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# Commander-in-Chief's Comments

When we were growing up, we learned that it was in poor taste to discuss our financial problems or successes outside of the family. Today, that hasn't much changed; however, the financial situation of the Order concerns all of us in the MOWW family, and I'd like to offer a few thoughts on the subject—just among ourselves.

The Preamble to the Constitution of our Order establishes a general range of goals for us to pursue. These are shared goals handed down through generations of American Officers, and we believe strongly in them, not only as individual programs, but also as key parts of a coordinated commitment to our continued

service to the Nation. But they are as expensive to pursue as they are essential to our identity as a unique Veterans group that seeks no personal benefit for its members.

By the time you read this issue of *Officer Review*, you will already have received the first of my three letters soliciting voluntary tax-deductible contributions to a program established several years ago, and continued from CINC to CINC, to raise the supplemental funds necessary to bridge the gap between the assets we have available for continuing program support, and the costs required to execute the programs we have chosen to establish and maintain. I hope that you will consider donating what you can to support these undertakings, not just once during each year's CINC's Solicitation, but in response to each of the three letters of solicitation each of us will receive.

The essence of the situation is simple: either we must raise additional money each year in order to maintain the level of program support we have determined we want to provide, or we must reduce the number and/or scope of the programs we support to the levels permitted by our available funds.

A third option exists, of course, over the long term: Companions can generate surplus funds for the Order, over and above our annual program support requirements, to be added to the Endowment Fund. Compounding interest could eventually support the annual requirements of the Order. That was the purpose for which we established the "Honor Donor Wall," which recognizes contributions of \$200 or more from Companions, by placing on the wall of the entranceway to the headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia, a brass plate engraved with the name of each qualifying donor. And donors who give \$1,000 or more to this program also receive a sculpture of an American eagle in appreciation of their generosity in support of the cause. A list of donors to this program is available online at the Order's website.

On page 23, is information on a distinguished Companion and fellow West Point graduate, Past CINC COL William H. Waugh, Jr., who passed on September 5, 2009. I had the privilege and honor of knowing Past CINC COL Waugh; and I, and all Companions of the Order send our sincere condolences to the Waugh family.

Those who attended the National Convention also know of the program encouraging each of us to provide for the Order through the establishment of trusts in favor of our programs, or by making provisions in our wills to benefit the Order and its purposes. This was recently underscored, when we received an unanticipated check for more than \$30,000 from the estate of a perpetual member from Florida. Major Mary A. Osborne, a retired nurse and long-time member from Florida, had made a generous provision in her will in support of goals she believed in. Her contribution will be deposited to the Endowment Fund, a plaque will be mounted on the Honor Donor Wall in recognition of her gift, and a letter of appreciation is being sent to her family.

Shouldn't all of us who believe strongly in the aims of the Order help support those aims? Help spread the fire!



COL PHILEMON ST. AMANT II

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# Angel In The Cockpit

By Capt Norman J. Jasper, Jr.  
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In September, 2008, I forwarded a letter to Colonel Russell Walden, USAF Air Force Detachment #875, Blacksburg, Virginia, strongly recommending Maj Frank H. McFadden, a Companion of the Roanoke Chapter, for induction into the Virginia Tech Aviation Wall of Fame.

Every September, Virginia Tech's AFROTC Detachment 875 hosts a ceremony to induct a

Virginia Tech Alumnus who has made important contributions or distinguished themselves through personal heroism in the field of aviation.

"Major Frank McFadden is a Virginia Tech Alumnus who has distinguished himself through service and sacrifice in the field of aviation," this letter began, then followed with the facts of 2nd Lt. McFadden's career:

"From January to July 1945, 2nd Lt. Frank H. McFadden flew (113) combat missions in the Pacific, from Guadalcanal to the South China Sea, as a SBD Dive Bomber Pilot. He participated in 11 Campaigns. He earned (4) Distinguished Flying Crosses, Purple Heart Medal, (12) Air Medals, the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with 11 Battle Stars, and the Presidential Unit Citation, National Defense Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal with Star and other Decorations.

His service was Army CMTC, (Civilian Military Training Camp) Fort Meade, Maryland 1938-1939; Army ROTC 1940-1941; Coastal Artillery, Fort Monroe, Virginia, Virginia Tech, Navy 1942 and Marine Corps 1942-1964.

Cadet McFadden was in the US Navy V-5 Program. He left Virginia Tech as a Mechanical

Engineering Student in 1942. Cadet McFadden took Preflight Training at the University of Georgia for (3) months. He transferred to Norman, Oklahoma for Primary Training, (3) months, Stearman N2S-3 and Advanced Training, Pensacola, Florida for (9) months. He flew SNVs and SNJs. He took the Marine Corps option to be Commissioned in 1943. 2nd Lt. McFadden went to Opalocka Air Field near Miami to qualify as a Fighter Pilot. He trained as a Landing Signal Officer then was sent to an Active Duty Squadron on the West Coast.

2nd Lt. Frank McFadden took dive bombing training for two months. He reported to San Diego, California. He left Conus with a convoy of APAs (Attack Transports) and other ships and nineteen days later they landed on Guadalcanal.

There were (5) Squadrons of SBDs, 18-20 planes per Squadron. 2nd Lt. McFadden was assigned to VMSB-236, heavier than Air Marine Scout Bombers. 2nd Lt McFadden flew combat missions at Munda and Bougainville. Later, he flew combat missions at Rabaul and the Philippines. The VMSB-236 supported the 37th Army Division.

On January 9, 1945, 2nd Lt. McFadden landed on Luzon as a Marine Platoon Commander, after going through the Surigao Strait, south of Leyte and north of Mindanao. He was in the South China Sea and Lingayen Gulf.



Then-1st Lt. Frank McFadden's shot-up SBD-203, February 14, 1945. [The caption for the photograph reads: Enemy antiaircraft artillery fire could tear big holes in a dive bomber, as this SBD shows after a mission over Manila. The pilot, 1stLt Frank H. McFadden of VMSB-236, made it back to his base on this one of the 113 missions he flew in the Philippines. MARINE CORPS HISTORICAL CENTER

On February 14, 1945, 2nd Lt. Frank McFadden dive bombed a Japanese AA (Antiaircraft gun) position. He dropped a 1,000-pound Torpex bomb, knocking out the position at Fort McKinley near Manila. His plane was hit in the Horizontal Stabilizer by AA fire from Neilson Field (see photo, bottom page 4). He saved the plane and his rear gunner, Sgt. Charles Hamilton, USMC. Frank had "an Angel in the Cockpit."

"In February, March, April, May and June 1945, 2nd Lt. McFadden flew (74) Combat Missions with over 181 hours of flight time. MAG-24 (Marine Aircraft Group 24) lost (12) Officers and (18) Enlisted Marines.

1st Lt. Frank McFadden was released from active duty in 1946. He returned to Virginia Tech and graduated as a Mechanical Engineer in 1948. He worked for the Norfolk and Western Railroad in management positions. Major Frank McFadden was recalled to active duty during the Korean War. He flew F41PS. With the arrival of helicopters, Major McFadden trained at Pensacola, Florida flying HTVs, HTLs, HUPs, HRSs, and HOKs. During (48) years of flying Military and Civilian aircraft, Major McFadden flew (37) different aircraft including the B-17 Bomber.

He was involved in improving the development of better tactics for Helicopters. Major McFadden was on the team that developed the first Standard Operating Procedures for use of Helicopters for Amphibious Operations from carriers to the beach at Vieques, Puerto Rico from Carriers Kula Gulf, USS CV-108 and USS Siboney CVS-112."

"He is very accomplished, having improved and keeping up to date on various aircraft. He is still flying at the age of eighty-seven.

Major Frank McFadden USMCR is still a very active Patriot who presents Leadership Medals, Ribbons and Citations to Cadets every April at VPI, and VMI. These



Medals, Ribbons and Citations are from the Military Order of the World Wars, as a Perpetual Member of the the MOWW Roanoke Chapter. Major McFadden is a Life Member of the MOPH and Member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter #510, in Roanoke, VA.

His contributions as a Patriot and Companion to this Great Nation are "Superior In Every Respect."

He has been a credit as a father and a grandfather."

In May, I received a letter from Colonel Russell K. Walden, Commander AFROTC, Blacksburg, VA. indicating that Major Frank H. McFadden had been "Selected as the 2009 Inductee into the Arnold Air Society-Aviation Wall of Fame at Virginia Tech."

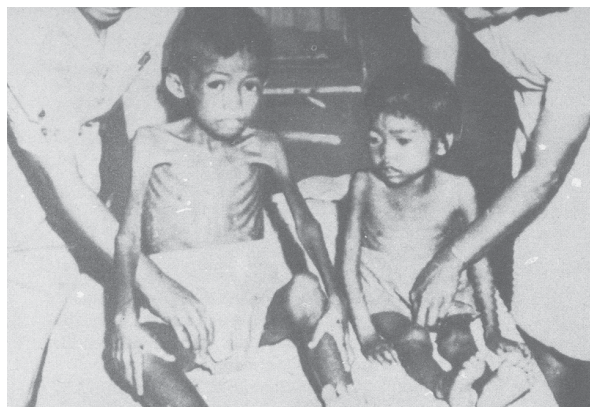
Colonel Walden's letter reads, (in part):

"It is my pleasure to inform you that Major Frank H. McFadden, USMCR (Ret.), the nominee you submitted, has been selected as the 2009 inductee into the Arnold Air Society - Aviation Wall of Fame at Virginia Tech. We cordially invite you to attend the Induction Ceremony in his honor on Tuesday, September 15th at 1600 hours.

The Aviation Wall of Fame was dedicated in 1998 by the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors and Officers of Air Force ROTC Detachment 875. Today the Wall and its affairs are conducted by the Robert E. Femoyer Squadron of the Arnold Air Society at Virginia Tech. The Wall is a memorial recognizing Virginia Tech alumni who have distinguished themselves through contribution of service and sacrifice in the fields of aviation or aerospace.

We take great pride in recognizing Aviation Wall of Fame inductees each year..."

When asked to share a favorite quote, Maj McFadden said, "We will be the land of the free as long as we are the land of the brave."



#### **February 1945 in Manilla**

*With the American and Filipino liberators just on the other side of the Pasig River, the Japanese soldiers and sailors, and the Korean marines proceeded to go from one city block to another, burning and looting the homes, raping the women, and murdering as many citizens of Manila as they could, in biblical proportions. The Ermita, Malate, and Pasay districts were most greatly affected. The Japanese Military, in Manila, declared war on its civilian population.*

*—from testimony collected by U. S. forces which liberated Manila*

*Conservative estimates state the the Manila Massacre, which took place in February, 1945, claimed the lives of over 111,000 civilians, an estimate of 35,000 more than either Nagasaki or Hiroshima. Pictured left, starving children found in Manila after the city was liberated. NARA ARCHIVES*



# My Trip to Havana, 1944

By Captain LeRoy Reinburg, Jr.  
Bethesda, Maryland, Chapter

On June 6, 1944, the largest military invasion force in history landed on the beaches of Normandy, France, to break the hold of Nazi Germany on the European Continent. I remember this day very well. I was a third class cadet at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, in New London, Connecticut. The entire cadet corps was lined up in the quadrangle of Chase Hall, the cadet barracks. It was about 0630 hours, and we were in the middle of doing calisthenics. We would normally have been rowing, but the fog on the Thames River was so thick, that it was feared that we might become disoriented, and drift down stream. This had actually happened a month before, and it had taken almost a day to locate all of the pulling boats.

