently serving in the armed forces, have served or have made the supreme sacrifice in their military service.

Thank you for attending this special, final Veterans Day activity here at Arlington National Cemetery—where valor rests. Those who are buried here have made the ultimate honor roll of heroes. We honor a special hero in this memorial service—General of the Armies John J. Pershing.

However, the other aspect of this ceremony is to also commemorate the military alliance among the nations that fought together against tyranny in World War I, and express our greatest appreciation for the huge sacrifices made in "The Great War," the war to end all wars. We recognize the significance of our allies, then and today.

In fact, the first statement in the Preamble to the Constitution of the Military Order of the World Wars is, "To cherish the memories and associations of the World Wars waged for humanity."

We deeply value the ideals General Pershing set forth when, in 1919, he encouraged American officers who served with him in World War I to

provide continued service to the country after their military service ended, and to promote patriotism, civic responsibility and leadership.

The notion of creating an organization in which fellow officers who had fought and survived the scars of war and which could sustain their associations and serve others led to the establishment of the Military Order of the World Wars—a unique, non-partisan patriotic Veterans Service Organization that provides selfless service to others.

The ideals inspired by General Pershing are just as important in our contemporary society as they were when the Order was formed over 96 years ago—perhaps more so.



After Pershing's death, the veterans of World War I annually held a memorial service similar to this one at his gravesite. Years later, after those veterans were no longer able to support this event, Region IV of the Military Order volunteered to take on this memorial duty. Currently, Companions of the General George G. Meade Chapter of Region IV plan, coordinate and execute the event—with the exceptional support and assistance of the staff at Arlington National Cemetery and the members of the Military District of Washington.

The Companions of the Order understand the importance of service to our nation. We demonstrate this through various outreach programs, including patriotic education, youth leadership



conferences, and the recognition of excellence displayed by Reserve Officers Training Corps cadets, Boy and Girl Scouts, and law and order professionals. They will be responsible for providing leadership and service for the future and the security of this nation.

As Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the World Wars, I am honored and very proud to be a Companion of the Order because of who we are and what we do. That is why I am pleased to say a few words

about General of the Armies John J. Pershing, who is at rest here with a standard military gravestone among his “boys.”

Previous speakers have commented on General Pershing’s military career and his relationships with the allied nations. Today, I would simply like to focus on excerpts of his character as a man and a leader.

Born on 13 September 1860 in Laclede, Missouri, some say that as a young boy, John Pershing was a mediocre student—but he demonstrated potential and acumen in teaching others. Clearly, he had his own convictions and he proved that he was a natural leader.

In 1865, he was enrolled in a local “select school” for intelligent youth and continued on to secondary school. After completing high school in 1878, he became a teacher of African American youth in Prairie Mound, Missouri. In addition, between 1880 and 1882, he continued his education at the State Normal School during summers. His teaching ability and his openness to work with others helped him greatly later in his military career.

In 1882, he considered the possibility of entering the elite United States Military Academy at West Point,

New York, after he read an advertisement announcing an entrance exam for the school. He decided to take the test to earn a free education. His sister, Elizabeth, helped him study. After earning the top exam score by a narrow margin, he got the only appointment within his congressional district and he entered the West Point academy in July of that year. While Pershing struggled academically his first year at West Point, he was determined to succeed. Even though he graduated 30th out of a class of 77 cadets in 1886, he was elected class president four years in a row.

We are also impressed by his service with the 10th Cavalry, one of the first “Buffalo Soldier” regiments. Following his service with the regiment, in 1897 Pershing returned to West Point to teach tactics. He had a reputation for both stern discipline and effective leadership. His cadets were so angered by his strict discipline they criticized him and called him “Nigger Jack,” referring to his service with the 10th Cavalry. Later, that moniker was relaxed to “Black Jack” and it stayed with him throughout his career. Pershing became an advocate for black troops and he later returned to the 10th Cavalry. The regiment fought with distinction in Cuba at Kettle and San Juan Hills in 1898, and was cited for gallantry.

In 1903, after returning from service in the Philippines, then Captain John Pershing met Helen Frances Warren, a recent graduate of Wellesley College and the daughter of United States Senator Francis E. Warren of Wyoming. The two were married on 26 January 1905 and they had four children—three daughters and a son.

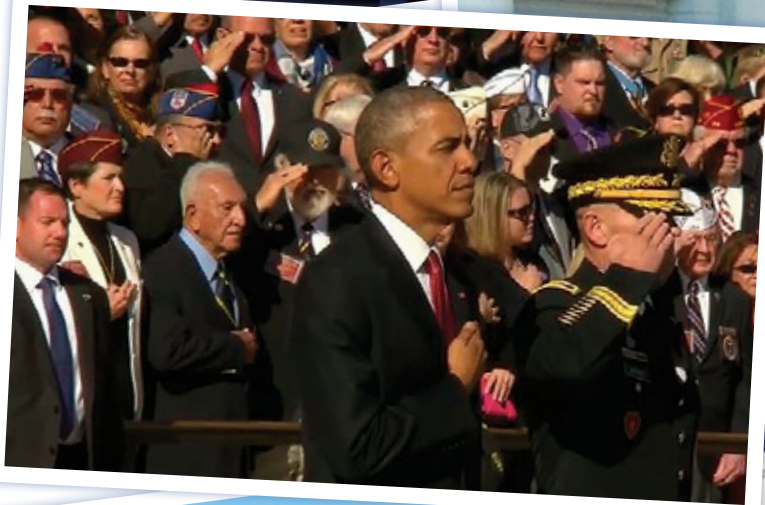
While on assignment with the 8th Cavalry at Fort Bliss, Texas, in August 1915, Pershing received the devastating news that his wife and three daughters had been killed in a fire at his family’s home at the Presidio of San Francisco. Hot coals spilled from the hearth of the Pershing home and onto the highly waxed floor. The house was quickly consumed by flames. In the blaze, his wife and three daughters died of smoke inhalation. The only one to escape the fire was his six-year-old son, Warren, after being rescued by Pershing’s long-time black orderly. Visiting the site, Pershing could only comment, “They had no chance.”

