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## Building on our Great History



In last month's *Officer Review*<sup>®</sup> magazine, I outlined my vision and listed the goals for the Order this year. Let me expand on them...and also encourage chapters to use them as guideposts for success for the next year.

- **Build chapter membership:** the goal is for a 5% net increase in chapter membership. Recruit and retain. To retain, we must involve chapter Companions in chapter programs—everyone.
- **Improve chapter programs:** Most chapters are supporting ROTC and community patriotic events but the goal now is to add or improve a chapter program this year. Start a one-day YLC, support an additional Boy or Girl Scout troop, recognize a firstresponder, conduct a Massing of Colors, etc.
- **Improve chapter visibility:** Submit one or more articles this year to your local newspaper. Speak about your chapter on local radio programs or at area clubs and organizations. Publicize the great things you are doing in your local community.
- **Improve chapter leadership training:** Conduct chapter staff training sessions that include a review of guidance in the MOWW Policy Manual. Review established chapter and leader checklists.
- **Improve recognition of chapter Companions:** All chapters should submit a Companion each year for a National Citation and they should compete for and submit award nomination packages for which the chapter is eligible. These awards are listed in the Policy Handbook. Let's recognize the great work that is being done by MOWW Companions and chapters.

Our national staff and leadership exist to assist and support the chapters in any way possible. Do not hesitate to contact region commanders, the committee chairpersons, the MOWW Chief of Staff or myself if you have any questions, want to make a suggestion for improving MOWW, or you just want to talk. Together we can truly make MOWW a veteran's service organization that all officers will want to join—to further serve America.

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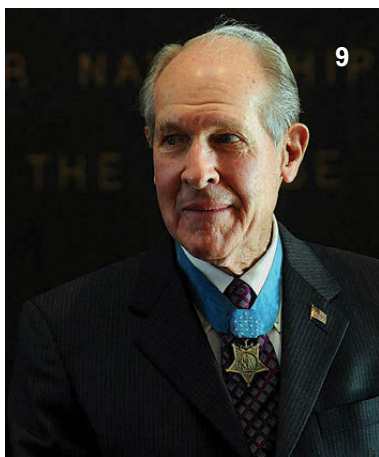
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# a SOLDIER

# and a DIVISION

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When one thinks of an army division, one might want to look at SGT Jerry Deitz and the 86th Infantry Division, because looking at the *raison d'être* of one is to look at the *raison d'être* of the other. They are inexorably interwoven.



Jerry Deitz was born on 28 September 1925 in Brooklyn (NY) where he lived and was educated through high school. He then attended City College of New York from February–July 1943 as an engineering student—until he

entered the Army Specialized Research Training (ASTP) Program in July 1943.

The Army Specialized Training Program was a military training program instituted by the US Army during World War II at a number of American universities to meet wartime demands for junior officers and soldiers with technical skills. The purpose of the program was “to provide the continuous and accelerated flow of high grade technicians and specialists needed by the Army.” When he turned 18 in September, he entered the Army and went to Ft. Benning (GA) for basic training. He then returned to Syracuse University for the ASTP program. In January 1944, the ASTRP program withdrawn from college campuses and he was placed in the “Black Hawk” (86th) Infantry Division along with former Air Cadets and specialists to fill the ranks of the division.

During the history of the 86th “Black Hawk” Infantry Division in World War I, the 86th went to France in late 1918 where it was operational and ready for combat. However, instead of going to the “line,” it was stripped of officers and men as replacements for units in combat with the enemy. It returned to the US and then inactivated in 1919.

On 15 December 1942, the War Department reactivated the 86th division at Camp Howze (TX).



With a capacity of 39,963 soldiers, the camp was one of the largest training centers in the country. It was responsible for the preparation of several hundred thousand soldiers for both the European and Pacific campaigns. Divisions who were trained at Camp Howze included the 84th, 86th and 103rd Divisions of the US Army. The camp also housed as many as 3,000 Prisoners of War.

By January 1944, the “Black Hawk” Division had relocated to Camp Livingston (LA) where PVT Jerry Deitz joined the 86th. He became an infantry rifleman. Due to his size, he received a Browning Automatic Rifle (BAR) and joined the 3rd Battalion, 341st Infantry Regiment. Because of his tall stature, the BAR was a logical choice weapon for big, strong men because of its ponderous weight. Fortunately, Jerry received good news—because of his engineering background and knowledge of radio, he was transferred to the communications platoon in Headquarters, 3rd Battalion, 341st Infantry Regiment.

The Black Hawk Division completed their unit training, participated in large-scale maneuvers and was ready for the next phase of their training. This meant a move to the west coast for amphibious training. Initially stationed at Camp Cooke (CA), now known as Vandenberg AFB, several weeks later they moved approximately 60 miles north to Camp San Luis Obispo (CA) where they remained until deployed.

SGT Deitz recalls that the training at Camp San Luis Obispo was most intensive with endless



**Page opposite:**  
Soldiers from the 86th “Black Hawk” Battalion traverse a wall to better position themselves in combat.

Source: NARA

**Inside left: Then-PVT Jerry Deitz**

Source: Collection: Jerry Dietz

**Top right: 86th Infantry Division shoulder sleeve insignia**

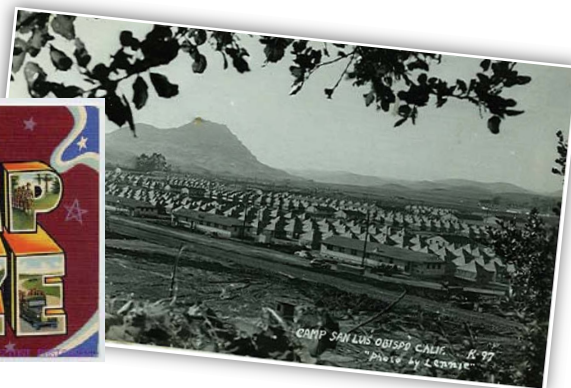
Source: United States Army Institute of Heraldry

**Bottom, L-R: Postcard-Camp Howze, TX.**

Source: wikipedia

**Postcard-Camp San Luis Obispo.**

Source: Collection: Jerry Dietz



assaults on the sand spit at Morro Bay and surrounding beaches. In December 1944, members of the 86th Division went on leave for Christmas. Jerry returned to New York for the holidays. It was during this time that the “Battle of the Bulge” erupted and the situation became extremely tense. Jerry, and all Blackhawk Division members, returned from leave still believing they were going to the Pacific Theater because of the type and duration of their amphibious training. However, when all troops returned from leave, they learned they would go to Europe. They turned in their equipment and boarded a train for the east coast, ultimately Boston Harbor, where the Division embarked on troop ships and sailed for Europe.

After a period of sailing alone, the USS John Erickson, on which he was a passenger, joined a convoy headed for Europe, which bore the 97th Division and 20th Armored Division. Other than the 86th Division the 97th Division was the only other division, to serve in Europe and Pacific Theaters. They sailed northeast to the English Channel and arrived in LeHavre, France, on 2 March. They drove to Camp Old Gold for refitting and movement to the front lines, and reassignment to the Fifteenth Army facing the Rhine River on the outskirts of Köln, Germany, to relieve the 8th Division on the line.