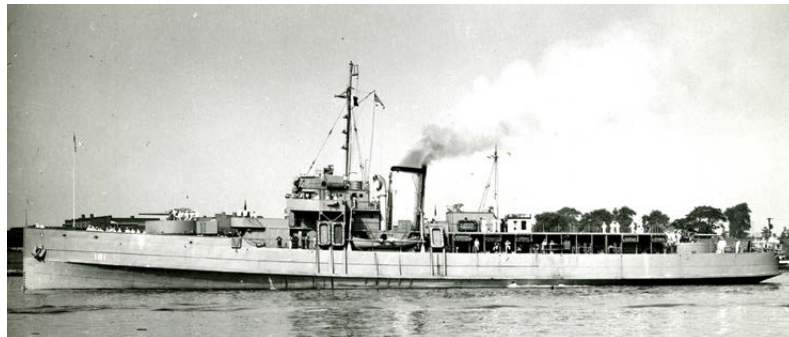
While we were exercising, the Commissioned Officer of the Day, came out of Chase Hall, halted the exercises, and announced in a very solemn voice that the Allied invasion of Europe had begun. He dismissed us and we all went back to our rooms to prepare for breakfast, and talk about this historic event. Many of us wondered if this would mean that the war would end before we graduated and went out to the fleet. Whatever the effect this event would have on our lives, we knew that despite the fact that the submarine war at sea raged on off our coasts, we would still depart shortly for our summer practice cruise. Our itinerary had been posted on the bulletin board and it included stops at Miami, Havana, St. Petersburg, and New Orleans.

I think most of us were looking forward to seeing Havana, but as it turned out, the other ports were interesting as well. Our trip started with a troop train

(we called it a cattle car) ride from New London, to the U.S. Marine Corps Base at Camp LeJeune, South Carolina. The trip down was miserable. The weather was miserably hot, and we were the last cars on a coal-fired locomotive train. This was in the days before air conditioning. We had to open the windows because of the stifling heat, and the coal dust found its way into everything. We had about a four-hour layover in Union Station, Washington, D.C., but as I remember, it was from about 0100 to 0500, and we were not allowed to leave the train. I can't imagine why we would have wanted to, anyway. The heat of the D.C. summer was almost unbearable.

The highlight of the trip was when we went slowly through Myrtle Beach about noon, and people lined the way waving to us, blowing kisses, and shouting words of encouragement. We spent three weeks at Camp LeJeune attending the Amphibious Warfare Training School, which involved loading combat-equipped Marines into LCVs and LCMs (landing craft equipped with ramps on the bow) from a mock-up of a transport ship, and debarking them on a sheltered beach. The beach landing, apparently was only incidental to the Marines and our training, the debarking on cargo nets and entering the boats was the purpose of the enterprise. It was during one of these operations that I had exposure to a tragic training fatality. A Marine with full combat gear lost his grip on the cargo net, and fell in between the boat and the mock transport. The water, as I recall was quite deep, and before he could be rescued, he had drowned. I remember having tears running down my face. My boat was not directly involved, but it was a sad and sobering occurrence. Our training continued, making landings on the Atlantic Ocean beach through surf. I doubt that the purpose of our training was to make us proficient coxswains, but rather to make us aware of the problems associated with landing troops on unfriendly shores.

At the end of our training, we took buses to Charleston, South Carolina, and joined the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *Governor Cobb*, a steam driven coastal passenger ship that had been converted to an antisubmarine and convoy escort ship. It had a helicopter flight deck, although this was the very early days of the helicopter. It also had two 5-inch, 57-caliber guns, twenty millimeter antiaircraft machine guns, called Oerlikons, due to their Swedish manufacturer, depth charge tracks, and K-guns. The ship was also equipped with Sonar, and all of the



*Above left: USCGC Cobb (WPG-181) was a United States Coast Guard cutter commissioned during World War II. The author, then-Cadet LeRoy Reinburg Jr., made a cadet cruise on the Cobb in the summer of 1944; Below left: A conversion of the 1906 coastal steamboat SS Governor Cobb, USCGC Cobb in the hands of the Coast Guard became the world's first helicopter carrier. The first flight off the cutter occurred on June 29, 1944.*

latest electronics gear. Since we would be transiting German submarine infested waters, we maintained strict darken ship. Each door leading to the weather decks had a darken ship switch, and as you exited these doors, they automatically shut off the interior lights. Walking the weather decks on a dark moonless night had its own hazards, and to help avoid knee-knocking and other hazards, luminous buttons were fastened to practically everything on the weather decks. We still had a lot of head and knee knocking. Of course, there were no open lights, including matches and cigarettes allowed on the weather decks.

We reached Miami without incident, although the ship was very hot and uncomfortable. Many of us slept on the weather decks, and suffered the risk of being stepped on during the night. Miami was visible a long way off, because it was guarded by barrage balloons on the seaward side. Our visit was pleasant, although hectic. The local citizens had planned several social functions to which they had invited young ladies to be our dance partners and companions through the evening. Since we were tied up in downtown Miami, it was easy to get to the local sights.

After this, we headed for Havana, and, as usual, arrived off Morro Castle at the Havana Harbor Entrance, at 0800 (pictured bottom, right). After tying up to a cargo pier in the commercial port, liberty was granted to three of the four sections. The uniform for liberty was service dress white, and three of my classmates and I went ashore. We looked somewhat out of place on the dirty cargo pier, but somehow the word of our arrival had reached the cab fleet and we were able to flag down a cab. Two of my classmates had taken Spanish and told the cab driver that we wanted to go the Hotel Nacional, even pointing to it on a commanding height above the city. We were going there because the city had arranged a dinner dance for us that evening and we wanted to see what it was like in advance.

We pulled up in front of a one story, nondescript building, and the cab driver said: "Hotel Nacional," pointing to the building. We thought we may have made a mistake in identifying where we wanted to go, so one of us was elected to go inside to check it out. He came back saying it was a house of prostitution. After much bickering and browbeating, we finally made it to the real Hotel Nacional. The party wasn't supposed to start for several hours, so we went back out to see some of the city. This time the cab driver took us to where we wanted to go, Sloppy Joe's Bar, an internationally known watering place for visiting celebrities. The lesson we

*Above right: Cadets photographed at Sloppy Joe's Bar during their visit to Havana, Cuba-left to right: Mitton Neuman, LeRoy Reinburg Jr., Bill Nielson and Al Nordon. Below right: The USCGC Cobb entered Cuba through the Morro Castle Harbor entrance*

learned was if a cab picks up a sailor on the dock, the first thing he wants, in their view is a prostitute.

The rest of the visit is somewhat of a blur. The party was wonderful. The young ladies were apparently from well-to-do families, and had to travel with a duenna (an elderly woman acting as chaperon to girls). Dating as we knew it in the States was entirely different, but we traveled in groups, some of us even got invitations to dinner with Cuban families. We traveled around the old city, and had a delightful time on our own. I still have a photo of me and three of my classmates in Sloppy Joe's (see below). All in all it was a very pleasant and educational visit. Batista was the head of the Cuban Government, and it was a very happy, cosmopolitan city. Fidel Castro changed all of this in the 1950s. Now if what I read in the papers is true, everyone is equally miserable.

Our port visit to St. Petersburg was very pleasant. I remembered it from my childhood. Here again, the citizens gave us a dinner dance, with local young ladies to socialize and dance with.

We lay off the east entrance to the Mississippi, awaiting first light to pick up a pilot for the 60 or so miles up the river to New Orleans. However, at about 0200, the sky and surrounding Gulf of Mexico was lit up by the fire from a burning oil tanker, about five miles away that had been torpedoed by a German Submarine, so we immediately sought the shelter of the river, rather than being a sitting duck. We transited the river to New Orleans, and arrived at a cargo pier at first light. The only incident I remember here was the accidental discharge of a forty-five-caliber pistol by the relieving officer of the deck inside the warehouse on the pier, which made a hole in the corrugated iron roof, and scared the hell out of everybody.





# Memories of Camp Tuthill, Arizona, 1947

By Past CINC COL Jack B Jones  
General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, California, Chapter

On 15 July 1947 I enlisted in the Arizona National Guard in Tucson, AZ in the rank of Private. President Harry S. Truman had just lowered the age of enlistment to age 17 and I was sworn in as the youngest guardsman in Arizona. I was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 158th Infantry Regiment also known as the "Bushmasters."

In a little over a month, the company was ordered to Camp Tuthill for annual training and we loaded onto two-and-a-half ton trucks in the early morning of 17th August 1947 and drove to Flagstaff and Camp Tuthill. The trip took most of the day and was on two-lane highway the entire trip.

At Camp Tuthill, the troops were quartered in old barracks which were open bays with lines of cots and no privacy whatever. Two end rooms housed the Non-Commissioned Officers who controlled our every waking moment. We were at the end of the old "Brown - Shoe Army" and the beginning of the new "Modern Army." And yes, our boots and shoes were a dark brown and difficult to shine.

I recall that, as the most junior of all privates, I was given the distinct responsibility for the latrine, a building set apart from the barracks, consisting of a large shower room with an infinite number of shower-heads attached to the wall like so many iron goose-necks. In the other part of the latrine on either wall were wash-basins and mirrors for shaving and as I recall, down the middle of the room, rows of toilets back to back with no partitions. Everything was done out in the open.

In addition to cleaning this oversized bathroom, I was required to fire-up the boiler at 0530 hours in order to have hot water by 0630. I was taken by my platoon Sgt. to the boiler-room of the latrine and patiently taught how to start the fire. The Sergeant said, "First, put in three buckets of coal. Next, throw in some kindling and newspaper. Then douse it with some gasoline from the can next to the door and last but not least, throw in a match."

I remember the next morning at 0530 hours; the Charge of Quarters (C.Q.) woke me and told me to get going. I strode confidently to the boiler room of the latrine and laid-in the coal, kindling, and paper as I had been taught. I then poured a rather healthy amount of gasoline over the entire concoction.



Lastly, I struck the match and threw it in. Just as I tossed the match, alarm bells went off in my head which provoked the question, "What is wrong with this picture?" Before the answer was fully found, I instinctively ducked, as the boiler belched a fiery blast and loud report. Fortunately, I only singed my hand and the left side of my head. After the explosion, I stepped outside to brush the singed hair off my head and was astonished to see half the encampment piling out of the barracks to find out what had

exploded. As they figured it out, a roar of laughter rose from the company and I was somewhat chagrined by my mistake. I was sure that I would not repeat the error and the rest of the time everything proceeded as it should.

Another event which stands out in my mind through the years is the day of weapons training. In those days, the National Guard was not the recipient of the Army's largess. On the entire post, the Regiment only had one M-1 rifle, one .45 cal pistol, and one .30 caliber carbine. I recall that on range day, the entire company was formed at the range for familiarization firing. With limited ammunition and only three weapons, each man was allowed to fire three rounds from each weapon. It took the entire day in order to permit each man to fire. The only weapon used outside of range firing was the carbine which was carried at night by the soldier on guard duty. There was one guard post at the front gate and the guard was mounted at 1700 and continued until 0700 the following morning with guards changed every two hours. I recall that as

each person arrived at the changing of the guard, he received the carbine (with no ammunition) from the guard leaving guard duty. My time on guard duty happened to occur from 1900 to 2100 hours. It was about 2000 hours when a vehicle approached and in accordance with my orders, I halted the vehicle and ordered all occupants to dismount the vehicle and advance to be recognized. The driver and passenger dismounted and to my utter amazement, the passenger was none other than Major General Tuthill himself! When he came forward I was sure he was going to have me shot! I saluted smartly and bid them to pass, but the General came forward and shook my hand and complimented me on my performance of duty. He said that he appreciated a soldier who went "by the book."

The training during AT '47 focused on individual training. We learned care and cleaning of equipment,







maintenance of vehicles, how to drive the jeep and the two-and-a-half ton truck with a manual gear shift, first-aid, and field sanitation. (I believe I dug three latrines that first week). The remainders of my annual training

memories have faded over the last 62 years but I recall that I learned a great deal from that experience. I learned that mistakes are only good if you learn from them and never repeat them. I learned that if you take care of your equipment, no matter how old it is, it can serve you well. And I learned that if you do it by the book, you will be correct most of the time. These things haven't changed much since 1947.

I trained with the 158th throughout the remainder of 1947 and then my family moved to California where I joined the 160th Infantry Regiment of the California National Guard 40th Division in 1949. The training I had received in Arizona helped me greatly and I was promoted to Sergeant in early 1950. On June 25th the Korean War broke out and the 40th Infantry Division was ordered to active duty.

I retired from the Army many years ago, but my memories of the Bushmasters and Ft. Tuthill are some of my clearest and fondest.