Pershing had endured tremendous personal hardship, yet he persevered. To blunt his sorrow after the tragedy, he delved full force into his work. After the funerals at Lakeview Cemetery in Cheyenne, Wyoming, Pershing returned to Fort Bliss with his son, Warren,

Pershing as a cadet at the US Military Academy

Source: The State Historical Society of Missouri.





and Pershing's sister May. He resumed his duties as commanding officer of the 8th Cavalry. His sister cared for young Warren. Pershing never remarried.

During his military career, Pershing held many and varied positions and he progressed up through the ranks. At one point, he was brevetted to major for a period, and then that rank was revoked. In September 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt shocked the US Army by promoting five junior officers, Pershing included, directly from the rank of captain to brigadier general. Being promoted ahead of 800 senior officers, Pershing was accused of having his father-in-law pull political strings in his favor.

of transforming an ill-prepared American military of 130,000 men into a disciplined fighting machine of more than 2 million. He was not content to have his troops "fill in" and he asserted that a fresh, united American force would be more effective against the Germans. Pershing led his forces in numerous battles, including the Battle of St. Mihiel and the Battle of Cantigny. In October 1918, in the Meuse-Argonne offensive, Pershing's army helped to destroy the German resistance, which led to the Armistice (on what is now known as "Veterans Day") the following month. The success of American troops during World War I was largely credited to Pershing's leadership, and he returned to the United States as a hero.



For his service during the war, in 1919 President Woodrow Wilson, with Congress' approval, promoted Pershing to General of the Armies, a post previously held only by George Washington. Then, in 1921, he became the US Army Chief of Staff, a position he held until his retirement in 1924, at age 64.

In his civilian life, Pershing resisted the temptation to enter politics and he declined to suggest public strategy during the uneasy times of the 1930s and 1940s. He wisely chose not to upstage the nation's active military leaders.

After his service in World War I and before America's involvement in World War II, General Pershing made an appeal to the American people for their support of the Red Cross and supplies for our Allied nations' forces.

Trier, Germany, circa 1919. Officers of the American Expeditionary Force (AEF) receiving medals from General John J. Pershing, Commanding General of the AEF.

Source: The Collection Database of the Australian War Memorial

Prior to his service in World War I, he was tested multiple times as he fought in the Indian Wars and the Spanish-American War. He served as an observer during the Russo-Japanese War. He was twice assigned to the Philippines, the first time during a Filipino insurrection and the second time as commander of Fort McKinley and the governor of Moro Province. He also led the Mexican Punitive Expedition with its mission to capture the Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa and he pioneered the use of trucks and aircraft in warfare.

When American forces entered World War I in 1917, General John J. Pershing was appointed commander in chief of the American Expeditionary Force to assist the Allied powers against German forces. In just 18 months, he accomplished the near impossible feat

In the final decade of his life, Pershing's health declined due to heart problems. On 15 June 1948, while recovering from a stroke, Pershing died in his sleep. His body lay in state in the Rotunda of the US Capitol and an estimated 300,000 people came to pay their respects. He was buried with honors here at Arlington National Cemetery. His son, Warren, is buried beside him.

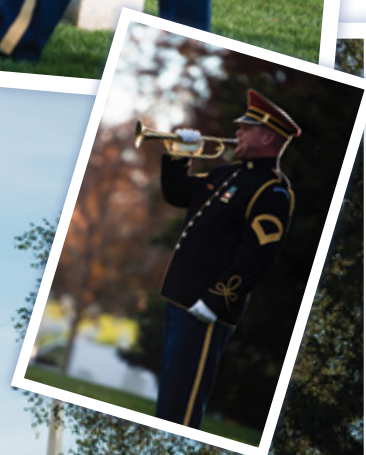
Today, we have taken a moment to remember and honor General of the Armies John J. "Black Jack" Pershing—a man, a leader, a patriot and the impetus for the Military Order of the World Wars. We are also especially grateful to have here with us today representatives of the Allied nations with whom he served.

Thank you for being part of this memorial service." ★









Partners in Vision: MOWW & Pershing Rifles

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Past CINC COL Bert Rice, USA (Ret), with University of Delaware Pershing Rifles Color Guard at MOWW's Pershing Memorial Service, Arlington National Cemetery, November 2005.

In 1895, Varsity Rifles, a crack drill team at the University of Nebraska, renamed itself Pershing Rifles (P/R) in honor of Lieutenant John J. Pershing, former Professor of Military Science & Tactics at the University of Nebraska. Pershing's vision to promote discipline, professionalism and leadership had significant influence in the formation of the fledgling organization that survives today in spite of membership challenges during WWI, WWII and post-Vietnam. The Military Order of the World Wars was founded in 1919

by officers who served under General Pershing during World War I. To perpetuate General Pershing's vision to promote national security, foster fraternal relations among all the Armed Services, and promote the ideals of patriotism, the Order installed him as an honorary Commander in Chief. The seed of the common goals of MOWW and the Pershing Rifles were long ago planted based on the ideals of General of the Armies G/A John J. "Black Jack" Pershing—and that continues.



Annually, on 11 November, Veterans Day, the MG Meade Chapter hosts a memorial service at the gravesite of General Pershing. As a member of the planning committee, COL Bert Rice (then the Order's SVCINC) asked LTC Carl Witte, a Pershing Rifles alumnus, if he could locate and invite a P/R contingent to join the MOWW in honoring G/A Pershing. Witte arranged for the participation of a Pershing Rifles color guard from the University of Delaware. This was in 2005. Since that time, Pershing Rifles' undergraduates or alumnae have attended every annual Pershing Memorial Service at Arlington.