**Inside right: US troops comfort a child worried about her pet puppy as they make their way to relieve the 8th Division.**

Source: NARA

**Below left: Soldiers from the 86th “Black Hawk” Battalion defend their position in the Pacific Theater.**

Source: NARA

It was here that the 86th Blackhawks entered combat. From the journal of the 3rd Battalion of the 341st Infantry Regiment, a typical action follows:

*“April 1, 1710 hours to 1900 hrs. Patrol left at 1730 hours.” One man was hit as patrol landed on shore of river by sniper, SCR300 radio knocked out by action by rifle fire, Patrol took cover in a trench and returned fire killing 4 enemy soldiers and wounding 1. As patrol advanced to objectives, 1 member was wounded and 1 was MIA. Enemy 88s and 150mm artillery opened on the patrol’s supporting fire. Patrol then returned to boat. Sniper fire fell on the boat and the patrol returned fire. When the patrol hit friendly shore, it faced continuous artillery fire. Captured PW. Sent to Regiment.”*

Jerry Deitz recalls his first action was similar to the report in the Battalion Journal, where he and other members of his patrol crossed the Rhine River on a raiding party to capture prisoners for intelligence. During the time the division was committed to battle, they moved on to Köln. He recalls that during the battle, he and a patrol found themselves outside Beethoven’s house—which was identified by a marker dedicated to the world-famous composer. He says that they wanted to tour the composer’s home, but they were a little bit busy at the time and never had





the opportunity again. The division was very active in the Ruhr Pocket and participated in many actions throughout April. During that time they captured over 53,000 German troops. They also liberated over 200,000 POWs, concentration camp victims and slave laborers—all the time pushing the German Army further north and east. After the Ruhr Pocket, they drove through Bavaria facing SS Panzer divisions and other elite German units while liberating prisoners of war and work camps. In addition, the 85th Division found and recaptured treasure troves of stolen valuables and works of art the Nazis had stolen from those they conquered.

The division was the first to cross the Danube River, and it was only division on the western front to serve in four different armies: First, Third, Seventh and Fifteenth. The 86th ended the war in Europe stationed in Austria, where they acted as occupying troops until they returned to the United States and subsequent onward movement to the Pacific Theater. The division served in three distinct campaigns in Europe, including the Rhine River, the Ruhr Pocket, and the defeat of the National Redoubt in Bavaria and Nazi Germany.

The 86th and 97th Divisions were the last two divisions sent to Europe and were the first divisions out. The Blackhawks returned home, and the troops given leave for thirty days with orders to report to

Camp Gruber (OK) at the end of that period. After reporting to Camp Gruber, the men of the 86th began to retrain for action in the Pacific theater, especially in the use of flamethrowers, and other weapons and tactics used in Pacific actions. After training at Camp Gruber, the Blackhawks went by train to Camp Stoneman (CA), where they loaded on ships for deployment to the Pacific.

On the morning of 20 August, the ships pulled away from the docks and sailed westward. The 86th sailed across the Pacific during which time “Victory over Japan (VJ) Day” occurred. The feeling aboard was one of relief for the end of the war, and one of indignation at being redeployed when the end was imminent. On 11 September, the ship docked at Batangas, Luzon (Philippine Islands). The division debarked and moved north to an area near Lipa, Luzon, where the elements of the division encamped. This was the home of the division for the next five months.

During that time, the units of the division were locating Japanese soldiers who had not previously surrendered. Many of the stragglers, in small groups or as individuals, raided and attacked remote Philippine villages stealing food, weapons and other contraband, as well as killing village residents. In addition, on a few occasions, these Japanese soldiers would kill or shoot at single

**Inside left: Blackhawk infantrymen move through the streets of Ingostadt as reinforcements for Danube beachhead.**

Source: United States Army Signal Corps

**Top right: The 86th Infantry Division was the first to cross the Danube River.**

Source: United States Army Signal Corps





**US troope process Japanese PWs (note stamped shorts) in the Phillippines.**

Source: US Army Signal Corps

American soldiers separated from their work groups. A good deal of the work undertaken by the American troops was to get information to the remaining Japanese that the war was over, and they needed to return to Japan. American troops used loudspeakers, radio, and leaflets to inform them of the war's end, and many Japanese did give themselves up.

SGT Jerry Deitz left the 86th Infantry Division and returned to the United States. He was honorably discharged in April 1946, and the 86th "Blackhawk" Division was deactivated on 30 December 1946. Jerry returned to his studies at

the City University of New York. In 1950, when jobs were in short supply, Jerry accepted a civil service job as an Air Force Field Engineer in the communications area.

On 25 Jun 1950, he transferred to the Far East. He went to Seoul, Korea, to set up communications systems. He landed in Tegue and retreated south with the Army to the Pusan Perimeter. There, he received an M-1 carbine from the Provost Marshall, who told Jerry to protect himself. According to Jerry, it was *déjà vu* taking fire again. All of his training with the 86th Blackhawks came back, and he survived that war too.



Jerry earned a Master of Industrial Engineering degree from New York University. He retired after a long and distinguished career as Vice President of Engineering for the Librascope Division, Singer Corporation, where he participated in the manufacture of marine systems for the defense industry. After retirement, he became the Treasurer of the 86th "Blackhawk" Infantry Division Association and the Treasurer, Library of Congress, Living History Program. He was also the Coordinator for the Central Coast Veterans Memorial Museum in San Luis Obispo (CA). Truly, his is the story of a Soldier and a Division. ★



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*The 86th Division was nicknamed the "Black Hawk Division," named after the Sauk Leader Chief Black Hawk. Coffee tycoon Frederic McLaughlin was a commander with the 333rd Machine Gun Battalion of the 86th Infantry Division during World War I. In 1926, McLaughlin would be granted a franchise by the National Hockey League, which he would put in his home town of Chicago. He named the team the Chicago Blackhawks after the unit.*





# Loyalty was the Mission



IPCINC CAPT RUSSELL C. VOWINKEL, USN (RET),  
REGION I COMMANDER CAPT HARRY H. WEINBERG, SC, USN (RET)

Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Ray Mabus held a ship-naming ceremony at the USS Constitution in Charlestown (MA) on 22 May 2012. Secretary Mabus announced the next Arleigh Burke-Class guided-missile destroyer, DDG 116, will be named after CAPT Thomas J. Hudner, Jr., USN (Ret). CAPT



Hudner was awarded the Medal of Honor for heroism in the Korean War, having crashed his plane to help a fellow airman.

He served in Vietnam and was the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The significance of this announcement is three-fold. First, while it is extremely unusual for the Navy to name a warship after a living person, Senators Scott Brown and John F. Kerry were very active in advocating this remarkable honor.



Second, he is the last living Navy recipient of the Medal of Honor from the Korean War. CAPT Hudner was awarded the Medal of Honor for heroism when he crashed his F4U Corsair in a valiant attempt



to save his wingman, ENS Jesse L. Brown, the US Navy's first African-American naval aviator. The USS Jesse L. Brown (DE/FF/FFT-1089) was a

Knox-Class frigate of the US Navy named after ENS Brown.