Page opposite, top: General Alexander Tuthill; below: Arizona National Guard 158th Infantry Regiment took the name of "Bushmasters" after the deadly bushmaster snake which became the distinguishing shoulder patch of the fighting 158th Regimental Combat Team; above, left: Soldiers work at digging latrines.

ARIZONA MEMORY PROJECT

## FACT SHEET

# Why Silver Outranks Gold In Grade Insignia For Army Officers



In 1851 the Colonel's eagle was prescribed in silver. For Lieutenant Colonel, the insignia was an embroidered leaf in silver; for Majors, gold embroidered leaf; for Captain and First Lieutenant, bars in gold. Change to silver for these last two came in 1872.

The question is often raised: Why does silver outrank gold in grade insignia for Army officers? This is the historical background which answers that question. The 1832 order had specified that eagles worn by Colonels in the Infantry should be gold; for all other Colonels, silver. When undress uniforms were prescribed in 1851, it was decreed that all Colonels should wear the same insignia and that it should be the silver eagle. This was based on the practical fact that there were more Colonels with silver eagle insignia. The decision was also considered especially appropriate since Generals already had silver stars.

The 1851 order also established that Lieutenant Colonels should have silver for their oak leaves. Thus all Officers from General to Lieutenant Colonel had silver insignia. Majors used the same oak leaf design, but it was in gold. At the same time, Captains and First Lieutenants were given gold for their insignia. The Captains' and Lieutenants' bars were designated as silver in 1872, because epaulettes were abolished for regimental Officers and gold shoulder knots were used. Silver insignia were prescribed to correspond with the senior Officers. This standardization made it possible, when Second Lieutenants were given grade insignia in December, 1917, to take the Lieutenants' bar and make it gold.

Prepared by The Institute of Heraldry, U. S. Army, May 1, 1964.

*In the July/August issue of Officer Review magazine, then-CINC LTG R. L. "Sam" Wetzel recapped the stirring dedication ceremonies he had attended for the National Infantry Museum's new parade ground. The dedication of the field was held in March 2009, three months prior to the museum's opening in June 2009. Two articles referencing each event follow.*

## **Commentary: A great day for the U.S. Army**

It was a great day for the Infantry and for the U.S. Army, and it was one for the history books, as well.

On a bright, sunny spring day in Georgia, Fort Benning and the National Infantry Museum dedicated a new parade ground, and the first of what will be thousands of basic training companies broke it in by marching in review for their graduation.

Before the 125 newest soldiers in the Army set boots on that field, though, it was consecrated in a ceremony that saw Veterans and descendants of Veterans of eight of America's wars spread soil collected from their battlefields on the new parade ground.

Douglas Hamilton, a fifth generation descendant of Alexander Hamilton, sprinkled soil gathered from the decisive battlefield of Yorktown in the Revolutionary War.

Former Sen. Dirk Kempthorne, a great-grandson of Pvt. Charles Kempthorne of the Union Army's 3rd Wisconsin Infantry, and Henry B. Pease Jr., a descendant of Henry Lewis Benning, the Confederate commander at the Burnside Bridge, spread soil from the blood-soaked Civil War battlefield of Antietam, or Sharpsburg, as Gen. Benning probably called it.

Soil from World War I battlefields in France was spread on the parade ground by George York, son of the legendary Sgt Alvin York, and Samuel Parker Moss, grandson of Samuel Parker of the 28th Infantry. Both York and Parker earned the Medal of Honor during World War I.

World War II was represented by soil collected from the beaches at Normandy and those of Corregidor and Guadalcanal in the Pacific. Theodore Roosevelt IV, grandson of Theodore Roosevelt Jr., who earned the Medal of Honor on D-Day at Normandy, and by Kirk Davis, son of Charles Davis, who earned the Medal of Honor at Guadalcanal, spread soil from those battlefields.

Two legendary warriors from the Korean War, Col. Ola Lee Mize, who held Outpost Harry against overwhelming odds and earned a Medal of Honor, and Gen. Sun Yup Paik, who at age 30 commanded both a division and a corps in the South Korean Army, sprinkled soil from their war's battlefields.

Then it was time to honor the infantrymen who fought in Vietnam, and two legendary old soldiers marched onto the field wearing their black cavalry Stetsons. Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Hal Moore and Command Sergeant Major (Ret.) Basil Plumley (pictured below, center) carried jars bearing soil collected at Landing Zone X-Ray in the Ia Drang Valley and on other Vietnam battlefields.

In the stands, a dozen or more Ia Drang Veterans and other 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) Veterans, most wearing the same black hats, stood at attention as Moore, 87, and Plumley, 89, carried out their mission and then saluted them. Command Sergeant Major Marvin Hill, the senior enlisted adviser to Gen. David Petraeus at the U.S. Central Command in Tampa, spread soil collected from battlefields in Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan during Operation Desert Storm and Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

Actor Sam Elliott, who portrayed Sgt. Maj. Plumley in the movie "We Were Soldiers", narrated the ceremony. (Full disclosure: The movie is based on a book that Gen. Moore and I wrote.)

The program began and ended with some spectacular flying demonstrations using helicopters of the Vietnam War era, and Fort Benning once more heard distant echoes of the blades of Hueys, OH-6s and Cobra gunships.





This ceremony marked a partial opening of the new \$100 million National Infantry Museum that adjoins the parade ground. The grand opening of the entire facility was scheduled for June 19.

Fort Benning's hometown, Columbus, Georgia, provided more than 200 acres of land at the gates of the Fort for construction of the Infantry Museum, and Columbus citizens, foundations and companies donated almost half the money needed to build it

The Infantry Museum Foundation is busy rounding up the last \$10 million to complete work on the displays that will fill the museum's galleries on America's wars and the infantry battles that distinguished them.

The new soldiers graduating from basic training with Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry marched past the stands, which were filled not only with their proud parents and siblings, but also with the assembled VIPs and such legendary Infantrymen as Gen. (Ret.) David Grange, Gen. (Ret.) Ed Burba and Col. (Ret) Ralph Puckett.

In the Infantry and in the Army, there are good days and bad days, and a few great days. This was one of the great days.

—Written by Joseph L Galloway for McClatchy Newspapers

## The National Infantry Museum's Grand Opening June 20th, 2009

Columbus, Georgia - June 19, 2009:

Over 6,000 people who came to witness the Grand Opening of the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center refused to let a little sweat ruin the day.

The day began with a Fort Benning Infantry school graduation on the parade field adjacent to the new museum. Afterward, the crowd moved to the front of the museum for the ribbon cutting ceremony. After an introduction by National Infantry Foundation Chairman MG (Ret.) Jerry White and remarks by Columbus Mayor Jim Wetherington, Fort Benning Commanding General Michael Barbero and U.S. Representative Sanford Bishop, guest speaker Gen. (Ret.) Colin S. Powell (pictured below, center) took the stage.

"Let me point out that this would not be a certified official Fort Benning ceremony if it was not 95 degrees and the troops were not in the sun," Powell joked. He went on to talk about his own experiences at the "Fort Benning School for Boys," his and his wife Alma's first Army home. It was here, Powell said, that he learned about leadership.

He praised the museum for making "a hero of the Infantry itself."

"This site is much more than a mere memorial, and the word museum is entirely inadequate to describe it," Powell said. "It's the only attraction in the country to tell the story of the Infantry from the perspective of the soldier."

Next, the official party cut a big red ribbon strung between two columns supporting the museum's rotunda. They used a Revolutionary War Infantry Officer's Sword, the same sword used by General Omar N. Bradley to open the original National Infantry Museum on Fort Benning on July 1, 1977. At the same moment, giant billowing panels of red and white fabric hung between each set of columns fell to the ground, unveiling the newly opened doors to the museum.

Within minutes, a line of people wanting to begin their visit with a stroll up the "Last 100 Yards" snaked throughout the museum's lobby. As they left, many - including General Powell - said 'thank you' for what the museum represents.

"Among many other things this is what we owe to those who went before. This is the place. This is the home. This is their legacy."

—From [www.nationalinfantrymuseum.com](http://www.nationalinfantrymuseum.com)



"Photos Courtesy of U.S. Army"

# Creation of a Joint Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record

## Improvements in the Health Care System for America's Veterans

WASHINGTON - Today, the President, along with Secretary Gates and Secretary Shinseki, announced that the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs have taken the first step in creating a Joint Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record. Currently, there is no comprehensive system in place that allows for a streamlined transition of health care records between DOD and the VA. Both Departments will work together to define and build a system that will ultimately contain administrative and medical information from the day an individual enters military service throughout their military career, and after they leave the military.

Access to electronic records is essential to modern health care delivery and the paperless administration of benefits. It provides a framework to ensure that all health care providers have all the information they need to deliver high-quality health care while reducing medical errors. The creation of this Joint Virtual Lifetime Record by the two organizations would take the next leap to delivering seamless, high-quality care, and serve as a model for the Nation.

The President believes that the quality of care that our Veterans receive should never be hindered by budget delays. He has shared this concern with Secretary Shinseki, and they have worked together to support advanced funding of Veterans medical care. What that means is a timely and predictable flow of funding from year to year, but more importantly, that means better care for our Veterans. The Senate-passed budget supported this concept in a bipartisan manner.

The Department of Veterans Affairs Budget will:

- Increase funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs by \$25 billion above baseline over the next five years.
- Dramatically increase funding for Veterans health care.
- Expand eligibility for Veterans' health care to over 500,000 Veterans who were previously denied care by 2013.
- Enhance outreach and services related to mental health care and cognitive injuries, including post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury, with a focus on access for Veterans in rural areas.
- Invest in better technology to deliver services and benefits to Veterans with the quality and efficiency they deserve.
- Provide greater benefits to Veterans who are medically retired from service.
- Combat homelessness by safeguarding vulnerable Veterans.
- Facilitate timely implementation of the comprehensive education benefits that Veterans earn through their dedicated military service.

The Department of Defense Budget will:

- Continue the steady growth in medical research and development by requesting \$400 million more than last year.
- Recognize the critical and permanent nature of wounded, ill and injured, traumatic brain injury, and psychological health programs. This means institutionalizing and properly funding these efforts in the base budget and increasing overall spending by \$300 million. The department will spend over \$47 billion on health care in FY10.
- Increase funding by \$200 million for improvements in child care, spousal support, lodging, and education.

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# VA Announces New Nursing Academy Sites

## Five Universities Partner with VA in Nursing Initiative

WASHINGTON -- To provide compassionate, highly-trained nurses to serve the health care needs of the Nation's Veterans, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is establishing new partnerships with five of the country's finest nursing schools. With these new partnerships, the VA Nursing Academy will expand the number of collaborations between the Department and nursing schools from 10 to 15.

"The expanded role of the Department of Veterans Affairs in the education of nurses will ensure the Department has the nurses needed to continue our world-class health care for Veterans," said Dr. Linda D. Johnson, Director of VA Nursing Academy. "The VA Nursing Academy expands the teaching faculty, improves recruitment and retention, and creates new educational and research opportunities."

The VA Nursing Academy is a virtual five-year pilot program with central administration in Washington. It expands learning opportunities for nursing students at VA facilities, funds faculty development of VA staff for additional faculty positions to competitively selected school partners. The five-year, \$59 million program began in 2007.

Five nursing schools will form new partnerships with five VA medical centers and join the VA Nursing Academy this year. They are: Western Carolina University, Asheville, N.C.; University of Alabama, Birmingham, Ala; University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, HI; Pace University, Manhattan and Brooklyn, N.Y.; Waynesburg University, Pittsburgh, PA.

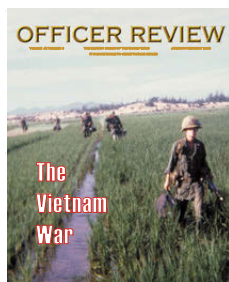
VA Nursing Academy already includes 10 partnerships: the VA medical center in Gainesville, FL., with the University of Florida; the VA medical center in San Diego, CA., with San Diego State University; the VA medical center in Salt Lake City, UT with the University of Utah; the VA medical center in West Haven, Conn., with Fairfield University in Connecticut; the VA medical center in Charleston, S.C., with the Medical University of South Carolina; the Hines, Illinois, VA medical center with Loyola University of Chicago, IL; the VA Michigan Consortia (Detroit and Saginaw) with the University of Detroit Mercy and Saginaw Valley State University, MI; the Oklahoma City VA Medical Center with the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences; the VA medical center in Providence, R.I., and Rhode Island College; and the VA medical center in Tampa, FL., and the University of South Florida.