Given the common bond that the Military Order of the World Wars and the National Society of Pershing Rifles has with the visions of General Pershing, COL Rice and LTC Witte thought it would be appropriate to propose a formal relationship between the two organizations. The P/R National Commander, P/R MG David Poe, enthusiastically supported the idea and worked closely with COL Rice in orchestrating a proposal that was ultimately approved by the executive staffs of both organizations. The initiative resulted in a Resolution of Affiliation signed by CINC COL Jack Jones and P/R MG David Poe at the MOWW National Convention in Rhode Island in 2006.

In an article published in the June 2006 *Officer Review*TM ("An Affiliation—The Order and Pershing Rifles"), COL Rice reiterated his vision of the opportunity. He stated,

"Support of youth, to include Boy and Girls Scouts, Junior and Senior ROTC programs, and conducting Youth Leadership Conferences, are central to MOWW's purpose and relates directly to the purpose of the National Society of Pershing Rifles. Both organizations are dedicated to developing the traits of leadership and discipline among its members."

In an article published in the *Officer Review*TM in 2009 entitled "An Affiliation—The Order and the National Society of Pershing Rifles: How to Make It Work", co-authored by myself and P/R MG Tom Carlsen, several areas of potential mutual collaboration were identified and included: "sponsoring, organizing and executing JROTC drill team competition, and other leadership development activities." Rebecca Scholand, Pershing Rifles' Chief of Staff from 2008-2010, stated, "P/Rs would make a fine resource for assisting Youth Leadership Conferences. For example, they could help with administration, perform color guard duties, put on drill exhibitions, and even assist with leadership training."



The P/R National Commander, P/R MG David Poe waits to sign a Resolution of Affiliation with MOWW CINC COL Jack Jones, USA (Ret), August 2006.





Companions who are also Pershing Rifle alumni pose for a photo at the GEN Pershing Memorial Service at Arlington Cemetery, November 2015

Jason Sokolov, a P/R alumnus of Northeastern University and Companion of the Greater Boston Chapter, stated in an email to PRG Board member and Companion Kevin Upton, "Besides helping to provide a source of new young members for the Order, it will provide a support resource for MOWW and Pershing Rifles programs such as YLCs, Blackjacks, etc." The Blackjacks are the high school equivalent of the collegiate level of the Pershing Rifles.

Several noteworthy examples of initiatives were accomplished under this partnership. They include the mentoring of cadets at P/R Company B-12 at Norwich University by PR alumni and Companions BG Tom O'Donovan and LTC Mike Jarvis of the Green Tree Chapter. Another was the chartering of the BG Ryder Chapter near Fort Bragg (NC) in December 2014. CPT David Poe (the same David Poe who helped form the Affiliation), and COL Brad M. Beasley, USA (Ret), Commander of Region V, told the story of the initiative in the *Officer Review*™ article entitled, "New Generation of Leaders" (January/February 2015). COL Beasley is also a Pershing Rifles alumnus. In addition, the COL Roosevelt Chapter's (NY) LTC Paul Farinella has established six Blackjack programs at high schools, and has set goals for expanding the Blackjack program nationwide.

MG Donald L. Jacka, Jr., USA (Ret), now a MOWW VCINC, authored an article that appeared in the 2014 July/August edition of the *Officer Review*™ entitled: "Developing Leaders Today" in which he tells how the Topeka Chapter helped to re-establish Pershing Rifles

Company G-7 at Kansas State University. Company G-7 fell victim to the post-Vietnam apathy towards the military. In 2009, MG Jacka and several MOWW Companions worked closely with the Army and Air Force ROTC programs at Kansas State and were able to re-establish G-7 in March 2010. This company has grown steadily since then, and in 2014, won top honors at the 2014 National Drill Competition. General Jacka concluded his article with a challenge to MOWW chapters by stating,

"If your chapter wants to help develop the leaders of tomorrow, I recommend that your chapter support a Pershing Rifles Company at a local university. All you have to do is take the first step—contact your local university's ROTC Program and become involved in facilitating the training of leaders of tomorrow by supporting Pershing Rifles today."

To provide improved fiscal and organizational support for the undergraduate military fraternity, in 2010 CPT Bill Wagner, USA (Fmr), led the initiative in the restructuring of the Pershing Rifles into a formal organization called the Pershing Rifles Group (PRG) consisting of a Board of Directors, Executive Director, Staff, Committees, Associations, the Blackjacks and the National Society. The Pershing Rifles Foundation formed as a 501(c)(3) to support the National Society of Pershing Rifles, as well as non-exclusive support to the Pershing Rifles Group and its associations. Thanks to Bill's vision and leadership, the Pershing Rifles organization is in the strongest position it has ever been in its 120-year history. Bill is a Perpetual





Member of MOWW. Go to the website: www.thepershingriflesgroup.org or search "Pershing Rifles Group" for more detail on the organization of the PRG. Chris Scheuermann, who succeeded David Poe as P/R National Commander in April 2007, were both elected to the Pershing Rifles Group Board of Directors in August 2015.

In March 2015 at the Pershing Rifles National Conference (NATCON) held in Richmond, Virginia, a contingent of seven P/R alumnae and affiliates concurred that given the restructuring of the Pershing Rifles organization, a new memorandum of mutual support was in order. LTC Michael Wilgen, Region III Commander, initiated the proposal by contacting

CINC Capt John M. Hayes joins with Companion MAJ John Chatelain, Vice Chairman of the Pershing Rifles Group in signing the Memorandum of Mutual Support between the MOWW and the Pershing Rifles Group at the 2015 MOWW Convention, Tampa, FL.