A short history will illuminate the significance of this honor. It was in the early years of integrating the US Armed Forces when Hudner's wingman, Ensign Jesse Brown was shot down deep behind enemy lines in December 1950. Sadly, after deliberately making a wheels-up landing of his plane, Hudner could not free his wingman, who was trapped in his Corsair. Fortunately, a Search & Rescue (SAR) helicopter crew later rescued LTJG Hudner.

Afterward, CAPT Hudner received accolades and thanks from strangers for his heroic action. One African American wrote at the time, "I never thought that would happen. I never thought that a white man would help out a black man like that."

Finally, CAPT Thomas J. Hudner is a Perpetual Member and long time Companion of the Greater Boston Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars—and we are honored to call him Companion. ★

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as a pilot in Fighter Squadron 32, while attempting to rescue a squadron mate whose plane struck by anti-aircraft fire and trailing smoke, was forced down behind enemy lines. Quickly maneuvering to circle the downed pilot and protect him from enemy troops infesting the area, Lt. (J.G.) Hudner risked his life to save the injured flier who was trapped alive in the burning wreckage. Fully aware of the extreme danger in landing on the rough mountainous terrain and the scant hope of escape or survival in subzero temperature, he put his plane down skillfully in a deliberate wheels-up landing in the presence of enemy troops. With his bare hands, he packed the fuselage with snow to keep the flames away from the pilot and struggled to pull him free. Unsuccessful in this, he returned to his crashed aircraft and radioed other airborne planes, requesting that a helicopter be dispatched with an ax and fire extinguisher. He then remained on the spot despite the continuing danger from enemy action and, with the assistance of the rescue pilot, renewed a desperate but unavailing battle against time, cold, and flames. Lt. (J.G.) Hudner's exceptionally valiant action and selfless devotion to a shipmate sustain and enhance the highest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service.



## MG Meade Chapter

# 26th Annual Massing of the Colors and



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On Sunday, 6 May 12, at 2:40 in the afternoon, bagpiper Mr. James Ebert stepped off to the jaunty tune of “Scotland the Brave,” as he led the official party down the aisle at the Pavilion in Fort Meade, MD. Proceeding were: Fort Meade Garrison Commander, Companion COL Edward C. Rothstein; Maryland Governor, Martin J. O’Malley; MG Meade Chapter Commander LTC John H. Hollywood, USA (Ret), and Fort Meade Command Sergeant Major, CSM Charles E. Smith, USA.

Once the party was seated, the US Army Field Band began a martial drumbeat and the first of 60 color guards marched into the Pavilion. Companion LTC Robert M. Morton, USA (Ret), announced each Color Guard as it entered the Pavilion. The audience cheered and applauded. They especially welcomed the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge with cheers and loud applause. Once Color Guards were seated, Companion COL Kent D. Menser, USA (Ret), welcomed the 100-plus individuals to the 26th Annual Massing of the Colors and Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony.

Following the National Anthem, Companion and the Meade Chapter's Senior Vice Commander, Lt Col Sheldon A. Goldberg, USAF (Ret), led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance. CH (LTC) Sid A. Taylor, Sr., USA, the Fort Meade Garrison Chaplain, followed with the Invocation and the Blessing of the Colors. Chaplain Taylor is also a Companion of the Order.

Suddenly, fifes and drums sounded from the back of the Pavilion as elements of the US Army’s “Old Guard” Fife and Drum Corps marched to the front of the Pavilion. They entertained the audience with several more tunes and received enthusiastic applause as they marched off. MOWW VCINC and Meade Chapter Jr Vice Commander, LTC Ruth H. Hamilton, USA (Ret), read the “Preamble” to the Constitution of The Military Order of the World Wars.

COL Menser then introduced the distinguished guests attending the event—including general officers from all services, elected officials from the State of Maryland, county and local jurisdictions, and





# Memorial Day Remembrance

heads of Veteran Service Organizations—to include the MOWW Commander-in-Chief, CAPT Russell C. Vowinkel, USN (Ret). LTC Hollywood then presented welcoming remarks, thanked the crowd and distinguished guests for coming, and provided an overview of the Military Order of the World Wars' highly-praised programs.

Next COL Edward C. Rothstein, USA, the Fort Meade Garrison Commander, spoke on the sacrifices that military personnel made while serving over the years. He also spoke about the War of 1812 and the British bombardment of Fort McHenry, near Baltimore (MD), which led to the writing of the “Star Spangled Banner.”

The 61st Governor of Maryland, Martin Joseph O'Malley, spoke on the importance of the military in keeping our nation secure, and the contributions by Marylanders, both adding to our nation's history—even before 1814 at Fort McHenry or the War of 1812.

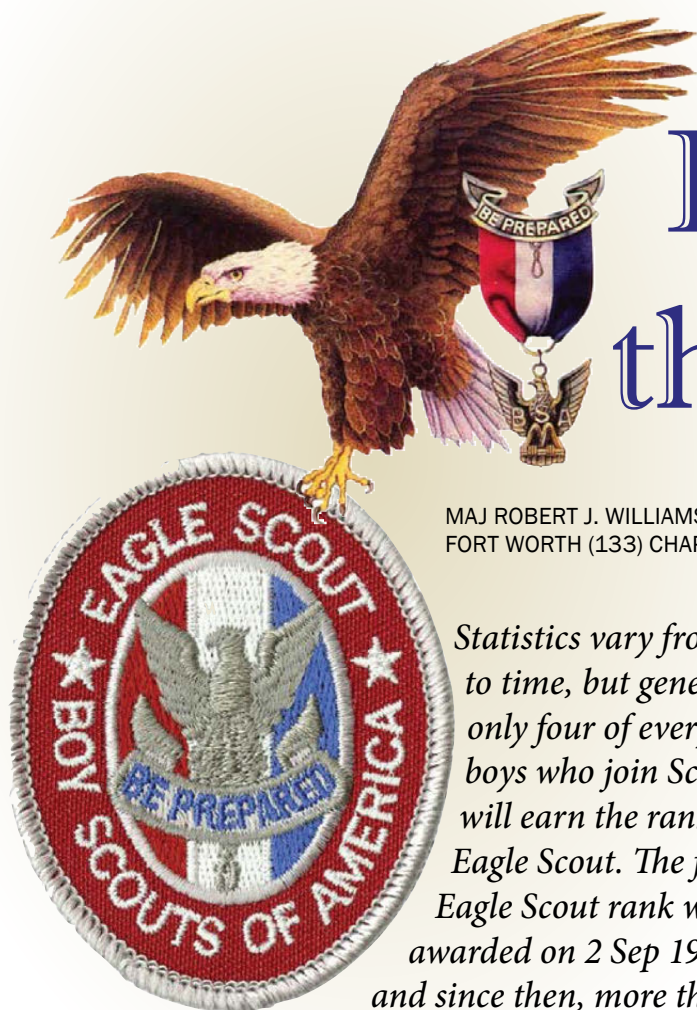
After the Governor's remarks, a concert by the US Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus began. The band, under the direction of COL Timothy J. Holtan, Commandant, US Army School of Music (Virginia Beach, VA), began a 40-minute concert performing a mix of songs, including a crowd-pleasing medley from the movie “Grease,” and ending with a patriotic rendition of John Philip Sousa's “The Star and Stripes Forever.” COL Menser directed the Color Guards to stand, and they began the recession of the Color Guards, supported by music from the Field Band.