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing has reported that in 2007 more than 36,000 qualified applicants were turned away from entry-level baccalaureate degree programs in nursing schools because of insufficient numbers of faculty, clinical sites, classroom space and clinical mentors. VA currently provides clinical education for approximately 100,000 health professional trainees annually, including students from more than 600 schools of nursing.

VA Nursing Academy enables competitively selected VA-nursing school partnerships to expand the number of nursing faculty, enhance the professional and scholarly development of nurses, increase student enrollment by about 1,000 students and promote innovations in nursing education. Further information about the program can be obtained from VA's Office of Academic Affiliations web site at [www.va.gov/oa](http://www.va.gov/oa).

### A CALL FOR ARTICLES

## Vietnam



What MOWW needs from you is your Vietnam stories. Vignettes, short stories or in-depth accounts of your Vietnam experiences are needed, photos with explanation help! Send your story by e-mail to [MOWW National Headquarters to officerreview@gmail.com](mailto:officerreview@gmail.com)

We need your funny, serious or every day stories as a leader, follower, or just one of the group. Please limit your story to no more than 1,000 words, if possible. Your fellow Companions need to hear from you!

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# CINC's Goals for the Order: 2009–2010

By CINC COL Philemon A. "Phil" St. Amant II  
General Troy Middleton, Louisiana, Chapter

Goals are funny things: You must have and understand them, or like a man without a map or compass, you'll not know where you're headed or how you expect to get there. But if you create too many of them, they lose their individual values and serve only to decorate a planning document that has little chance of success.

Our Order is a unique organization with special requirements for membership. We have a specific spectrum of interests focused on continued service to the Nation. Understanding that, it seems to me that there are four areas which we MUST emphasize, lest we spiral downward into National insignificance, ending up as merely another "knife-and-fork" social group that meets on occasion to enjoy a nice meal in a comfortable setting, while addressing one another with respect, by old and distinguished titles, without actually doing anything to advance our stated purposes. I would suggest that the areas upon which we must focus are four: (1) Membership, (2) Finances, (3) National Security and (4) Youth Leadership and Patriotic Education. Let's look at these for a starter.

## Membership

We continue to vote to permit chapters with no obvious activity to remain on the list of "active" chapters. In 2004, at the National Convention in Louisville, we recognized that chapters with fewer than 15 living members might not provide much support for our aims as an Order, and we established 15 living members as the lower limit at which a chapter would automatically be considered functional. Below that number, circumstances might exceptionally dictate accepting a smaller but more active chapter. But that didn't really reveal any small, active chapters. In the Baltimore Convention in August, we decided that 15 living members might be too demanding a number to maintain, and we reduced the minimum living membership requirement to ten, without seeing any evidence at all that a chapter with so few members would or could or has been effective. Few of the really small chapters even hold meetings.

During his tenure as CINC, Lieutenant General Wetzel established two goals related to membership. He wanted to have every Companion recruit one candidate every 12 months, and he wanted to increase the size of the Order by five percent. We know that not all of our living members are active, and we are aware that some of them have reasons they cannot recruit their personal replacements within the Order. Okay, I'll accept that. But like General Wetzel, I cannot understand the difficulty we have in increasing the size of the Order by a modest five percent per year.

Let us assume that a chapter has 100 living members (or any other number you wish). That means that by the end of 12 months the membership of that chapter should be 105 living members. Of course that means that chapter members will have to recruit more than five members in that year, so as to account for deaths, transfers to other chapters and other losses. But unless the chapter is exceptionally infirm and already failing, that burden should not be excessive—provided the membership pursues qualified candidates aggressively, encourages membership renewals actively, offers interesting programs consistently at regularly scheduled meetings, and engages in an appropriate selection from among the meaningful activities espoused by the Order. And NO chapter should ever lose a Companion for "Non-Payment of Dues." That simply suggests that the chapter hasn't made an effort to encourage a good Companion to continue to participate in an organization he once believed important. A five percent annual increase is a reasonably attainable goal, which I support.

**BUILD THE ORDER.**

## Finances

I have discussed elsewhere in this issue the subject of financing the activities of the Order. Simply put, we must either generate the funds necessary to carry out the activities we believe are important, or we must scale back our activities to a level sustainable with the funding available. Few of us are wealthy: national service does not usually produce great riches among honest servants. But we can all donate periodically what we feel is reasonable in our circumstances in support of programs in which we believe strongly—as we should. And we should ensure that our estate planning includes some thought as to how we might best be able to benefit the Order, even in a small way, toward a future we cannot determine.

**FUND THE AGENDA.**

## National Security

National Security is at the core of our Order. Experience in and an understanding of international affairs and the basics of defending the Nation are among the essential requirements for membership in our group, and explain why we limit our ranks to those who have occupied positions in which such exposure and such experience are inherent. Unlike many other



worth while groups, our Order is composed of members who understand certain realities by virtue of having personally been involved directly with those realities, and who can share that understanding with our families, our friends, our neighbors and the members of our government. We should be writing letters to our newspapers and our representatives. We ought to be speaking to our neighbors who belong to social, civic and service groups. Those of us who have experience critical to the defense of this Nation and its interests should be sharing that experience, and that sharing should be formalized in each chapter through the establishment of an appointed National Security committee which oversees a speakers' bureau consisting of Companions qualified to speak on key subjects to local groups, and willing to do so. Information to help in preparing those talks is available on the Order's website, including in some cases either talking points or complete speeches. Go to [www.mowwnationalsecurity.com](http://www.mowwnationalsecurity.com) and see what is already available. **INFLUENCE AMERICA'S SECURITY FOCUS.**

## Youth Leadership and Patriotic Education

We sometimes tend in our thinking to over compartmentalize concepts. Those of us involved in Youth Leadership Conferences see those activities as separate and distinct from the support of scouting, which is somehow distinguished in its goals from ROTC and JROTC programs. In my mind, these are all among the programs intended to cultivate responsible citizens—the next generation of leaders of our Nation.

Leadership, Patriotism, Free Enterprise: these are the foundation stones of America, and must be supported by all chapters. Tell me what YOUR chapter is doing to build and preserve America. I expect that will include increasing support for such programs as those I have mentioned. Organize and execute a one-day or multi-day Youth Leadership Conference, if your chapter has the resources to do so. If not, sponsor the tuition and transportation every year of at least one qualified student from your area to attend another chapter's conference. Provide and present ROTC and JROTC ribbons and/or medals. Recognize achievement in scouting for boys and girls. Support those organizations with which we have resolutions of cooperation, and volunteer to speak in schools on appropriate topics of citizenship and responsibility. Organize Massing of the Colors ceremonies in your communities. Every chapter can do something, and every chapter can ALWAYS do a little more than it is already doing. Show me what YOUR chapter is doing. **DEVELOP AMERICA'S FUTURE.**

## The Order: An Overview of Purpose

Those of us who have committed ourselves to the work of the Order have done so because we have all to some degree been affected by a fire that moves us to the continued support of our Nation and its interests—today and tomorrow. The pursuit of good works without a parallel goal of personal benefit at a time within sight and reach is not a natural aspiration of most people. But what we have done—what we continue to do—marks us somehow as different, as less common. Perhaps even as “better.” **HELP SPREAD THAT FIRE!**

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## Membership Requirement—IRS

*By COL Gorham Black III*

*Membership Committee Chair*

*Gen George G. Meade, Maryland, Chapter*

Companions have requested clarification about the IRS requirements for membership that allows MOWW to maintain its tax-exempt status.

Tax exempt categories of organizations are listed in Title 26, US Code, Section 501 (c), and MOWW--as a Veterans organization--falls under 501(c)(19). You can find section 501 at the following website:  
[http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/html/uscode26/usc\\_sec\\_26\\_00000501----000-.html](http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/html/uscode26/usc_sec_26_00000501----000-.html)

The specific requirements which we must meet to maintain MOWW's tax-exempt status are found by scrolling down to 501(c)(19), where they are specified as follows:

“(19) A post or organization of past or present members of the Armed Forces of the United States, or an auxiliary unit or society of, or a trust or foundation for, any such post or organization—

“(A) organized in the United States or any of its possessions,

“(B) at least 75 percent of the members of which are past or present members of the Armed Forces of the United States and substantially all of the other members of which are individuals who are cadets or are spouses, widows, [3] widowers, ancestors, or lineal descendants of past or present members of the Armed Forces of the United States or of cadets, and

“(C) no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.”

The relevant percentage for each MOWW Chapter is 75%, who must be serving or have served as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States (all categories) to include deceased Perpetual members.

# Proud To Be American

## Freedom Foundation Student Essay

By C/ LTJG Benjamin Thompson  
John F. Kennedy High School

I have always been proud to be an American. Attending Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge simply strengthened that pride and created in me a sense of duty unlike any other. I have a new appreciation for what it took to create the United States of America, and I have a new understanding of what it will take to keep America strong. Talking with Thomas Jefferson, I realized how fragile our government is; how easy it can fall apart. Yet, I also realized how important it is to actively participate in my government, to ensure it remains a government for its people. I also witnessed the difficult day-to-day life many of our Country's Congressmen and Senators faced during our mock congressional meeting. The opportunity to discuss, debate, and obtain consensus gave me a small glimpse into the complicated processes involved in developing and editing law. Frustrations came when individuals had no idea what they were talking about, but when an agreeable bill was finalized, the frustrations cooled and we were all able to look back on the practice we had, knowing that someday we will need to do the same thing all over again.

I can not begin to thank the many people involved in sending me to the Freedom Foundation, or the many people involved in making the trip such a memorable experience. I said earlier that Valley Forge invoked in me a special pride and sense of duty like one I have never had before. That is because I understand why my participation, as well as the participation of my generation, in our government, is what makes our country's success possible now and in the future. Without the participation of people like Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, George Washington, and other individuals, our Country would not be what it is today. It is only right that I continue the tradition of being an active participant in my Country's government. It's the best way I can honor those who fought so hard for the land I am so blessed to grow up in.

One last comment, over the four day period of time, I met some incredible people. I'm not talking just about Alexander Hamilton or John Witherspoon. Rather, I refer to each and every student that attended Freedom Foundation from every corner of the Country. Each student had something to offer. Navy, Army, Marine Corps, or Air Force, ROTC or not; they all were amazing. I had the chance at the end of the week to say something to the entire group. I told them how honored I'm going to be when I am able to put on the same uniform thousands who have gone before me to serve this Country have done. But I also said how honored I'm going to be to be putting on the same uniform many of them would be. These were amazing young men and women of whom I will never forget.

Older generations as well as ones to come, can rest assured that this generation will continue the outstanding tradition of a government of the people, and will be protected from all those who threaten that freedom.



his first place certificate from Chapter Cdr. Companion Mitzi Reinburg (center) as MCPO Brady, Assistant Naval Science Instructor at Kennedy High School looks on.

The Bethesda Chapter requires that each student which they send to youth leadership conferences write an essay on their experience, and present it at one of our meetings. These essays are judged, and the winner is given a certificate, and they are told that their essay will be sent to *Officer Review* to be considered for publication. The enclosed essay was judged to be the winner of this contest. It was written by Cadet Ben Thompson, a member of the Kennedy High School NJROTC Unit in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Cadet/Lieutenant Commander Thompson is active in the Sea Cadets, and is the Commander of the NJROTC Unit. He is also the recipient of awards for citizenship and leadership. He is in the Leadership Training Institute at Kennedy, and has been accepted for the U.S. Naval Academy Summer Session.. He is applying for admission to the U.S. Naval Academy.