The color guard members are Pershing Rifles cadets from Battery B-6, Eastern Tennessee State University in Johnson City, TN. From left: Rifleman Ashley Hayes., P/R COL Colin Rose, Rifleman Nick Osborne, and Rifleman Amanda Lackey.



then-CINC Capt John M. Hayes and MOWW's Chief of Staff, Brig Gen Arthur B. Morrill III, with a request to form a committee to study the issue. After review by the CINC and the Chief, it was decided to appoint a working group, co-chaired by MG Jacka and LTC Wilgen to examine the issues and make proposals. The working group was placed under the oversight of VCINC Col David B. Gibson, USAF (Ret), coincidentally a Pershing Rifles alumnus.

The working group, officially designated the MOWW-PRG Working Group, offered several proposals that would better position the Order to take advantage of the new Pershing Rifles organizational structure. The main recommendation was to complement the current Resolution of Affiliation between the MOWW and the National Society of Pershing Rifles with a Memorandum of Mutual Support (MoMS) between the MOWW and The Pershing Rifles Group.

The Memorandum of Mutual Support was signed by then Commander-in Chief Captain John M. Hayes and Major John C. Chatelain, Vice Chairman of the

Pershing Rifles Group Board, at the MOWW National Convention on Saturday, 8 August 2015. One of her first acts after election as Commander in Chief, LTC Ruth Hamilton, USA (Ret), established an *Ad Hoc* Committee chaired by MG Don Jacka. That committee's mission was to develop and recommend mutually supporting initiatives that will ensure that both organizations continue to flourish for generations to come. ★



LTC Carlton Witte, USA (Ret), became an MOWW Companion in 1983 with the George G. Meade Chapter. In 1997 he transferred to the Wilmington Chapter. He has served the Order in numerous positions at the Chapter and Region level, to include Chapter

Commander and Region III Commander. He was a member of Company H-10 at the University of Texas at El Paso. Carl served for 21 years in the Army Medical Service Corps.



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(L-R): Maj Dave Wirsig, USMC (Ret); LTC Arthur Fowler, USA (Ret); April McMillan, then CINC Capt John Hayes, USAF (Fmr); Trent Nichols, Suzy McElroy.

There is a new initiative at the Boy Scouts of America known as the STEM Program (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) that is going to greatly increase interest and membership in the scouting movement nationwide. The April 2015 meeting of the Pinson Memorial Chapter in Irving, Texas, featured a program about this new and exciting BSA enterprise. Then MOWW CINC John Hayes attended, and we were given a fabulous tour by the program's developers.

STEM Scouts are boys and girls in 3rd through 12th grade. They are split into three divisions:

- Elementary school (third through fifth grade)
- Middle school (sixth through eighth grade)
- High school (ninth through twelfth grade)

Instead of packs or troops, STEM Scouts are grouped into laboratories and in place of traditional uniforms they wear lab coats. They meet weekly, after school, for hands-on, fun activities organized into 4-6 week modules that cover a variety of fun STEM topics. Scouting values are instilled as the members are introduced to and explore the wonders of science, technology, engineering and math.

This well-conceived program has been enormously successful but did encounter some challenges along the way. For one, it was difficult though not impossible to find lab coats that would fit third graders! ★



(L-R): April McMillan and Trent Nichols, developers of the STEM program for the BSA.

Our speakers were the directors of the new BSA STEM Program, April McMillan and Trent Nichols from Knoxville, TN. Both had long, successful careers at the Oak Ridge Laboratories. Both are PhDs and Trent is also an MD. In March of 2014 they were hired by Chief Scout Executive Wayne Brock to develop and implement the STEM program at the Great Smoky Mountain Council and their efforts have been very successful. The results have led to remarkable increases in membership numbers, not just in STEM units but in Cub and Boy Scouting also. Starting this summer they will expand the program to twelve more councils including Circle-Ten in Dallas.

RIGHT: A mobile lab ready for STEM scouts.



Endowment Grants

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CHAIR, GRANTS COMMITTEE | HANN-BUSWELL MEMORIAL CHAPTER (AT LARGE)

PURPOSE OF THE HANN-BUSWELL MEMORIAL CHAPTER ENDOWMENT GRANTS

- The Hann-Buswell Memorial Chapter has established an endowment fund to promote the ideals of the Preamble of the Constitution of the Military Order of the World Wars, and to support the Strategic Goals of the Military Order.
- The Chapter's endowment fund earns interest from which grants may be made while keeping the principal untouched. Endowment (grant) requests will prompt funders to ask hard questions about the financial outlook of the applicant(s), and the intended use of the grant money requested
- *The Hann-Buswell Chapter's Grants Committee is seeking grant requests from MOWW chapters and national committee chairs. Grant request procedures are listed below.*

HANN-BUSWELL ENDOWMENT GRANT REQUEST PROCEDURES

- *The grant request(s) must be in MS Word.doc format, and received by the Chair, Grants Committee, NLT 60 days prior to the Hann-Buswell Memorial Chapter meeting at the 2016 Convention, i.e., by 10 June 2016. Grant requests must be sent to hotspur38@verizon.net.*
- *The Grant request(s) must include a breakdown of the grant request, to include the grant money requested, the specific application of the grant money, and the justification for the request. The grant request must also cite the money raised by the requestor(s). In addition, it must directly support the Preamble to the Constitution of the Military or MOWW's Strategic Goals.*
- *The grant request(s) must also cite any previous year's grant, i.e., the amount requested, the amount received, and the specific use of the prior year's grant money.*



HANN-BUSWELL ENDOWMENT GRANT REQUEST REVIEW PROCESS

- The Grants Committee will review grants received as outlined above, and will make a recommended disposition to the chapter's membership, e.g., approve in full, approve in part, defer, or deny.
- The grant requests and the Committee recommendation(s) are presented to the Chapter during its annual meeting at the MOWW Convention. Chapter members will vote on each grant request, and the Chapter notifies the submitter of the disposition of grant request(s).
- A majority vote of the Chapter members present who are voting during the Chapter meeting at the MOWW Convention is required to approve/deny/defer the grant request—in whole or in part.