Following the program, a reception was held in the rear of the Pavilion with cookies, sandwiches, cool drinks and water provided by the Ladies of the Meade Chapter, under the leadership of HPM Colleen Culbertson, supported by Club Meade and the USO.

As Scoutmaster Charlie Hauss said in an email after the event, “You hit a winner for us...thanks so much for thinking of Troop 1299 for the Massing of the Colors. One of my scouts posted this on his Facebook page: ‘...went to Fort Meade last night, camped out, went bowling in the morning, met two marines, then we went to a US military parade type thing for the military. Pretty much the best camping trip ever.’” That scout summed up the whole experience quite nicely. ★







MAJ ROBERT J. WILLIAMS, USAF (RET)  
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*Statistics vary from time to time, but generally, only four of every 100 boys who join Scouting will earn the rank of Eagle Scout. The first Eagle Scout rank was awarded on 2 Sep 1912, and since then, more than two million young men have earned the right to call themselves Eagle Scouts.*

What is it about being an Eagle Scout that we all admire? Why is it we hold them in such esteem? As a National Chartering Partner with the Boy Scouts of America, MOWW Companions make time to honor Eagle Scouts with a presentation of the MOWW Eagle Scout Certificate at individual Eagle Courts of Honor. Why do Companions give recognition to the attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout?

There are many anecdotes about what it means to be an Eagle Scout, but until recently there has been no documentable evidence comparing Eagle Scouts with not only other Scouts, but also with non-Scouts.

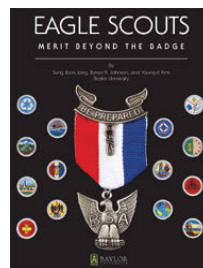
With a research grant from the John Templeton Foundation, Baylor University's *Program on*

# Beyond the Badge

*Prosocial Behavior, Institute for Studies of Religion*, developed and conducted a study to “determine if participation in Scouting and ultimately becoming an Eagle Scout is associated with prosocial behavior and positive youth development that carries over into young adulthood and beyond.”

In conjunction with the Gallup Organization, a survey was conducted from 12 Oct–20 Nov 2010. The questionnaire focused on three main areas: “Well-being,” “Civic Engagement” and “Character Development.” The purpose was to analyze how the three groups of respondents—Eagle Scouts, other Scouts who did not earn the rank of Eagle Scout, and non-Scouts—differed in their survey responses.

Survey results reveal statistically significant differences between the three groups that center on the following themes as outlined in



the “*Summary*” of Baylor University’s study titled *Eagle Scouts: Merit Beyond the Badge*, by Sung Joan Jang, Byron R. Johnson, and Young-II Kim. The informative, 77-page report can be downloaded at:

[www.scouting.org/About/Research/EagleScouts.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/About/Research/EagleScouts.aspx)

## SUMMARY

*“For more than 100 years, the Boy Scouts of America has sought to encourage and instill the values necessary to help young people make and continue making ethical and moral choices over the entire course of their life. The objective of Scouting, therefore, is to promote the positive and prosocial development of*



youth that carries over into adulthood and influences all of society. This lasting influence—enhancing youth's values, ethics, decision making, relationships, and personal development—is even more significant for youth who attain the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Boy Scouts of America has always maintained that achieving Scouting's highest rank would result in additional benefits for Eagle Scouts when compared to Scouts that do not achieve this rank, as well as to youth who have never participated in Scouting. In order to assess the influence, if any, of participation in Boy Scouts on men in later life, adult men representative of the US population were surveyed, with the key difference being that some had participated in Scouting and some had not.

Analysis of the nationally representative survey reveals significant differences between Eagle Scouts and other Scouts as well as non-Scouts. Eagle Scouts consistently indicate their experience in Scouting contributed to positive and prosocial development as measured by responses to a wide range of issues and subjects, including the following:

- Eagle Scouts exhibit an increased tendency to participate in a variety of health and recreational activities.
- Eagle Scouts show a greater connectedness to siblings, neighbors, religious community, friends, co-workers, formal and informal groups, and a spiritual presence in nature.
- Duty to God, service to others, service to the community, and leadership are traits that are especially strong in Eagle Scouts.
- Eagle Scouts are more likely to engage in behaviors that are designed to enhance and protect the environment.
- Eagle Scouts are more likely to be committed to setting and achieving personal, professional, spiritual, and financial goals.
- Eagle Scouts show higher levels of planning and preparedness than do other Scouts and non-Scouts.



• Eagle Scouts are more likely than other Scouts and non-Scouts to indicate they have built character traits related to work ethics, morality, tolerance, and respect for diversity.

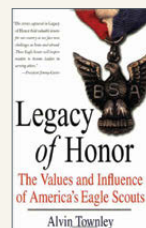
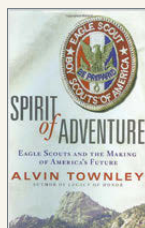
*In sum, when compared to Scouts and non-Scouts, Eagle Scouts exhibit significantly higher levels of health and recreation, connection, service and leadership, environmental stewardship, goal orientation, planning preparedness, and character."*

After his Eagle Scout Court of Honor, Eagle Scout Bill Sessions of Troop #890 displays his MOWW Recognition Certificate.

In attendance were his father, US Congressman Pete Sessions and his grandfather, former Director of the FBI Judge William S. Sessions. Both Congressman Pete Sessions and Judge William S. Sessions are Distinguished Eagle Scouts.

(L-R): US Congressman Pete Sessions; VCINC Capt John M. Hayes, USAF (Fmr); Eagle Scout Bill Sessions; Judge William S. Sessions.

Source: Officer Review, May 06



To read more about what it means to be an Eagle Scout (as provided by Eagle Scouts themselves), I wholeheartedly recommend two books authored by

Eagle Scout Alvin Townley, "Legacy of Honor" and "Spirit of Adventure." ★



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in 2008, became National Chair in 2010, and was appointed to the BSA National Community Relations Task Force in 2010. He's served the Ft. Worth Chapter as Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander and Chapter Commander.

# Why Do We Do What We Do?

BRIG GEN ARTHUR B. MORRILL III, USAF (RET)  
BG BULTMAN (122) CHAPTER, VA

Why do we serve as volunteers to bring the Preamble of the Military Order of World Wars to life throughout America? Why do we sponsor National Security, Homeland Defense, and Law & Order programs nation-wide? Why do we do what we do?

Why do we promote patriotic education by hosting Youth Leadership Conferences, by sponsoring YLC students, and by conducting Massings of the Colors? Why do we have Resolutions of Cooperation and honor ROTC and JROTC cadets, and Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts? Why do we present awards at Service Academies, award plaques and certificates of appreciation within our communities, and more? Why do we do what we do?

Why do we have internal award programs to recognize excellence in chapters? Why do we incentivize Companion teams involved in our various programs to build upon MOWW's great tradition of service in these vital areas? Why do we honor individual Companions for their leadership and contributions? Why do we do what we do?