Pictured are Cadet Ben Thompson (left) receiving



# Annual Chapter Financial Reviews Required

*By LTC John Hollywood*

*MOWW Treasurer General*

*Gen George G. Meade, Maryland, Chapter*

The Order approved the requirement for all MOWW Chapters to conduct an annual Chapter Financial Review. The leadership of the Order has expressed concerns over the past years that some Chapters may not be doing annual financial reviews of their Chapter's financial records. In addition, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act 2002 approved by Congress establishes annual financial review requirements for most nonprofits. Since MOWW is chartered by Congress the leadership thought it would be a good time to implement an annual financial review program for all Chapters. The Order introduced a program for these chapter annual financial reviews. After much discussion and adjustments to the recommendation, the 2005 National Convention voted to approve the following program:

## CHAPTER FINANCIAL REVIEW

It is the responsibility of the Chapter Commander to appoint a Financial Review Committee of not less than two individuals that do not hold elective office in the Chapter. There is no requirement that members of the financial review committee be CPAs, or hold professional qualification in finance. The Financial Review Committee will perform an annual financial review of the chapter's financial records in the month of July, after the end of each fiscal year (June 30th). The financial review should be completed before submitting the Chapter's annual IRS letter to MOWW Headquarters.

A written report of this financial review, signed by the members of the committee, must be presented to the Chapter Commander with a copy to the Chapter Treasurer. Copies of this annual financial review report will be permanently maintained with the Chapter Records for seven years.

When the annual MOWW IRS letter is mailed to the chapter by National Headquarters, there will be a question asking if the Chapter has completed their annual financial review. The Chapter Commander must certify that the annual financial review was performed by checking the appropriate block—"yes" or "no"—on the MOWW IRS letter. Failure to complete this annual financial review will delay the mailing of funds to the Chapters from MOWW National Headquarters. Items to be checked during the Chapters Annual Financial Reviews are:

- Chapter check book
- Chapter bank statements
- Cross check all cancelled checks and deposits to Chapter bank statement
- Chapter's approved annual budget (each Chapter should have one approved every year)
- Supporting documentation for all Income
- Supporting documentation for all expenses
- Chapter authorization for all expenditures not included in the Chapter's budget (recorded in the Chapter's meeting minutes)
- Chapter authorization for all expenditures made above those stated in the Chapter's budget (recorded in the Chapter's meeting minutes)

Remember, a copy of the Chapter's financial review report will be permanently maintained with Chapter's financial records for seven years. If you have any questions about this new procedure contact the MOWW Treasurer General, LTC John Hollywood at [jhhollywood@verizon.net](mailto:jhhollywood@verizon.net)

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## Publicity Now!

*By Companion Mrs. Beverly Vowinkel*

*Chair, MOWW Information, Publicity, and Magazine Committee*

*San Diego, California, Chapter*

People ask me, Bev, why publicity, why now? I tell them that Publicity will elevate our MOWW message to the level that will attract attention and demand respect for the work our chapters do. Gaining broader recognition will support the Membership drive, the CINC's Solicitation, and the initiative to raise the level of pride in our Order. The reasons are compelling—Publicity Now!

# Home Provides Shelter For Recovering Veterans' Families



DALLAS – While the Dallas VA Medical Center treats patients, family members who come to offer support are often forced to sleep in cars and on benches. But now help has arrived in the form of the Fisher House.

At the sprawling Veterans hospital complex, there is a new two-story house where families can stay as their loved ones heal.

“This is our 42nd house,” said Derek Donovan, a retired Marine pilot with the Fisher House Foundation. “[It’s] a great house, a beautiful house.”

There is enough room at the home to lodge 21 families.

“We want those vets and those service members ... to know the American public cares enough about them, appreciates their sacrifice [and] is thankful enough to give them some place nice to stay,” Donovan said.

The late Zachary Fisher and his wife built the first 11 Fisher houses with their own funds. Now, a foundation raises the money. The Dallas home, which Donovan oversaw the construction on, cost \$4.4 million.

While the home is big enough for several families to cook simultaneously, it also provides private suites just a short walk from the hospital. “You can come back over here, you can lie down, make a sandwich, watch some TV and be back over there when they need you again,” Donovan said.

Stays can be as short as one night and as long as two years. The foundation created the home for families to stay as long as it takes to heal American heroes.

Flat-screen TVs, granite countertops and modern decor fill the new North Texas Fisher House, a 16,800-square-foot hotel of sorts that cost \$4.6 million to build, furnish and landscape.

The plush accommodations won’t cost guests a dime, though. And those guests are not coming for a vacation. They’ll be in Dallas to visit wounded family members fresh from the battlefield and hospitalized at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, across the street at 4500 S. Lancaster Road.

More than 500 Veterans, community leaders and others gathered Thursday to dedicate the home – the sixth of its kind in Texas. After a few finishing touches, it will open to guests in about a month.

The 21-bedroom Fisher House replaces inadequate facilities for visiting family members at the VA Medical Center.

“It was nothing more than a couple rooms on the ninth floor. Not at all what these families deserve,” said Paul Pfrommer of Dallas, a retired Army Lieutenant Colonel.

Rundown recovery quarters are nothing new to war Veterans and their families. Since The Washington Post uncovered embarrassing conditions at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington in 2007, organizations such as the Fisher House Foundation – established in 1990 by New York real estate magnate Zachary Fisher and his wife, Elizabeth – have stepped up efforts to improve families’ accommodations.

There are 42 Fisher Houses nationwide, operated on military bases and at VA medical centers. They have saved Veterans and their families more than \$100 million in travel and housing costs, said Kenneth Fisher, chairman and CEO of the foundation and the grandnephew of the program’s founder.

Each house includes a common kitchen, laundry facilities, a dining room, a living room with a library, and toys for children. For more information visit [www.fisherhouse.org](http://www.fisherhouse.org)

## VA Fisher House Dedication

*By LCDR Dick Belmore  
North Texas Chapter*



*October 23, 2008*

The North Texas Chapter was well represented at the Fisher House dedication ceremony October 23rd. Companions present were: Past CINC CAPT Rollie Stevens, Past CINC COL Homer Schmidt, Col Jim Wolfe Bob Smith, Capt John Hayes, LCDR Dick Belmore, CDR John Lopez, Lt Gen Richard Carey, Earl Bullock, and Richard Agnew; additionally, five Medal of Honor recipients were in attendance. It was a grand ceremony as was the music by the Fort Hood Army Band. We had a swell time and watched the Region VIII Commander experience putting a \$20.00 bill into the Dallas Area Rapid Transit ticket machine and getting 19 one dollar coins back--kind of heavy to lug around?



# Who Was Zachary Fisher?

Zachary Fisher was a prominent figure in the New York real estate community and a major philanthropic benefactor for the men and women in the United States Armed Forces, as well as numerous other not-for-profit organizations.

A native of Brooklyn, New York, Mr. Fisher began working in construction at the age of 16. Shortly thereafter, he and his brothers, Martin and Larry, joined forces to form Fisher Brothers, which has grown into one of the real estate industry's premier residential and commercial developers, owning more than five million square feet of office space.

From the earliest days of his construction career, Mr. Fisher was a strong supporter of the U.S. Armed Forces. Prevented from active service in World War II due to a leg injury, Mr. Fisher drew on his building skills to assist the U.S. Coastal Service in the construction of coastal fortifications. His patronage of the Armed Forces became an ongoing concern from that time, evolving to occupy increasing amounts of his energies. In the 1970s, while remaining active in Fisher Brothers, Mr. Fisher's commitment to both the Armed Forces and other philanthropic causes intensified still further through his leadership role in a number of major projects.

In 1978, he founded the Intrepid Museum Foundation to save the historic and battle-scarred aircraft carrier INTREPID from the scrap yard. Four years of involvement with the Foundation resulted in his spearheading the opening of the Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum in New York City, now the world's largest naval museum.

In 1982, the same year as the Museum's opening, Mr. Fisher established the Zachary and Elizabeth M. Fisher Armed Services Foundation. Through the Foundation, he made significant contributions to the families of the victims of the bombing of the Marine barracks in Beirut in 1983. Since then, the Foundation has made contributions of \$25,000 to numerous military families who have lost loved ones under tragic circumstances. Mr. Fisher made similar donations to the families of New York City firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty. His Armed Services Foundation also provides scholarship funds to active and former service members and their families.

In 1990, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher began the Fisher House program, dedicating more than \$20 million to the construction of comfort homes for families of hospitalized military personnel. Forty-two Fisher Houses now operate at 17 military bases and at five Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers throughout the Nation. More than 183,000 days of lodging are provided by Fisher Houses every year. In 1998, Mr. Fisher received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from the President in honor of his wide-ranging contributions on behalf of the young men and women in the US Armed Forces. He also received the Horatio Alger Award, the Volunteer Action Award, the Presidential Citizens Medal, the Senior Civilian Award from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Secretary of Defense, as well as the top awards a civilian can receive from each branch of the military. Separately, Presidents Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George Bush and Bill Clinton, as well as Margaret Thatcher and the late Yitzak Rabin, recognized Mr. Fisher for his support of charitable organizations throughout the United States. In December, 1999, the President signed Public Law 106-161 conferring upon Zachary Fisher the status of an "Honorary Veteran in the U. S. Armed Forces". He was recommended for this honor prior to his death on June 4, 1999.

Three words, etched in the marble of Zachary Fisher's tomb, speak to his legacy: Builder ... Philanthropist ... Patriot.



## FISHER HOUSE HISTORY

1990 Pauline Trost, wife of Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Carlisle Trost, presents to Mr. and Mrs. Fisher the need for temporary lodging facilities for families at major military medical centers.

1991 President George Bush dedicates the Fisher House at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD in June. A second house, at the Forest Glen Annex to Walter Reed Army Medical Center, opens a month later. The Fishers offer a house to the Air Force, and the Secretary of the Air Force asks that the house support Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio, TX. Based on the success of the houses at Bethesda and Walter Reed, the Fishers decide to expand the program beyond the initial gift of one house for each military service.

1992 Six Fisher Houses are opened: Two Air Force houses at Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland Air Force Base, TX, and one at Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, MS; Army houses at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, TX, and Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis, WA; and a third house for the Navy at the Naval Medical Center, San Diego, CA. The managers of the individual Fisher Houses organize the Fisher House Managers' Association and hold their first annual Conference in Washington, DC. By the end of the year, there are nine houses in operation.

1993 Fisher House Foundation, Inc. is established as the national not-for-profit organization to assist in the coordination of private support and encourage public support for the Fisher House program. Three more houses open, bringing the total number of houses in operation to 12: Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Augusta, GA; Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg, NC; and Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, Denver, CO.

1994 Fisher House Foundation, Inc. opens an operations office in Rockville, MD. Seven more houses are added: Army houses at Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu, HI, and William Beaumont Army Medical Center, El Paso, TX; Air Force houses at David Grant Medical Center, Travis AFB, CA, Malcolm Grow Medical Center, Andrews Air Force Base, MD, and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, OH. The Navy receives a second house at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD; and the first Fisher House supporting the Department of Veterans Affairs opens at the Stratton VA Medical Center, Albany, NY. There are now 19 houses in operation.

1995 The Department of Veterans Affairs receives houses at its medical centers in West Palm Beach, FL, and Minneapolis, MN; and second houses supporting the Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, VA, and Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, TX open.

2008 The 42nd Fisher House is dedicated at the Dallas, Texas VA Medical Center.

## Gavel-to-Gavel

*A varied list of alerts  
and recalls which may  
affect Companions or their families*

*Submitted by Judge Advocate General (JAG)  
COL Earle F. Lasseter  
Columbus, Georgia, Chapter*



### MILITARY LAW

A bill to provide due process and equal treatment under law to military servicemembers cleared the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy July 30, 2009. H.R. 569, the Equal Justice for Our Military Act of 2009 expands the Supreme Court's appellate jurisdiction over military cases under 28 U.S.C. § 1259. The bill would permit all court-martialed servicemembers who face dismissal, punitive discharge or confinement for a year or more to petition the Supreme Court for discretionary review through *writ of certiorari* regardless of any action taken by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces (CAAF).

### FERES DOCTRINE

H.R. 1478 is legislation that would allow military service members to sue the United States, under the Federal Tort Claims Act, for non-combat related injuries caused by negligent medical or dental treatment. The legislation would overrule the holding of *Feres v. United States*, 340 U.S. 135 (1950) in which the Supreme Court ruled that members of the Armed Forces have no right or ability to sue the military for negligent medical care during their service.