Proposing Amendments

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CHAIR, CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS COMMITTEE

The Military Order's Constitution and Bylaws are the supreme guidance of the Order. They are on the Military Order's website.

HOW THE PROCESS WORKS

- Per the MOWW Constitution and Bylaws, Companion proposals to amend either of these documents must make such proposals to the Chair, Constitution & Bylaws Committee, at the address in the MOWW National Directory by 15 February, annually.
- Proposals may submitted after that date but before March 15, annually, may be considered if a majority of the Constitution & Bylaws Committee finds that the subject of the proposal is an emergency matter.
- Proposed amendments received after 15 March will not considered for the MOWW Convention held that year. The process to submit proposed amendments to the MOWQW Constitution and the MOWW Bylaws is identical.
- The full Committee will evaluate proposed amendments meeting the submission timing above and the submitter requirements below.



SUBMITTER REQUIREMENTS

- *In proposing amendments to the MOWW Constitution and/or MOWW Bylaws, the submitter must:*
 1. *Cite the Article, Section, Paragraph, etc., proposed for amendment, and quote the current applicable to that citation in full.*
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NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BE PRESENTED AT CONVENTION

- Chapters and members of the General Staff will be informed of proposed amendments to be presented at the annual MOWW Convention at least sixty (60) days' notice prior to the annual MOWW Convention at which they will be presented for adoption.
- A three-fourths favorable vote of the delegates voting at the MOWW Convention is required to amend the MOWW Constitution.
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We Unite to Establish...

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

September 1920 was the month and year Captain Francis B. Grevenberg suggested what has long been our Preamble to the Constitution of The Military Order of the World Wars. Here's what the MOWW history says about its origin:

One of the most significant items of business that was considered at the first convention was the adoption of what became known then, and comes to be known to this day, as "The Preamble." In its nine tenets it sets forth the form and purpose of the organization in its entirety. Written by Captain Francis B. Grevenberg, a Charter Member of the New Orleans Chapter in 1919, who was a delegate to the 1920 convention. Traveling by train enroute to Detroit, Captain Grevenberg drafted the document on the back of an envelope. With but the slightest change[s] in words, the Preamble to the Order's Constitution remains today as written by Captain Grevenberg, and is proudly on display at our National Headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia.

The Military Order of the World Wars, "A Synopsis: 1919-1994," (Turner Publishing Company) Paducah, KY, 1995, p3.

When the Order began, it had nine departments, 55 chapters and a couple thousand members. Twenty-two of 55 chapters attended the Founding Convention in 1920. G/A Pershing spoke at the sixth National Convention in September 1926.

Today we have 12 regions, 21 departments, 32 states and 105 chapters, ~300 National Officers and

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THE PREAMBLE

TO THE MOWW CONSTITUTION

TO CHERISH THE MEMORIES AND ASSOCIATIONS OF THE WORLD WARS WAGED FOR HUMANITY;

TO INCULCATE AND STIMULATE LOVE OF OUR COUNTRY AND THE FLAG;

TO PROMOTE AND FURTHER PATRIOTIC EDUCATION IN OUR NATION;

EVER TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER, AND TO DEFEND THE HONOR, INTEGRITY, AND SUPREMACY OF OUR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES;

TO FOSTER FRATERNAL RELATIONS AMONG ALL BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES;

TO PROMOTE THE CULTIVATION OF MILITARY, NAVAL AND AIR SCIENCE, AND THE ADOPTION OF A CONSISTENT AND SUITABLE POLICY OF NATIONAL SECURITY FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA;

TO ACQUIRE AND PRESERVE RECORDS OF INDIVIDUAL SERVICES;

TO ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST IN THE HOLDING OF COMMEMORATIONS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MEMORIALS OF THE WORLD WARS, AND;

TO TRANSMIT ALL THESE IDEALS TO POSTERITY, UNDER GOD AND FOR OUR COUNTRY, WE UNITE TO ESTABLISH...

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~7,600 members. In our most recent convention, about 1/3 third of the chapters were represented and about 1/3 of our National Officers attended.

The Preamble's enduring statement of purpose is as relevant today as ever. In that spirit of Companionship and service, let me highlight two columns—one in this issue, one in the October issue. One is from our Surgeon General, and the other is from our Assistant Chaplain General.

In this issue, Dr (CPT) Bob Mallin, our Surgeon General, makes an excellent suggestion as to how we can involve more Companions in chapter activities. First, he underscores the need to recruit new and younger members, and to not make any excuses about not doing so. Then, to his second point, he reminds us that even those Companions with mobility issues can remain actively involved in chapter activities—even from home.

In the October issue, Ch (Col) Maureen Lofberg, our Assistant Chaplain General, encouraged us to be involved or become reinvented, and not wait to be asked. She pointed out we all have talents and capabilities the Order needs, and that we each should use them in serving others.

Taken together, these two leader-Companions highlight the importance of being mutually supportive in our voluntary service to others. "That's good guidance," as a former wing commander of mine used to say. ★



United in Service

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

We have a very dedicated and active Order. However, there is no denying that aging is an issue. A show of hands at a recent meeting showed only six of those present were less than 60 years of age.

This, of course, emphasized the recurring point made that we need new “younger” members to carry on for the future. The fact that many organizations have difficulty recruiting new people does not lessen our need to recruit nor does it excuse our inaction.

That said, several Companions told me that mobility and other health problems seem to keep them on the sidelines. Here are my thoughts on that subject.

membership lists up to date and finding the true status of your chapter are possible. So, too, are advertising, building awareness, posting on electronic media, or even writing articles for the *Officer Review*™ to preserve history.

We can also recruit new Companions at other organizations’ meetings, and we can check out the scouts, ROTC cadets, etc., by attending their events.

Let people know you are available for speaking gigs; entertainment chairs always need speakers. Even teaching a non-credit course is fun and puts MOWW before the group. I do both. In other words, “showing the flag” has value. So, too, does our involvement. In the area of offering to present awards and honors, just sitting on the stage or saying a few words at an event are helpful, etc.