We do these things and more because we are built to serve—not to observe. We are citizens of

action who cannot rest unless we make a difference in peoples' lives and in the life of our nation by our personal service. We do these things because we are builders—not detractors. We do these things together because we are Companions who love our nation and all of its peoples.

Help make the coming year count in your chapter. Achieve the CINC's goals. If your chapter supported 22 ROTC units last year, support 25 this year. If your chapter sponsored five YLC students last year, sponsor six and host a YLC this year. Reach out to historically black colleges and ensure we have a permanent partnership with them. Support the five Federal Service Academies, the six Senior Military Colleges, the six State Maritime Academies, the five Military Junior Colleges, and more. Reach out to new areas, organizations and people...and make a difference in their lives through MOWW.

Whatever the Companion Team does, make the coming year count by your own personal efforts. If you recruited an Annual Member last year, recruit two this year—and a Perpetual Member. If you were a member of a committee last year, chair a committee this year. Be someone's mentor.

Make a difference. ★



## THE PREAMBLE

- ☆ **"To cherish the memories and associations of the World Wars waged for humanity;**
- ☆ **To inculcate and stimulate love of our country and 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."**





THE WHITE HOUSE

September 20, 2012

NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY, 2012

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
A PROCLAMATION

For more than two centuries, Americans have bravely served our Nation as members of our Armed Forces. Many have made profound sacrifices to uphold the ideals we cherish, carrying wounds that may never fully heal and dark memories that will never fade. Today, we pay solemn tribute to service members who bore war's tragic costs as prisoners of war and those missing in action. We stand with the families who have known the lingering ache of a loved one's uncertain fate. And as a Nation, we reaffirm a most sacred obligation: that we must never forget the men and women who did not come home, and that we must never stop trying to return them to their families and the country they fought to protect.

As long as members of our Armed Forces remain unaccounted for, America will bring our fullest resources to bear in finding them and bringing them home. It is a promise we make not only to the families of our captured and our missing, but to all who have worn the uniform. Our Nation continues to recover the remains of fallen heroes we lost in the Vietnam War, the Korean War, World War II, and other conflicts. And as these patriots are finally laid to rest, we pray their return brings closure and a measure of peace to those who knew and loved them. During this day of recognition, let us honor their sacrifice once more by expressing our deepest gratitude to our service members, our veterans, our military families, and all those who have given so much to keep our country safe.

On September 21, 2012, the stark black and white banner symbolizing America's Missing in Action and Prisoners of War will be flown over the White House; the United States Capitol; the Departments of State, Defense, and Veterans Affairs; the Selective Service System Headquarters; the World War II Memorial; the Korean War Veterans Memorial; the Vietnam Veterans Memorial; United States post offices; national cemeteries; and other locations across our country. We raise this flag as a solemn reminder of our obligation to always remember the sacrifices made to defend our Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2012, as National POW/MIA Recognition Day. I urge all Americans to observe this day of honor and remembrance with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twentieth day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-seventh.

A handwritten signature of Barack Obama in black ink, featuring a stylized 'B' and 'O'.

BARACK OBAMA



*"Harvard ROTC was one of the first Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) units in the country, founded in 1916. General Leonard Wood led the original program. By the fall of 1952, forty percent of the incoming freshmen class at Harvard University enrolled in programs that lead to a ROTC commission. Harvard has the third most graduates who have received the Congressional Medal of Honor. With seventeen recipients, only West Point and the US Naval Academy have more."*

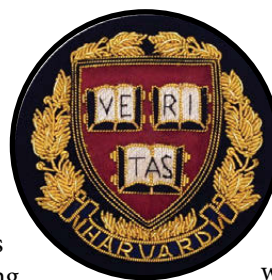
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# HARVARD HONORED

*Harvard Leaders Receive Silver Patrick Henry Awards at the Greater Boston Chapter*

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

Over recent decades, news headlines coming out of Harvard University have often been discouraging for those holding the patriotic opinions commonly expressed within the Order. However, behind the headlines another story has been quietly building. Many alumni of that school have felt that the University should reconsider its policies and suggested a more balanced view regarding military education, patriotism and, indeed, the whole topic of military service as an aspect of public service.

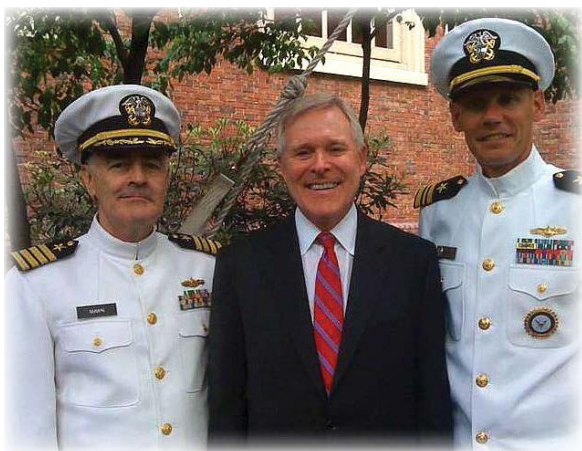


To advance those ideas, a number of patriots organized the "Advocates for Harvard ROTC," attracting an astonishing 2,100 members—principally alumni, but also other supporters. This organization supported ROTC cadets who had an awkward commute to the nearby Massachusetts Institute of Technology to attend ROTC classes since such programs were not permitted on the Harvard campus. In addition, the Advocates have placed a new veteran's memorial, the first in many decades, in Harvard's Memorial Church to honor the

**(L-R): Victoria Migdal, Nicole Unis, Evan Roth, and Isaiah Peterson—at their commissioning ceremony on the steps of Memorial Church, Harvard University, May 2012.**

Photograph by Jim Harrison,  
*Harvard Magazine*





17 alumni who were Medal of Honor recipients. The Advocates have also been instrumental in reviving patriotic observances on campus and securing the appearances of leading contemporary military leaders.

Lately, headlines reflect a positive change in attitudes at the University. Commissioning ceremonies are now conducted in Harvard Yard. US Navy ROTC programs will be permitted back on campus and University officials now occasionally appear at ceremonies together with those in uniform. These are certainly movements in the right direction.

The Greater Boston Chapter is active in associating itself with the group, and encouraging the initiatives that create new veterans memorials at local universities. In recognition of their outstanding leadership in founding the Advocates for Harvard ROTC, Chapter Commander CDR Redmond L. Clevenger, USN (Ret), honored the efforts of CAPT Paul E. Mawn, USN (Ret), and LT Malcolm T. Hill, Jr., USNR (Fmr), via the presentation of Silver Patrick Henry Awards

at a 6 Jun meeting. CPT William J. Maloney, USA (Fmr), who was a leader in creating the veterans memorial at Northeastern University, and CPT Paul G. Delaney, USA (Fmr), who lead in the creation of the new memorial at Boston College, were both on hand to congratulate CAPT Mawn and LT Hill. We are proud to report that these remarkable leaders are all members of the Greater Boston Chapter.