## CHAPTER COMMANDERS

### Has Your Treasurer Returned Your Chapter's IRS Letter?

**Your chapter must return the MOWW IRS  
certification letter to MOWW National  
Headquarters in order to receive your  
Chapter's annual Perpetual Membership  
dividend check and your semi-annual chapter  
dues rebate check (if applicable).**

**Your Chapter's certification letter should  
have arrived at MOWW Headquarters by  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2009  
per MOWW Bylaws, Article I, Section 13.**

**If it has not been returned, a  
Prompt Response to  
this Requirement is Critical**

### DRUG PROBLEMS

#### -Accutane

Roche Holding AG, the world's biggest maker of cancer drugs, has pulled its Accutane acne medicine from the U.S. market. The withdrawal comes after juries awarded at least \$33 million in damages to users who blamed the drug for bowel disease. Roche notified the U.S. Food and Drug Administration on June 26.

#### -Chantix

The FDA wants Pfizer, the manufacturer of Chantix, and GlaxoSmithKline, the maker of Zyban, another commonly-prescribed smoking cessation drug, to amplify warnings about the serious reactions users of the drugs may experience.

#### -Acetaminophen

The FDA has determined that Tylenol enhancing pain killers are dangerous enough to potentially be pulled from the market. Drugs including Vicodin, Hydrocodone, Lortab, Maxidone, Norco, Zydane, Tylenol with codeine, Percocet, Endocet, and Darvocet may be permanently banned from the US market, even if the patient has a prescription from a doctor. The problem is that the key ingredient — acetaminophen — can easily damage or destroy a patient's liver if more than 2000 mg are used per day. In many cases that means if you take a pain killer and then take two extra strength Tylenol, you may have gone over the maximum dosage per day.

### RECALLS

-Bridgestone/Firestone North America Tire has recalled Firestone / FR 380 / P235 / 75R15 tires that were made during the period from September 9, 2007 to July 2, 2008. There are 127,183 units affected.

-Kumho Tire USA has recalled about 36,000 Mohave light truck all-terrain tires. The recall is for sizes LT225/75R16, LT245/75R16, and LT265/75R16, produced between December 7, 2008 and June, 2009.

-Cooper Tire has recalled 1,692 Cooper CS Touring Tires, Size 215/55R17, produced between September 7 and October 11, 2008. These tires may have been cured for an inadequate amount of time. This condition can lead to tread separation, possibly resulting in loss of vehicle control and a crash.

-Fiesta Gas Grills of Dickson, Tennessee has recalled Blue Ember Gas Grills. The hose can get too close to the firebox and be exposed to heat, posing a fire hazard to consumers.

-Applica Consumer Products Inc., of Miramar, Florida, has recalled Black & Decker® brand Spacemaker™ Coffeemakers.

-Crane Plumbing LLC, of Dallas, Texas, has recalled 5,500 Crane Bath Tubs With A Whirlpool. The drain covers in the tubs can entangle a bather's hair in the openings, causing the bather's head to be held under water, which can result in drowning.

The World Health Organization has moved tanning beds into the top category of carcinogens right along with tobacco smoke, and the link is to melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer.



# SURGEON'S OFFICE

## A New Approach To Future Therapy

By Col Jerry Wheaton  
Past Surgeon General  
LTG John M. Wright, California, Chapter

No, this is not gene therapy, but an experiment with gene insertion in plants, resulted in a discovery that may have future promise in therapy.

Plant scientists were trying to make increase the purple color in a Petunia. They naturally assumed that inserting another copy of the gene that they had identified with purple color, would produce a deep purple Petunia. Right? Wrong! The result was a flower that was pale, not deep purple. They knew that genes created proteins that turned on a cell function and their investigation showed that the gene could also produce a fragment of RNA that essentially turned the gene off! They named it RNAi for RNA interference.

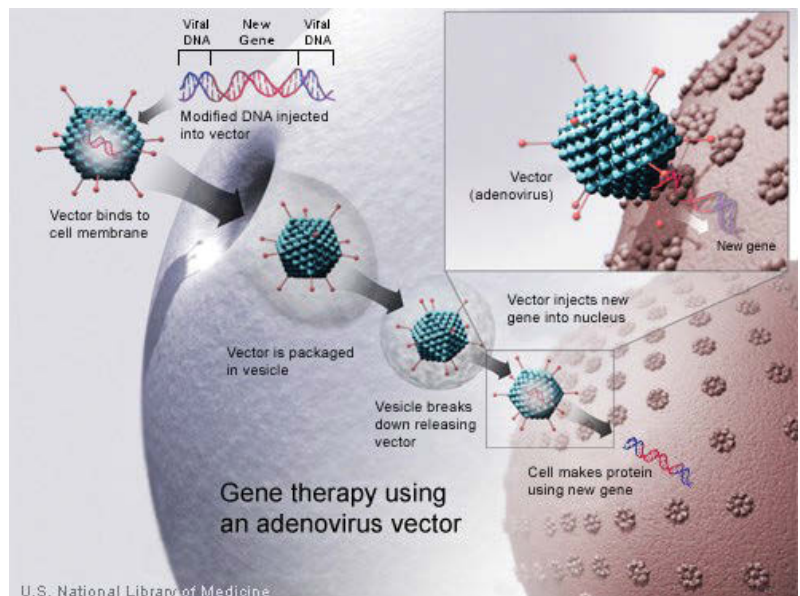
Every cell in our body has the same set of genes, but a muscle cell is nothing like a retinal cell or an intestinal lining cell. The reason that these genetically identical cells become so different is in the variations in the genes that are turned on in a particular type of cell.

Every active gene makes a protein and a cell can also make a short strand of RNA that has the ability to stop the gene from making that protein, effectively silencing the cell. We know that genetic mutations are responsible for some diseases and suspect this may be true of others. This leads to the question of whether these micro RNA strands that are inexpensive to produce, could be used to silence the gene that causes the disease, rather than attempting to "fix" the gene by gene insertion. The hard part is delivering these short strands to cells deep in the body that are difficult to reach.

However, bad side effects can happen with the law of unintended consequences when a short RNAi strand not only silences the target gene, but other genes as well causing greater problems.

Researchers are pursuing this course of therapy and experiments in animals has shown it to be effective in some cancers and some viral diseases. There is even evidence that might eventually lead to a cure for macular degeneration in the elderly!

The point of this story is that basic research in plant color, uncovered this property. Continued basic research should not only be encouraged, but funded.



*Gene therapy is the insertion of genes into an individual's cells and tissues to treat a disease, such as a hereditary disease in which a deleterious mutant allele is replaced with a functional one.*

*A lot of maladies actually involve inherited conditions—they're in your genes, in other words. But scientists are working to change those genes and trick defective cells into growing correctly.*

### How Do You Like MOWW's Web Site?

MOWW would like to know if you have any questions or comments about our Web page. Is it useful? Does it help you in your chapter efforts? What would you like to see on the Web site? Send any comments or questions to: [moww@comcast.net](mailto:moww@comcast.net) attention Ken Staples.



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website: <http://www.militaryorder.net>

### National Security WebSite

[www.mowwnationalsecurity.com](http://www.mowwnationalsecurity.com)

Companions should check this website periodically for articles, information, and recommended books on National Security issues.

The website has a listing page called Speakers Bureau. Any MOWW Companion willing to be a guest speaker is invited to be added to the Speakers Bureau listing by contacting **VCINC LTC Michael S. "Mike" George** by email at [mnbgeorge@aol.com](mailto:mnbgeorge@aol.com)

If you need one of the speakers to address your Region, State, Department, or Chapter meetings—or any other community or business event—please invite the speaker directly, using their contact information listed on the website.

# HONOR DONOR WALL

The Military Order of the World Wars has undertaken an aggressive effort to increase the Endowment Fund of the Order. Increasing the Endowment Fund will help stabilize the financial posture of the Order. There are programs available (e.g. Trusts and Wills) that will, if supported by Companions of the Order, increase the Endowment Fund.

One such program is for Companions to bequeath a small portion of their estate to the Order. For example, providing for a percentage of an insurance policy to be given the Order would be a great way to increase the Endowment Fund.

The Honor Donor Wall program was initiated to give companions; friends of the Order; Chapters, Departments, and Regions; various organizations; and businesses the opportunity to donate to the MOWW Endowment Fund. All donors (\$200 or more) will receive an acknowledgement letter, an EAGLE Certificate and an engraved metal plate (2 x 4 inches) that will be displayed on the Honor



Donor Wall at the MOWW Headquarters Building in Alexandria, Virginia.

Companions should remember that the Order is intent on increasing the Endowment Fund, so the requested donations should be substantial; however, please donate what you can afford in support the Order for all donations are appreciated.

In addition to the above, donors who give or pledge \$1,000 or more will also receive an engraved EAGLE Statuette. With pledges of \$1,000 or more, the EAGLE Statuette will be forwarded to the donor after receiving the final pledge payment. Donors may make as many donations as they wish with the appropriate recognition rendered in each case.

Your support is appreciated and your donations will enhance the long-term financial posture of the Order.

Thank you for your support!

*(By Past CINC COL Bert L. Rice,*

*GEN George G. Meade, Maryland, Chapter)*

## DONOR WALL DONATION/PLEDGE FORM

Levels of Giving: \_\_\_\_\_ \$200 \_\_\_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$2,500  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$5,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$10,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$25,000 or more

Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_. (One time contribution for one of the above amounts)

I (We) pledge the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I (We) enclose the initial payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Must be at least one-fourth of the total pledge)

The remainder of pledge will be payable in annual installments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ over the next three (3) years.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

*Make all checks payable to MOWW, Inc. and mail to:*

**MOWW HEADQUARTERS, 435 NORTH LEE STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22314**



PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF  
**COLONEL WILLIAM H. WAUGH, JR**  
U. S. ARMY (RETIRED)  
1934–2009

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, COL William H. Waugh, Jr., of Merrillville, Indiana, formerly of El Paso, Texas passed away on Saturday, September 5, 2009 at the age of 99. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Dorothy M. Waugh and son-in-law, William P. Schmidt. He is survived by his sons, William H. (Lois) Waugh, III of Anchorage, Alaska and John Michael (Chris) Waugh of Cincinnati, Ohio and daughter, Susan Schmidt of Crown Point, Indiana; 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

COL Waugh was born November 14, 1909 in Manila, Philippines. He was appointed to the United States Military Academy from the Territory of Alaska.

He was a 1934 graduate of the United States Military Academy, West Point, NY. He served 30 years in the Army and retired in 1964 as a Colonel.

During his 30-year military career he had assignments at all staff levels including an assignment on the Army General Staff in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics. His service covered 25 permanent changes of station and overseas service in Hawaii, Alaska, Panama, Germany and Vietnam. He was a graduate of the basic and advanced Army Air Defense School and Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. Col. Waugh's awards include the Legion of Merit and the Army Commendation Medal.

Upon retirement, COL Waugh moved to El Paso, TX and was employed by University of Texas-El Paso (UTEP). He was an active part of the community serving

as president of El Paso Chapter of the National Sojourners, President of the West Point Society for El Paso and President of the 5 Points Lions Club.

In the MOWW, COL Waugh served the El Paso Chapter as Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander, and Commander. He was a member of the Hann-Buswell Memorial Chapter

He organized Region XIII and was its Region Commander for three years. During this period, he organized the Department of the Rio Grande and added three new chapters to the region.

COL Waugh served nationally on the Policy and Planning, the ROTC, Membership, Budget, and Executive Committees. He was elected General Staff-at-Large and served three years as

Vice Commander-in-Chief (VCINC), the last year as Sr VCINC of the Order.

During his term as CINC, COL Waugh's goals were to increase the membership of the Order and maintain a strong National Defense.

In May of 2009, COL Waugh represented the Class of 1934 as the oldest grad at his 75th reunion. He was honored to lay a wreath in honor of the Long Gray Line (see photo below). Funeral services and interment will be held at West Point Military Academy with full Military Honors.