My chapter has a 92-year-old major general who has been there and done it all—including being a Past CINC. His opinions, some strong, are sought and listened to. He has value, and he is involved. Another Companion is 91-years-old, and a very active current commander of the local MOAA chapter. Both have the Gold and Silver Patrick Henry Awards. They are both graduates of the New Mexico Military Institute, Class of 1942. They cannot run up a hill and attack the enemy but they are unbelievably invaluable to my chapter, and to military activities throughout New Mexico.

I am sure your chapter has such members. Do not sell them short. In addition to seeking new members, as we must, remember those we have and utilize their experiences and contacts. You and they will benefit. No one has limited value—either to the community or to MOWW. ★

S T R E N G T H

**Doesn't Come From
What You Can Do**

**It Comes From
Overcoming the Things
You Once Thought
You Couldn't**

During the American Civil War, the War Department established a Veteran Reserve Corps (originally the Invalid Corps) in April 1863. It was a military reserve organization created within the Union Army to allow partially disabled or otherwise infirmed Soldiers (or former Soldiers) to perform light duty, freeing able-bodied Soldiers to serve on the front lines. A similar corps existed in Revolutionary times.

Relating to us, our individual members experienced in organizing, planning and running programs are invaluable. We can involve and learn from these Companions—even if they are not as mobile as they once were.

There is much wisdom out there just for the asking. In today’s computer age, we can do much from home—and contrary to what some may think, some of our most senior members are adept at such things. Getting



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



Rays of Light

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

POST TRAUMATIC STRESS

The VA Medical Center in Waco, TX, was one of the first VA Medical Centers to set up a treatment program for PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder). A part of that program includes a memorial service to remember, to grieve for, and to turn over to the care of God, those friends or events we want to put into a proper perspective. As part of that memorial service, I typically deliver a eulogy. Portions of that eulogy follow, which gives some insight into recovering from Post-Traumatic Stress.

As a part of the memorial service, a little later this morning we will hear the sound of a bugle playing "Taps." I'd like to quote one sentence from the *Army Officer's Guide* concerning the playing of Taps:

Since Taps is the last bugle call the Soldier hears at night, it is particularly appropriate play it over his grave to mark the beginning of his last long sleep, and to express hope and confidence in an ultimate reveille to come.

Today, we lay to rest many things out of the past, and express hope and confidence in new life. Today, Taps has sounded. Even though that symbolic act refers to life after death and the immortality of the soul, there is also life after Vietnam, Korea, Iraq or Afghanistan, and that is what we celebrate this day.

However, in the inner recesses of our mind's eye, we remember a time before the darkness and there is a ray of hope.

When the nation of Israel was in darkness, there was such a ray of hope and Isaiah was right about it. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, upon them has the light shined." Is 9:2

In our dark prison, we have begun to see morning is breaking and there is hope. The Biblical message has always been a message of hope. Regardless how black things are, in every situation there emerges a ray of hope and expectations of good things to come.

Moreover, those of you in the PTSD Program have begun to see a ray of hope—the Light that shineth in darkness. Like the Prodigal Son you have said, "I will arise. I no longer need to be burdened by the weight of the past. I will begin new life."

Indeed, "This is the day which the Lord has made; I will rejoice and be glad in it." As Isaiah wrote, "Fear not for I am with you, be not dismayed for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you." Is 41:10

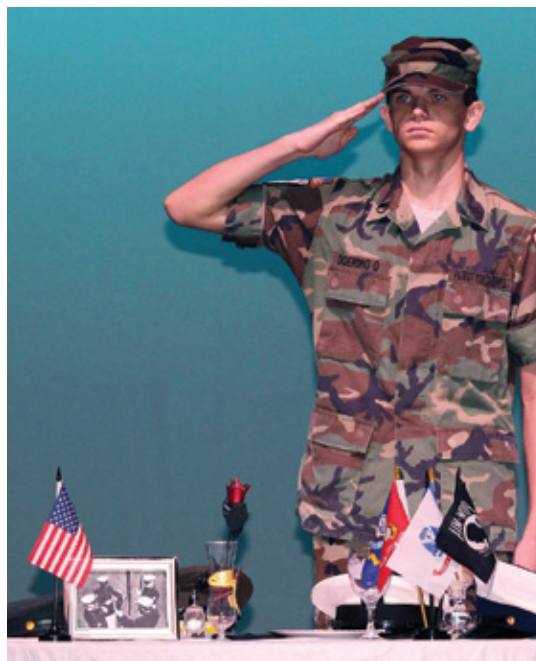
Sometimes it is in our brokenness that He gives us strength, it is in our weakness that He gives us power. Reveille has sounded. Morning has broken. There is life after Iraq and Afghanistan.

May God be with you. ★



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





PHOENIX (092), ARIZONA

Phoenix Chapter's 51st Massing of the Colors

BY GLENN S. GOINS, USA (RET)

The Phoenix Chapter conducted its 51st Massing of the Colors and Service of Remembrance at Carl Hayden Community High School on Sunday, 13 September. In recent years, the chapter holds this commemoration annually on the Sunday closest to Patriots' Day, September 11th, to pay tribute to those Americans and brave First Responders who perished in the tragedy of 9/11. The Arizona Army National Guard's 108th Army Band furnished a quintet to provide a prelude of martial music. The Department of Arizona's five Chapters were represented at this ceremony.

Veterans' service organizations from throughout Maricopa County and the Valley of the Sun were invited to participate, as well as various First Responder units. JROTC cadets from Phoenix Union High School District assisted in carrying some of those VSO flags and banners. The Cactus Pines Council of the Girl Scouts of America was well represented by sixty-three scouts who carried the fifty State Flags, the five US Territorial Flags and VSO flags.