Chairman Emeritus Neal Finnegan and Companion COL John Power also received Silver Patrick Henry Awards for their work on the Northeastern University Veterans Memorial, but were unable to be present for the Harvard presentations. ★



*2LT Jason Sokolov, USA (Fmr), is a retired Boston lawyer who has served as the Adjutant for the Greater Boston Chapter for the last seven years. He served in the US Army Signal Corps.*

**Top left, L-R: CAPT Paul E. Mawn, USN (Ret.), Secretary of Navy Ray Mabus and LCDR Mark Bell, USN, at the recent commissioning ceremony for Harvard cadets and midshipmen in the Harvard Yard.**

**Top right: Harvard Leaders Receiving Silver Patrick Henry Awards at the Greater Boston Chapter. (L-R): CPT William J. Mahoney representing the Northeastern University Leadership; CAPT Paul G. Delaney representing the Boston College Leadership; CAPT Paul E. Mawn and LT Malcolm T. Hill, Jr., (honored for their extraordinary work at Harvard University); CDR Robert L. Gillen, Massachusetts Department Commander.**

Photo: CDR Redmond L. Clevenger, USN (Ret)

## CORRECTIONS

The September 2012 issue of the *Officer Review* should have listed VCINC COL CLAY C. Le GRANDE, JR.'s rank as COL.

The September 2012 issue should have listed the Puget Sound Chapter as the winner in Category 5, ROTC

The *Officer Review* regrets any inconvenience these may have caused.

# MOWW || Sound Off!

## Stolen RECOGNITION

BG RAYMOND E. BELL, JR., PHD, USA (RET)  
BG BULTMAN (122) CHAPTER, VA

At a recent reunion of World War II veterans and their families, startling inconsistencies in a veteran's service record as promoted by him caused a minor sensation. Some in attendance favored publicly exposing the fraudulent claims made by this now elderly veteran. Some thought there was little benefit to making an issue of what were obviously wildly false fantasies. However, others thought the improprieties of his fairy tales so inappropriate that some appropriate action seemed advisable.



Unfortunately, this veteran is not alone in telling specious tales of extraordinary combat service. Perhaps little harm results from privately told tales. However, when a veteran regales students, etc., with stories of fictitious bravery, he is demeaning the service of all who have served honorably in the armed services—whether that service was in war or in peace.

Unfortunately, violations propagating false episodes of heroic activities are not just limited to verbal expression. As we know from more publicized events, violators will often wear ribbons, medals or uniforms to which the violator is not entitled. This false display of recognition is sometimes difficult to expose unless there is access to the individual's service record, e.g., a DD Form 214. Fortunately, there are organizations and individuals who have little use

for those falsely claiming recognition for deeds neither performed nor experienced. For the Companions of the Military Order of the World Wars, taking action characterized by alacrity and precision to preserve the integrity of one's service, is an important mandate. Individuals—veterans and non-veterans—who wear unearned uniforms, decorations, campaign medals, etc., must be challenged.

To avoid embarrassment resulting from mistakenly calling to task a possible violator, one must know the decorations and medals to which an individual is entitled. This requires educating oneself as to the different decorations and their proper wear. Active duty members of the armed services will generally know the proper arrangement of his or her decorations. For veterans no longer active, such determination can be a little more difficult. Some veterans' organizations have distinctive uniforms upon which one may wear earned decorations. Such organizations are generally alert to individuals who wear unearned medals, badges, or rank. However, it can be difficult to know what is earned or not, especially when there is a compelling tale to go with the worn device.

There is a propensity of those violators to build their own stories about their military exploits, particularly giving themselves a prominent role in the action. To illustrate, the veteran who prompted this opinion piece claimed the Germans captured him several times in Normandy. One capture is alleged to have taken place near an island in the Seves River, an area where much of a battalion of American soldiers surrendered to a platoon of German paratroopers on 23 July 1944. According to him, the enemy lined up and shot

**The US Supreme Court struck down the Stolen Valor Act, which made it a crime to lie about receiving military medals. On 13 Sep, the US House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed a new version of the Stolen Valor Act.**

Credit: Kenneth Weiss / Los Angeles Times



fifty American infantrymen. He alone, the last one in line, survived—despite being shot in the head.

However, there was no “massacre” on the island near or on the island this incident was purported to have taken place. There was an action where the better part of an American infantry battalion was caught in the open by an expertly placed platoon of German paratroopers. Many of the American soldiers were recent replacements to the battalion and when blasted by the Germans panicked. This led the battalion commander to surrender the survivors to avoid further casualties.

What the imposter did not reveal was there was a three-hour truce arranged between the German paratroopers and American battalion chaplains to recover American KIAs and WIAs. The German sergeant commanding the platoon became a good friend of members of the American division after the war. A further irony was the claim that upon the surrender of American officers, the German parachute regimental commander treated them to cups of tea—hardly a feature of a massacre.

Once having built one story of falsehoods for eager if not also gullible listeners, it is easy to construct other stories more dramatic. This particular individual, who attained the rank of sergeant as indicated on his DD Form 214, wrote a noted author that he went ashore on D-Day. He told a local newspaper of walking on bodies on Utah Beach and dreaming of the beach running red with blood. That fact is that he landed in France several days after the initial landing. According to a unit morning report, he did not join the infantry division, which did land on that beach until more than a week after D-Day.

What tripped this veteran up, however, was wearing decorations to which he was not entitled. One was the Presidential (Distinguished) Unit Citation that he claimed while assigned to a particular battalion despite morning reports revealing the reverse. His DD Form 214 also did not indicate he received the French *Croix de Guerre*—which he was also wearing. Part of what gave him away was his incorrect wear of this decoration. Being a foreign decoration, it should have been placed after all American decorations.



When queried about the award he told his inquirers various unsubstantiated stories, e.g., he had been with the French resistance. Now at an advanced age he has disgraced himself in the eyes of not only his contemporaries but in the eyes of those whom he sought to impress. Were he alone in this kind of behavior, his performance might be excused as an aberration. However, recent public disclosures and court cases reveal he is not unique.

Where proper recognition of performance is a mantra, Companions of the Military Order of World Wars must expose violators in such a manner as to discourage others from fantasizing about heroic or special battlefield performance. To be conscious that there are veterans and others who will exploit the ignorance of those who have not served is important, and careful inquiry of suspicious claiming and wearing decorations is in order. Companions must be vigilant to protect the honor and credibility of those who rightfully earned the recognition accorded to valorous and honorable service in the armed forces. MOWW Companions can do no less. ★

**Technical Sergeant Tavis J. Delaney, USAF, a Joint Terminal Attack Controller with the 116th Air Support Operations Squadron (Washington Air National Guard) was awarded a Silver Star at a ceremony 6 May 12 for his heroism during a 13-hour battle in 2011 with more than 400 Taliban fighters in Afghanistan. He was operating with Company C, 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry, 2nd Brigade, 34th Infantry Division.**

Source: Photo: J.M. Simpson



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# COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF SCHEDULE