56TH COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF  
1986–1987  
MILITARY ORDER OF THE WORLD WARS



*Cadet First Captain Benjamin Amsler assists the oldest graduate, 99-year-old retired Col. William H. Waugh Jr. (class of 1934), at placing a ceremonial wreath at the foot of Sylvanus Thayer's statue Tuesday, May 21, 2009 during alumni ceremonies.*

*Photo Credit: Emily Tower, West Point Staff Writer*

# Membership Update



## NEW MEMBERS

CHAPTER	RANK/NAME/(SERVICE)	SPONSOR
Augusta GA	MG Douglas O. Dollar (A) *	Engen, G. LTC
Baltimore-Devereux MD	CPT Gregory J. Leyko (A)	Nattans, A. COL
Baton Rouge-Gen Middleton LA	Montez T. LeGrande (H) *	LeGrande, C. COL
Columbus GA	CPT Charles N. Bradford, Jr. (A)	McLaurin, J. LTC
Columbus GA	CPT Terrence W. Ernst (A)	McLaurin, J. LTC
Columbus GA	LTC George E. Vonhilsheimer (A)	McLaurin, J. LTC
Columbus GA	LTC Jerome D. Belobraydic (A)	Feliciano, J. COL
Dallas TX	1LT Richard F. Herrick (A) *	Crocker, J. CPT
Dallas TX	Capt L. Dorian Barton (AF)	Clark, A. CPT
Dallas TX	CPT Alfred M. Lisi, Jr (A) *	Bickel, J. LTC
Dallas TX	CPT Travis A. Langford (A)	Benson, W. CPT
Gen George G Meade MD	Lt Col Sheldon A. Goldberg (AF)	Burntack, E. COL
Gen Leigh Wade DC	CAPT Charles W. Nesby (N)	Whidden, S. COL
Joseph H. Pendleton CA	Carolyn J. Bass (E)	Bass, S. MAJ
Joseph H. Pendleton CA	Evelyn B. Burgess (H) *	Burgess, F. CWO
LTG John M. Wright CA	2LT Brandon Ellis (A)	Hawley, Q. CAPT
Memphis TN	2nd Lt Philip F. Persechini (AF) *	Persechini, F. Col
Mesilla Valley NM	MAJ Agustin Nakamoto (A)	Baker, W. CAPT
Richmond VA	2LT Daniel R. Fornicola (A)	Tarantino, J. LTC
Richmond VA	2LT Matthew G. McDaniel (A)	Tarantino, J. LTC
Richmond VA	2LT Michael G. Eckard (A)	Tarantino, J. LTC
Richmond VA	2LT Paulette M. Hale (A)	Tarantino, J. LTC

New Members—August 1, 2009 through August 31, 2009

\*Denotes Perpetual Member

## Preamble

*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 the Military Order of the World Wars.*





## DECEASED MEMBERS CHAPTER

Atlanta GA  
Columbia SC  
Gen George G Meade MD  
Gen Joshua Chamberlain ME  
Gen Joshua Chamberlain ME  
Gen Ridgway Pittsburgh PA  
Greater Boston MA  
Greater Kansas City MO  
Headquarters  
Houston TX  
Ltj John M Wright Jr CA  
Miami FL  
Southwest FL  
St Louis MO  
Virginia Piedmont VA  
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## RANK/NAME/(SERVICE)

Col Thomas C Moore (MC) \*  
COL Arthur R Datnoff (A) \*  
LTC Joseph E Foley (A)  
LT Julia N Moreau (A) \*  
CPT Robert E Damon (A) \*  
COL Edward H Hahn (A) \*  
LTC Raymond E Roberts Sr (A) \*  
LTC William H Kulp (A) \*  
LT George Hovan (N) \*  
Maj Leon P Reistroffer (AF) \*  
Col John E Ford III (AF) \*  
Lt Col Neil H Behrens (AF) \*  
CDR Donald T Eiben (N)  
COL William L Weiss (A) \*  
Elizabeth G Flinn (E)  
CDR G B A Meidling Jr (CG) \*

*Deceased Members—August 1, 2009 through August 31, 2009*

*\*Denotes Perpetual Member*



The U.S. Army Band, "Pershing's Own," at General Pershing's grave, Arlington National Cemetery, during the annual MOWW-sponsored memorial service on Veterans Day, honoring General of the Armies John J. "Black Jack" Pershing.

The MOWW memorial service will be held again this Veterans Day on November 11, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. in Section 34, Arlington National Cemetery. It is open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend.



## Names and Faces



### AUGUSTA, GEORGIA, CHAPTER

Companions and top recruiters **LTC Gary Engen** and Past CINC **LTC David Titus** at the War Vets Home for Memorial Day ceremony. They both don the MOWW cap.



### GENERAL CRITZ, OKLAHOMA, CHAPTER

Chapter Cdr **LTC Wayne Chapman** presented an MOWW Certificate of Appreciation to **Master Officer George Vallijo** of the Lawton, Oklahoma, Police Department in recognition of his being named the Chapter's Uniformed Officer of the Year for 2008 at the Chapter's Law and Order luncheon on May 21, 2009. Seated left is Chapter Senior Vice Cdr **COL Art South** and Lawton Police Chief **Ronnie Smith**.



### GEN HOYT S. VANDENBERG CALIFORNIA, CHAPTER

**District Attorney Gerald Shea** was the Chapter's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. District Attorney Shea has served the people of San Luis Obispo County for over thirty years as a Deputy District Attorney, Assistant District Attorney and District Attorney. Mr. Shea was also honored by **Assemblyman Sam Blakeslee** with a Certificate of Excellence commemorating his award by the Chapter. Pictured left to right: Superior Court Judge, (Ret.) and Chapter member **Mr. Chris Money**; Companion **Mrs. Joy Jones**, Chapter Cdr; District Attorney Gerald T. Shea; **Mrs. Courtney Kienow** who represented Assemblyman Sam Blakeslee's office; and Past CINC **COL Jack B. Jones**.



### COL BILL SHEETS, NORTH CAROLINA, CHAPTER

Strong community support highlighted the 23rd annual AFJROTC Honors/Awards night held in the Michael J. Jordan Gymnasium at E. A. Laney High School the evening of May 12, 2009. The recipient of a JROTC MOWW Certificate and Medal was **Cadet Brian Register**. **Lt Col Gary O. Green**, Adjutant of the Chapter and General Staff Officer of Region V, presented the award.



### SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, CHAPTER

**LTC Bill Dovali** (pictured far left) installs the new officers for the San Antonio chapter for 2009-2010; from left to right: **MAJ Vernal Bracken**, Commander; Companion **Ms. Sharon Conable, SVC**; **COL James Kindla, JVC**; **MAJ Wendy Weller**, Adjutant; **Lt Col Ken Shanklin**, Surgeon; **Lt Gen Paul Myers**, Chaplain; and **LTC Greg Dickerson**, Marshal.





### VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA, CHAPTER

Cadet **Robert A. "Alex" Rawl's** commissioning ceremony was attended by both of his grandfathers. Pictured left is Companion Mrs. **Becky Rawl's** father, and on the right CDR "**Bob**" Rawl's father. UVA graduation exercises were conducted on the following day.



### CLEARWATER, FLORIDA, CHAPTER

Installation of Chapter Officers. Pictured above from left: **Capt Robert Swick**, **LTC George Smith**, **Col Marilyn DiGiriol**, Companion **Mrs. Geale Miller** and **Col Jack Krey**.

## Names and Faces



### EL PASO, TEXAS, CHAPTER

Chapter staff attended the Armed Forces Day Activities at the Chaptles' recruiting station. From left: Sr Vice Cdr **MAJ Ralph Mitchell**, Cdr **COL Roy Gray** and Past Chapter Cdr **LTC Lud Bezemek**.



### FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA, CHAPTER

**SR VCINC COL Clifford Way** invests **LTJG Joseph Paul Drake** with the Commander's Insignia.



### MG BEN BUTLER, KENTUCKY, CHAPTER

The Girl Scouts of Kentucky, in coordination the Republic Bank of Louisville and MG Ben Butler MOWW Chapter members participated in the Kickoff for the "Gift of Caring Campaign". The Girl Scouts of Kentucky hope to warm the hearts of thousands overseas soldiers this year by sending 5,000 boxes of cookies to them. The photo above right was published in the local newspaper. Pictured left to right are: **Matthew Risch** (served two tours in Iraq), Girl Scout **Ms. Amelia Winrich**, **Ms. Megan Winrich** and **Ms. Weller**, **Ms. Heather French** (Miss America of 2000), and MOWW member **Major John Blossom**; second row: Republic CEO, **Mr. Steve Trager**, MOWW Members **Lt. Col Matt Stone**, **COL Chris Smrt** and **CAPT Jeff Daus**. Pictured center: **Lt. Col Matt Stone** and **CAPT Daus** pose with **Heather French**, Miss America of 2000, for the cause. Pictured right: Over 5,000 boxes of cookies enroute to Active Duty Service members overseas via a Kentucky Air National Guard C-130.







# Mail Call

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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I had an article published in the June 2009 issue of the *Officer Review* titled, “D-Day Remembered.” In that article, I described the beautiful National D-Day Memorial located at Bedford, Virginia, home of the “Bedford Boys.” I have just learned that the National D-Day Memorial has been hit by the same economic woes that have befallen many of us during the past year or two. The memorial IS NOT government supported. The foundation which operates the memorial has been dependent upon entry fees and private donations to support the memorial and its ancillary activities. The recent economic turmoil has hit the Memorial’s donors very hard as well – giving to the Memorial is down by approximately half and it now faces a budget shortfall of \$1.4 million dollars. The memorial may have to close in spite of the fact that over 1 million people from around the world have visited the memorial since its opening 8 years ago. The foundation has identified one option—that of having the memorial designated as a National monument under the auspices of the Department of the Interior.

If you are a resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia you are urged to write Governor Kaine and ask him to write President Obama. The governor can request the President to designate the National D-Day Memorial as a National monument under the provisions of 16 USC 431. Be sure to include your name, address and personal signature as well as the date of your letter. The correct mailing address for the governor is, Office of the Governor, Patrick Henry Building, 3rd Floor, 1111 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219. You may also e-mail the governor at [www.governor.virginia.gov/AboutTheGovernor/contactGovernor.cfm](http://www.governor.virginia.gov/AboutTheGovernor/contactGovernor.cfm)

If you are not a resident of Virginia, you can write directly to the President urging him to take action under the provisions of 16 USC 431. You may also want to consider making a personal, tax-deductible donation to the foundation. The address is The National D-Day Memorial Foundation, P.O. Box 77, Bedford, VA 24523. This National Day-Day Memorial is one of our great monuments to the sacrifices of what has come to be known as “The Great Generation.” It would be a terrible shame to let this memorial fall by the wayside. Take action today, don’t delay, time is of the essence.

—COL Calvin G. “Jerry” Lyons  
Knoxville,, Tennessee, Chapter

This is not your father’s MOWW. The Military Order of the World Wars is at a critical juncture in its life. Many

patriots are concerned and there are many suggestions floating as to how to reverse the downward (or stagnant at best) trend in membership. Face it, my friends, we are in a rut and we need to take some dynamic steps to get out of the rut. May I suggest that we change the name and change the game!

Before anybody threatens to leave the Order if we change the name, I would suggest retention of MOWW’s name, but put the stress on what we do or what we really are. Some years ago, the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) found themselves labeled as a bunch of old retirees when great numbers of their volunteers were neither old, nor retired. To combat the image they retained the acronym SCORE and subtitled the organization “Counselors to America’s Small Business.” Today, there is no reference to “retired” anywhere on their website and it was difficult to find out what SCORE originally stood for. Continued publication of the title Military Order of the World Wars requires explanation that we are not exclusively Veterans of the World Wars,...etc. Why not MOWW (rhymes with how)—“Officer Patriots” or some such subtitle?

While on the subject of name-changing, I cannot resist registering my reluctance to use the word “companion.” Companion suggests somebody to stay with me in my old age or somebody to push my wheelchair. I like “patriot” and “colleague” and even “shipmate” but “companion” has a dreary connotation to me and I think it may have the same effect on the young members we are trying to attract.