Top left: Carl Hayden Army JROTC Color Guard; **Below:** Emcee COL Dick Minor, USA (Ret), joins in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Kendra Wardon, a finalist from the Arizona YLC Essay Contest.

Top Right: The Patriot Youth Corps presents a moving tribute to the MIAs and POWs of our nation's wars.

Above: The Colors are massed for the Blessing by Rabbi Wiener.



GEN VANDENBERG (213), CALIFORNIA

Chapter Selects Detective as Officer of the Year

BY LTJG JOSEPH E. BROCATO, USN (FMR)

Detective David Marquez of the San Luis Obispo (SLO) County Sheriff's Department was selected as the Chapter's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. A luncheon in his honor was held before a large gathering of Companions, honored guests, which included Sheriff's officers, county elected officials and Marquez family members.

Detective Marquez has served 23 years in the Sheriff's Department and is currently assigned to the Sheriff's Detective Division as a criminal detective.

Top: (L-R): Honoree Detective Marquez holding his citation as Law Enforcement Officer of the Year with Chapter Commander LTJG Joseph E. Brocato, USN (Fmr), presenting the Bravo Zulu Award.

(L-R): The Marquez family, David with wife Teri Lynn, mother Mary Alice, daughter Capt Joni Kay Marquez, USAF (who was a surprise guest), and father Max (former National Guardsman and Merchant Marine). Detective Marquez is also a proud father of a son who is serving in the US Navy.



BRIGGEN HOLLAND (103), CALIFORNIA

BrigGen J. P. Holland Chapter Honors WWII's CPO Walter Spain

BY LCDR NICHOLAS S. HERBKA, USN (FMR)



On 11 April 2015, the BG Holland Chapter honored CPO Walter Spain with two different presentations.

First, GSO Col Clark Kholos, USAF (Ret), Commander, Department of Southern California, presented the Silver Patrick Henry Medallion. The citation read, in part,

"The MOWW General J. P. Holland Chapter is proud to present you the Silver Patrick Henry Medallion for your unwavering Bravery, and Superior Performance as a Naval Intelligence Photographer on Omaha Beach, during the Invasion of Normandy June 6, 1944. The Companions and Friends of the General J. P. Holland Chapter wish you the very best in Life and May God Bless you."

Following Col Kholos was Col Bruce S. Bailey, USAFR (Ret), who presented a vial of sand from Omaha Beach, France, to Walter Spain. CPO Spain landed on Omaha Beach on June 6, 1945, in the Third Wave, as a photographer for the Naval Intelligence Service. Colonel Bailey acquired the sand on a trip to Omaha Beach in June of 2014, as he accompanied a WWII veteran to Normandy. Bruce Bailey is the President/CBO of the Mount Soledad Memorial Association and Trustee for 15 years.

Top (L-R): CPO Walter Spain listens as Col Bruce Bailey presents a vial of sand from Omaha Beach.

Inset (L-R): CPO Spain awarded MOWW's Silver Patrick Henry by GSO Col Clark Kholos, USAF (Ret).





PUGET SOUND (120), WASHINGTON

Law and Order Recognition

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

The Puget Sound Chapter honored two superior law enforcement officers during the 13 September Law and Order meeting at Patriots Landing.

(L-R): Sergeant John Frasier, Lakewood Police Department; Chapter Commander Maj Keith R. Warren, USAF (Ret), and Corporal Mitch Bauer, Washington State Patrol, receiving MOWW Plaques of Appreciation.



GREATER BOSTON (004), MASSACHUSETTS

Congratulations in Order

BY LTC FRED MAGUIRE, USA (RET)

Among the many special guests who attended the luncheon meeting of 5 May were MOWW ROTC Gold Medal Award Recipient MIDN 2/c Katrina Longest (Boston College School of Nursing), and 2LT Paul Kim, USMC, one of five newly commissioned officers who were awarded Perpetual Memberships.



MG MEADE (026), MARYLAND

MG Meade Inducts its 56TH Chapter Commander

BY LT COL SHELDON GOLDBERG, USAF (RET)

Flanked by COL Erwin Burtneck, USA (Ret), on the left, newly sworn in Sr. Vice Commander LCDR Vincent Mettle, USNR, on the right, newly sworn in Treasurer, CDR Robert Hartman III, USN (Ret), center, is inducted as the 56th Commander of the MG George G. Meade Chapter by the MOWW then-SVCINC LTC Ruth Hamilton. CDR Hartman previously served as the Chapter's Treasurer and is the Order's Assistant Treasurer General.



LTG MIDDLETON (056), LOUISIANA

LTG Middleton's "Night at the Museum"

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

Thirty Companions and guests of the LTG Middleton Chapter were hosted by the USS Kidd & Veterans Museum in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, during their May chapter meeting. The Companions enjoyed a catered meal in the museum and then received an escorted tour of the USS Kidd by Tim Nesmith, Ship Superintendent, who discussed the ship's operation, armament, and its service during World War II and the Korean War. A movie about the ship was viewed in the museum theater by those not able to take the walking tour of the ship. Capt (Fmr) Alejandra "Alex" Juan, Executive Director, served as host for the chapter's annual night away from its normal meeting location. Alex is the youngest veteran Companion of the LTG Middleton Chapter. Touring the ship was the LTG Middleton Chapter's oldest member, LTC Philemon A. St Amant, a 97 years young World War II veteran.

USS Kidd (DD-661), a Fletcher-class destroyer, was the first ship of the US Navy to be named after Rear Admiral Isaac C. Kidd, who died on the bridge of his flagship USS Arizona during the attack on Pearl Harbor. Admiral Kidd was the first US flag officer to die during World War II, and the first American admiral ever to be killed in action. Kidd (DD-661) was launched 28 February 1943 at Kearny, New Jersey; sponsored by Mrs. Isaac C. Kidd, widow of Rear Admiral Kidd, and commissioned 23 April 1943. During her initial cruise to the Brooklyn Naval Shipyards, she sailed across New York Harbor with the Jolly Roger flying from the foremast. Subsequently, during outfitting, her crew adopted the pirate captain William Kidd as their mascot, and commissioned a local artist to paint a pirate figure on the forward smokestack.