2012-2013



**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF  
LTC Gary Engen, USA (Ret)**

DATE	LOCATION
6 Oct 12:	Richmond Chapter, Massing of Colors
20 Oct 12:	Santa Cruz Valley Chapter, Tuscan, AZ Visit and Region XIII Meeting
31 Oct 12:	Huntsville Chapter, Huntsville, AL YLC- Guest Speaker
11 Nov 12:	National Veterans Day Ceremony Arlington National Cemetery, VA
11 Nov 12:	Pershing Ceremony Arlington National Cemetery, VA
8 Dec 12:	MG Meade Chapter, Fort Meade, MD Annual Christmas Ball
9-16 Jan 13:	Family Obligation
19 Jan 13:	Apache Trail Chapter, AZ (or third Saturday of Feb, Apr or May)
26-27 Jan 13:	EXCOM Meeting, San Antonio, TX
6 Apr 13:	El Paso Chapter, Massing of Colors
19-20 Apr 13:	Dallas Chapter Military Ball and Region Meeting
28 May 13:	MG Wade Chapter, Washington D.C.- Memorial Day Parade and Meeting
5-6 Jun 13:	Philadelphia Chapter Election & Installation Luncheon
Jul 13:	Annual National Convention

*To invite CINC LTC Gary Engen and his wife, Glenda,  
to visit your Chapter, Region or Department functions,  
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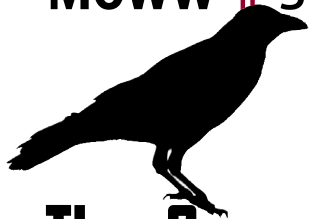
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# The Crow, the Cricket...and the Analysts

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## THE CROW...

A Crow's (Electronic Warfare Officer) greatest ambition was to pick up a new or unusual signal never before intercepted. Those were very rare, so we made our own quite often. We carried kazoos, noisemakers, Japanese battery-powered toys, whistles, signal generators and such aboard, in an attempt to stump the analysts.

## THE CRICKET...

Once we carried a caged cricket along and recorded its chirping, which we mixed with the navigation radar pulse and electrical noise from a fuel boost pump. We recorded and photographed the mixture and called it a new signal, speculating that it was most likely an advanced fighter's AI (airborne intercept) radar.

## AND THE ANALYSTS

Two weeks later the analyst's report came back...properly identifying the navigation radar, the boost pump and the cricket. As a crowning blow, the analysts even reported the cabin temperature at the time of the recording and the sex of the cricket. Strangely, about a year later the Soviets came up with a new AI radar that sounded just like a cricket.



## MOWW || Chaplain's Pulpit

# Shaking Off the Dust

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There are times when we must shake off the dust from our feet. One such time in Jesus' life was recorded in St. Matthew's Gospel: "If anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave." Likewise, an American proverb says: "In the dictionary of youth there is no such thing as failure."

In Holy Week of 1989, I vividly remember a circumstance that beset a Navy family. I said then, "My best efforts simply were not good enough to prevent that tragedy." There are times when our "best efforts" are just not good enough to carry the day. Throughout our lives, there are instances when success eludes us. When that happens, we are told to "shake off" things.

We are all familiar with the expression "shake in your boots." It describes those who tremble in fear. When Jesus told his Apostles to shake the dust off, it was to take away the fear. Some years ago, I concluded a sermon with the admonition, "Don't let the past get you down." I was just saying, "Shake the dust off your feet as you leave ... the past!"

When Apostles Paul and Barnabas failed in their efforts to reach the religious people of Antioch and were literally driven out of town, we are told in the Book of Acts: "They shook off the dust from their feet against them." Early in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, John Oman labeled this shaking off as "the Sacrament of Failure" in his book Vision and Authority. Perhaps, we need such a sacrament—one that allows us to cope with failure, or what we or our friends

perceive as failure. On this issue of perception, there is great wisdom in that one-liner from the pen of John Burroughs, American essayist and naturalist: "A man can fail many times, but he isn't a failure until he begins to blame somebody else." Accepting responsibility for failure and working to a better future are the hallmarks of a successful person.

Jesus' admonition to "shake off the dust" tells us how to go on in spite of failure. When faced with discouragement and disappointment, it must not deteriorate into despair or desolation. Despair and desolation are utterly and absolutely destructive conditions. As the 18<sup>th</sup> century English Bishop and theologian Jeremy Taylor once cautioned, "Despair is the proper passion for damnation."

Instead, focus on what is good and remember what Apostle Paul said in his Epistle to the Philippians: "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." Companions: don't let the past get you down! ★



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# MOWW || Surgeon's Tent

## So 'What's So Great About Veins?

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

Veins are blood vessels that carry blood towards the heart. Most veins carry deoxygenated blood from tissues back to the heart; exceptions are the pulmonary and umbilical veins, both of which carry oxygenated blood to the heart. Veins differ from arteries in structure and function. For example, arteries are more muscular than veins while veins are often closer to the skin and contain valves to help keep blood flowing toward the heart. Arteries carry blood away from the heart.

Veins are classified in a number of ways, including superficial vs. deep, pulmonary vs. systemic, and large vs. small. Superficial veins are those whose course is close to the surface of the body, and have no corresponding arteries. Deep veins are deeper in the body and have corresponding arteries. Communicating veins (or perforator veins) are veins that directly connect superficial veins to deep veins. Pulmonary veins are a set of veins that deliver oxygenated blood from the lungs to the heart. Systemic veins drain the tissues of the body and deliver deoxygenated blood to the heart.

We are all familiar with varicose (abnormally swollen or knotted) veins. When their one-way valves decompensate (fail) due to disease or just the pressure of a six-foot column of blood piling up in them, blood stops its upward progress and stagnates. More superficial veins tend to dilate, hurt and look like ropes on the surface. They can cause chronic discoloration and ulcers that are difficult to heal.

Treatment is literally a pain, but usually successful. Self-injected anticoagulation

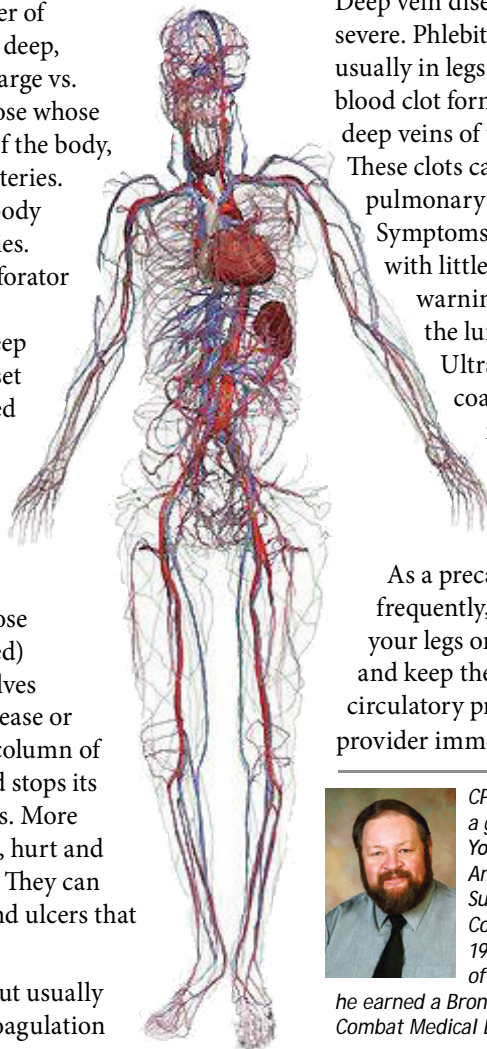
medication that can stop the clot's progress while nature dissolves it, is the accepted form of treatment. After dissolution occurs, or even before, clots form. If diagnosed early, superficial diseased vessels can be treated by removal. Depending on severity, compression stockings and laser treatments are possible. The ablated, superficial, incompetent vein's work is pretty much taken over by the good deep veins. (Ablation is the removal of a part of biological tissue, usually by surgery.) Afterwards, swelling and pain decrease and mobility increases. As they say in Brooklyn, "Such a deal."