If you have not thrown down this letter in disgust by now, consider how we can change the game to attract young and not-so-young Officers to join the Order. We have not been very successful thus far. The jury is still out on Past CINC Col Jim Elmer’s young recruits initiative and there are some encouraging signs, but they are due to local chapter efforts. It brings me to question whether there is any benefit to national or regional directives or pie-in-the-sky goals. Each chapter serves a unique community and should know what works. MOWW has chapters in retirement communities and chapters in active duty centers and the full spectrum in between. We have chapters that meet for lunch, dinner, and whatever. To each his own! I belong to a chapter that meets for a sit-down dinner on Sunday evenings. From a membership of 70, we have from 40 to 60 attendees for our meetings. We have been derisively called “just a dinner club” by a member of another chapter. So what? We are growing and we participate in the community and in support of JROTC and Veterans’ activities. Similarly, some chapters do Massing of the Colors, some do other patriotic ventures, some contribute large sums of money to leadership programs and others actively work in the communities they serve. It is a matter of what works best for the chapter. Nowhere is this more apparent than in the April issue of Membership Matters that delineates the myriad of responses to questions of members of the Order. There are no “broad brush” solutions to our problems.

Individual chapters need to take a critical look at what they are doing right and promote it and drop that which they are doing that hampers recruiting.

As an active duty officer, nothing irked me more than to be told “we’ve always done it that way.” Similarly, I am saddened when many well-meaning and dedicated Veterans’ organizations shut down or decline into moribundity. I want the very best for my chapter and for our Order, but I cringe when I am told that I should, for example, sponsor a Massing of the Colors. It would be a disaster and it would serve no purpose in our community. Likewise, a recruiting suggestion from national is that every member should recruit a new member. I don’t want every member of my chapter to recruit another member (even if they could). Doubling our membership would only serve to make it difficult to manage and still provide the same cohesiveness that we presently experience. Our chapter goals are to continue to support local Veterans’ and youth leadership activities and remembrances in our area and to seek a modest growth during the next year.

The bottom line is that revitalization of MOWW has to be a “grass roots” movement from the chapter and possibly the department. The national organization can assist us by considering changing the name and letting the chapters determine the game plan.

—CAPT Michael B. Connolly  
Virginia Piedmont, Virginia, Chapter

I attended the MOWW’s Region IV and Department of Virginia Conferences this past weekend (May 1 & 2, 2009). The CINC and several of his National Staff were also in attendance. I was curious how the HQ MOWW leadership team and us more localized folk would interact following the recent smattering of e-mails that got fired back and forth between defenders and opponents of the notion to expand the base of MOWW by allowing “top 3” enlisted to join MOWW.

As a youth leadership conference (YLC) founder approaching 67 years of age, I’ve been in favor of adding more youth and energy to the membership roles of MOWW as I was convinced that would help our several YLCs around the country perpetuate themselves. Over the years, I armed myself with many arguments, points and counter-points favoring the “top 3” issue. It’s not always been a comfortable place to be, but I stood my ground on the basis of knowing a democratic society (or Order) has the inherent constitutional right to change itself—all you need is a majority membership vote (or two-thirds, in some cases) to “make it happen”.

So, at our little Region IV meeting on Saturday there were a few opponents of the change who provided 2 or 3 snippets of personal thought about the issue, but nothing outright was said until BG Roger Bultman, a surprise attendee at the Saturday conference, stepped up towards the end of the meeting and, without name-calling or

threatening innuendo, passionately and eloquently pleaded with all the members [paraphrased] “... to be what we are—be what we were formed to be”. He spoke for awhile, but I was already off into my thinking about that and didn’t really pay proper attention to the rest. Suddenly, he was gone and driving another two plus hours back to Arlington. I (hopefully) recorded his talk (I will know as soon as I plug in some fresh batteries.) and will re-listen, if possible.

However, what I was thinking about was all that (slightly) personal, and (mostly) philosophical ‘stuff that had been written in the pre-conference subject e-mails. Somewhere in there I realized that should the strong minority (which has rights under parliamentary law) of us who support adding ‘top 3’ to our membership ever convince a majority of MOWW conventioners to vote for that change, we would immediately lose so many members through resignation and lethargy that it would, for lack of a better analogy, be an immediate, near-fatal, paralyzing stroke to our MOWW, and that it would take many, many years to overcome—with the threat of another stroke (probably fatal) looming in the background.

I, as AIFCV’s (American Independence Foundation of Colonial Virginia) founder, past director, and current Finance & Planning Officer, want our YLC, and all MOWW YLCs to succeed in perpetuity. To that end, I shall continue to “serve rather than be served” by the MOWW, respect majority rule, and hope all members of MOWW will continue thinking about how to better perpetuate, “promote and further patriotic education in our Nation” through our YLCs. Thank you BG Roger Bultman.

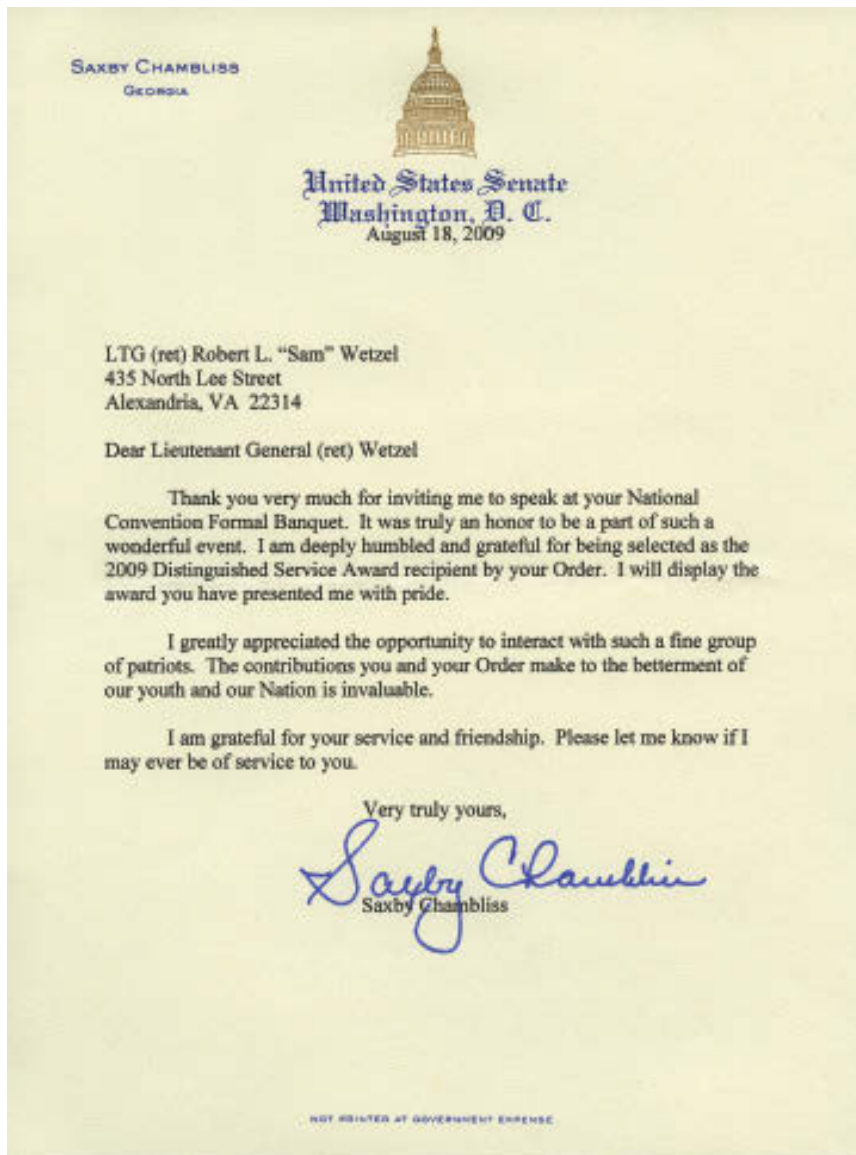
—Col William. E. “Bill” Townsley  
Hampton Roads, Virginia, Chapter

## **YLC Directors— We Need Your Help!**

Have you sent MOWW National Headquarters an article (200 to 400 words, 600 max) and pictures about your Multi- or Single-Day Youth Leadership Conference (YLC)?

Mailed photos, or hi-res jpgs by email, are the best. *Officer Review* magazine needs both, so we can tell everyone about the great work you are doing for the Order with the youth of America in the March 2010 issue of *Officer Review* magazine.

Please submit your article by email to [officerreview@gmail.com](mailto:officerreview@gmail.com) or mail your article (on CD or disc only) with photos, to: MOWW Headquarters, 435 North Lee Street, Alexandria, VA. 22314. Your submittal should arrive at MOWW Headquarters not later than January 2, 2010!



Senator Saxby Chambliss, speaking to the 2009 National Convention in Maryland. Senator Chambliss was selected as the Order's Distinguished Service Award recipient for 2009.



Senator Saxby Chambliss, is congratulated by then-CINC LTG R. L. "Sam" Wetzel (pictured above right) after the Senator's presentation to Companions attending the CINC's Banquet at the 2009 National Convention in Maryland.

## Back Cover

### OUR FLAG UNDER SEIGE

Our flag has withstood the test of great battlefields and prevailed. It still flies proudly in the wind and sings in the hearts of men.

It will subdue the attempts of those hoping to destroy its heritage, the freedoms and spirit of a people it reflects. It has been the rallying point, the inspiration of a Nation for over two hundred years.

It will be the framework for their values and aspirations for hundreds yet to come. FREEDOM SHALL OVERCOME.

—John W. Lazur  
Col, USMC, Ret.

*Editor's note: "My Flag" was the back cover of the JULY 1997 issue of OFFICER REVIEW. It is apt re-reading for our current times.*

## Have You Seen Your Picture?

### 2009 NATIONAL CONVENTION BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Roadrunner Photo was proud to be your official photographer for the 2009 National Convention in Baltimore, MD. Many Companions reviewed the beautiful display of photos from Mr. Bill Korhely "The Photo Guy" on Saturday and Sunday in the hotel.

If you would like to order a specific photo or a Compact Disc of numerous photos from the 2009 National Convention, please contact: Mr. Bill Korhely by email at: [roadrunnerphoto@cox.net](mailto:roadrunnerphoto@cox.net) or [roadrunnerphoto@yahoo.com](mailto:roadrunnerphoto@yahoo.com); or contact him by telephone at (480) 655-1115 or by mail at 1836 N. Stapley Drive, Lot #1 Mesa, Arizona 85203-2671







# *My Flag*

by COL John W. Lazur USMCR

Drawn first by the warm red and deep blue flowing amidst the radiant white, my eyes shift to the changing swirl of stars driven by the gentle breeze.

I ponder how this wonderful flag has stirred within so many, such varied and intense feelings:

Of shared pride and glory born of deeds of heroes, past and present;

Of warm brotherhood hammered out over time from shared stress and travail;

Of the brash sense of invincibility arising from having done the impossible before and being unafraid to try again;

Of the present and continuing promise of freedom and opportunity, still evolving to make our lives even more fulfilling;

Of deeply felt humility and thankfulness for the labors and sacrifices of so many to bring us to where we are;

Of heartfelt thanks to our God for His special care for a country, at times reckless, but always compassionate and acknowledging its Protector.

Do you also see multitudes of faces appearing: massed formations all in step; high stepping bands with pert majorettes; graying veterans striding past with heads held high; children lining streets, faces bright with excitement, all attesting to the power of this flag?

Do you hear the stirring martial notes and beating drums, the throaty cry of thousands advancing into and overcoming the chaos about them, the silent steps of the sentinel standing guard while his comrades sleep?

Do you also hear the chorus of thousands pledging to be true, to remain committed to fulfilling the promise of our forefathers?

My flag is the story of my life, its hundreds of events, great and small, similar to those of the millions before or still about me. It is the yet-to-be-told tales of the many generations that will follow,

My flag flying high, stands as a sentinel; a constant reassurance of protected liberty and freedom for my family, my neighbors, my countrymen.

My flag is the story of a unique people, daring to be different, working for and achieving what for many was just a dream; a people inwardly strong and confident enough to protect themselves and still extend that protection and concern to others in the world about them.

My Flag is my nation, its people, their ideals, aspirations, and many deeds born and nourished in untold thousands of homes and hearts.

My flag is the visible essence of my Country's very soul.