While on picket on 11 April 1945 off Okinawa, the USS Kidd and her division mates, the USS Black, USS Bullard, and USS Chauncey, with the help of Combat Air Patrols, repelled three air raids. That afternoon, a single enemy plane crashed into the USS Kidd, killing 38 men and wounding 55. As the destroyer headed south to rejoin the task group, her fire drove off further enemy planes that were trying to finish her off. Stopping at Ulithi for temporary repairs, she got underway 2 May for the West Coast, arriving Hunter's Point Naval Shipyard 25 May.

Kidd received eight battle stars for World War II service and four battle stars for Korean War service. The USS Kidd is the most authentically restored Fletcher class destroyer in the historic fleet.

Top left: USS Kidd (DD 661)

Right: LTG Middleton Companions and guests on the USS Kidd. (L-R): Mrs. Harriet St Amant; Chapter Commander LTC Patrick Widner, USAR (Ret); LTC Phil St. Amant, USA (Ret); Col Shelby Hargrove, USAR (Ret); Ms. June Smythe, Capt Alex Juan, ANG (Fmr); PCINC COL Phil St. Amant II, USA (Ret); LTC Reggie Brown, USA (Ret), and HPM Norma Gerace.

Bottom left: In the wardroom of the USS Kidd, LTG Middleton Chapter Commander, LTC Patrick Widner, USAR (Ret), presents Capt Alex Juan, ANG (Fmr), with a Certificate of Appreciation for hosting the chapter's annual night out event.





Milwaukee VA Medical Center Zaps Germs with Robots

The Milwaukee VA Medical Center has a new weapon against invisible critters that can spread infection, illness or even death – a purple and silver robot about the size of a trash can that looks like R2D2 and obliterates the buggers with 67 pulses of ultraviolet light per second.



Meet Xena and Thor—two germ-zapping robots added to Milwaukee’s cleaning and infection control procedures to ensure better health and safety for Veterans and employees. VA put the machines into action in the summer after holding a “Name the Robots” contest among employees. Milwaukee is the first VA hospital in this region to use the robots.

The portable devices, manufactured by Xenex, are the only mercury-free systems available and kill numerous micro-organisms in about 15 minutes.

“This basically takes cleaning to the next level,” said Jai Reneau, Environmental Management Services division manager. “We chose this system because it doesn’t introduce unnecessary hazardous chemicals to the hospital, and it has a very good success rate.”

Typically, after a room is manually cleaned by human hands, the robots take over. Housekeepers wheel it into position, put up orange safety cones, press a button then leave the room. The robot head rises in the air, then attacks the room with bright pulses of UV-C light. The machines are safe for humans, but you can’t look directly at the light.

“It actually exerts enough pressure to open the bacterial cell wall, scrambles the DNA and makes the bacteria inert,” said Gaylyn Raduenz, a registered nurse and infection preventionist. “Then the bacteria can’t reproduce and it can’t infect someone.”

Studies show the treatment lowers infection rates 20 to 50 percent, but Milwaukee officials won’t know local results for about six months.

The robots will mostly be used in the Spinal Cord Injury Center, Community Living Center and other hospital areas where there is a higher risk of infection because of

the type of care provided.

This story was originally published on Inside Veterans Health.

Living History Records MOWW PCINC LTC Alfred Shehab Discussing Battle of the Bulge



Living History is a documentary-style web series where veterans discuss their experiences before, during and after war with each other.

The first web series features four American Veterans who fought and lived through World War II and the Battle of the Bulge. They met in November 2014 in the WWII History Room at Ft. Meade, MD. Surrounded by personal artifacts, uniforms and military memorabilia, they reminisced about their younger days and the brutality of the Ardennes campaign.

Living History: Battle of the Bulge was produced with the assistance of The Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, a membership organization dedicated to perpetuating the memory of the sacrifices involved during the Battle of the Bulge. To learn more about the Battle of the Bulge, its living Veterans and preserving the history and memory of the battle, visit the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge website. [To view this video follow link:](https://youtu.be/XoSmqHcO1WU)

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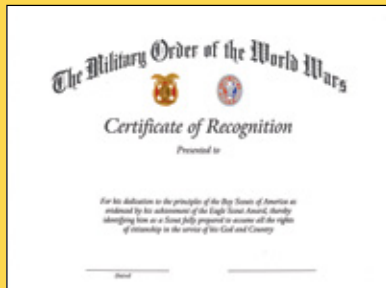
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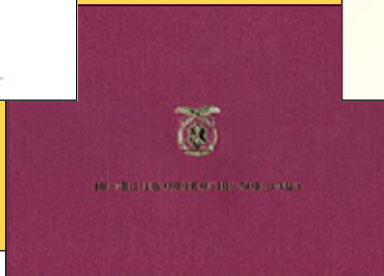
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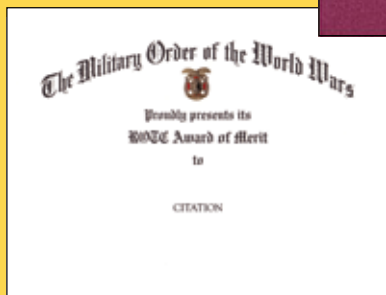
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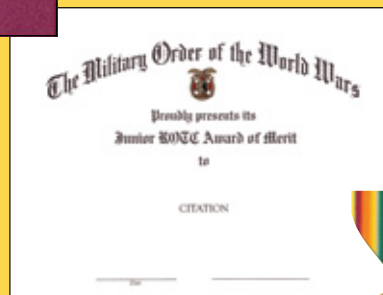
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