Deep vein disease and thrombosis (DVT) are more severe. Phlebitis is an inflammation of a vein, usually in legs. When phlebitis is associated with blood clot formation (thrombosis), usually in the deep veins of the legs, it is called thrombophlebitis. These clots can travel to the lungs, causing pulmonary embolisms that can be fatal.

Symptoms can include pain and rapid swelling with little surface redness. Often there is no warning; the first sign is an embolus to the lungs or heart, and great dysfunction.

Ultra sound is a diagnostic tool. Anti-coagulation and/or clot-dissolving medicines and rest can be used. DVT can require surgery and placement of a filtering device in the path of the emboli.

As a precaution, walk a lot, elevate your feet frequently, wear compression stockings, exercise your legs on long trips to activate the muscles and keep the blood moving. If you detect any circulatory problems, please see your medical provider immediately. ★



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## MOWW || Chief's Notes

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CHIEF OF STAFF, MOWW



# PLANNING IS A FORM OF LEADERSHIP

*With the chapter elections and the 2012 National Convention behind us, we are beginning a new MOWW Operating Year. This should mean we either have finalized our chapter and committee plans for the coming year or we are nearing the completion of those planning processes. Whatever the case, the good news is this year we have a solid Strategic Plan, proactive CINC goals and new tools to help us.*

Companions...let me begin by first referring you to the MOWW Strategic Plan—which should guide our every effort. Likewise, the goals of our Commander-in-Chief, LTC Gary O. Engen, USA (Ret), should also guide our efforts, and help define our desired outcomes. The CINC listed the following Order goals for his 2012-2013 term of office. Please ensure your chapter's goals and objectives help MOWW realize the desired outcomes contained in MOWW Strategic Plan—while also achieving the CINC's goals in each chapter.

### “What do we do?”

- **“Grow chapter membership by a net increase of five percent”**
  - Last year, only 121 of MOWW's 8,800 members recruited anyone. Clearly, we can do better.
  - Every chapter should strive to increase its membership by a net five percent by 30 Jun 13 (vs. 30 Jun 12 data).
- **“Enhance leadership training at all levels within our Order”**
  - To help us achieve this goal, CINC Engen established the ad hoc national “Education & Training Committee.”
  - With your support, this committee will develop deployable training packages to present at conventions, region conferences and chapter meetings—to assist chapters in conducting and expanding programs.
- **“Improve Companion, chapter and community recognition”**
  - Only 29 of 168 chapters, states, departments & regions submitted National Citation nominations.
  - CINC Engen continued the ad hoc Awards Process Committee to further streamline the awards process and make submissions even less burdensome—already done for ROTC/ JROTC & Patriotic Education. For 2013's Convention, please help chapters submit for every award for which they are eligible. Start the process now!
- **“Strengthen chapter outreach programs”**
  - Assist chapters in expanding their already great programs, e.g., Sponsor more YLCs & YLC students, do a Massing of the Colors, honor more ROTC & JROTC cadets, and present more Eagle Scout & Gold Award certificates.
  - We need to increase our efforts in National Security, Homeland Security, and Law & Order areas via speaker's bureaus, feature articles in the Officer Review and more robust chapter programs, to name a few.
- **“Expand MOWW visibility”**
  - Help make MOWW chapters better known, respected and leaders in local communities. Our chapter programs can help us do that!
  - Assist chapters in implementing proven and new ideas in cosponsoring civic events, helping in community projects & hosting speaker forums involving Companions, other organizations & local civilians.

### “For whom do we do it?”



In addition to the invigorated goals and guidance mentioned above, the other good news is the Order has a much improved set of tools to help us achieve the goal mentioned above— which are found on the MOWW website at: [www.militaryorder.net](http://www.militaryorder.net). The frequent use of this website, which should be seen as the “Companion’s Tool Box,” is indispensable to the success of MOWW programs and activities Order-wide. *Remember: tools are only helpful if they are used.*

Here are just some of the tools that should be used throughout the Order:

- The first new tool is the Chapter Planning Guide (MOWW Form 20). As much as anything, this guide (and any Commander Checklist) encapsulates key planning factors for any leader or Companion.
- The second new tool is really a family of tools called Commander Checklists. They include the Chapter Commander Checklist (MOWW Form 19), the State Commander Checklist (MOWW Form 18), the Department Commander Checklist (MOWW Form 17) and the Region Commander Checklist (MOWW Form 16). There is also a draft National Committee Checklist in coordination with all national committee chairs that will be finalized soon.
- Another set of tools are the balance of MOWW’s Forms, Guides & Checklists. These include, but are not limited to, the “Membership Application” (MOWW Form 1), the “IRS Reporting Certification” (MOWW Form 9), the “Annual Financial Review Checklist” (MOWW Form 21), and more. Please peruse these forms, guides, checklists, etc., and become familiar with their contents.
- The fourth tool is also a family of tools that I call “guiding documents.” Not surprisingly, they are MOWW’s Constitution, Bylaws, Strategic Plan and Policy Manual--the latter two being most important from a day-to-day perspective.
  - All Companions should be familiar with these documents and help commanders and committee chairs achieve MOWW’s Strategic Plan goals& objectives, the CINC’s goals and, in an enhanced way, execute MOWW’s outreach programs as outlined earlier by the CINC.
  - The Policy Manual can be especially helpful in these things, but also in nurturing other chapter programs—from recruiting to ROTC—via the Manual’s chapters and appendices. To make it easy, the Policy Manual is essentially organized functionally, so Chapter 6 (The Chapter), Chapter 7 (The Companion), Chapter 8 (Committees, Boards & Councils), Chapter 9 (Outreach Programs) and Chapter 10 (Awards)—and the related appendices—may be especially important reading.

As Region III Commander LTC Michael Wilgen observed recently, we have spent a lot of time and effort developing help aids (forms, checklists and guides) and rewriting guidance (new Policy Manual). We did this so Companions at all levels have an easier time in finding out what they need to do and (to some extent) how to do it. The help aids are, he said, a road map for those who did not know where to start or just needed a “jump start.” These things also help us assist commanders and chapters in accomplishing the goals and objectives we set for ourselves. Achieving our goals and objectives is the way we ensure that at the conclusion of the 2012-2013 Operating Year, we can demonstrate we best served our nation, communities and veterans, and America’s youth. ★

**“How do we excel?”**



**Planning (also called forethought) is the process of thinking about and organizing the activities required to achieve a desired goal. Planning involves the creation and maintenance of a plan.**

**“How will we know when we achieve our objectives?”**

# MOWW || Chapters in Action

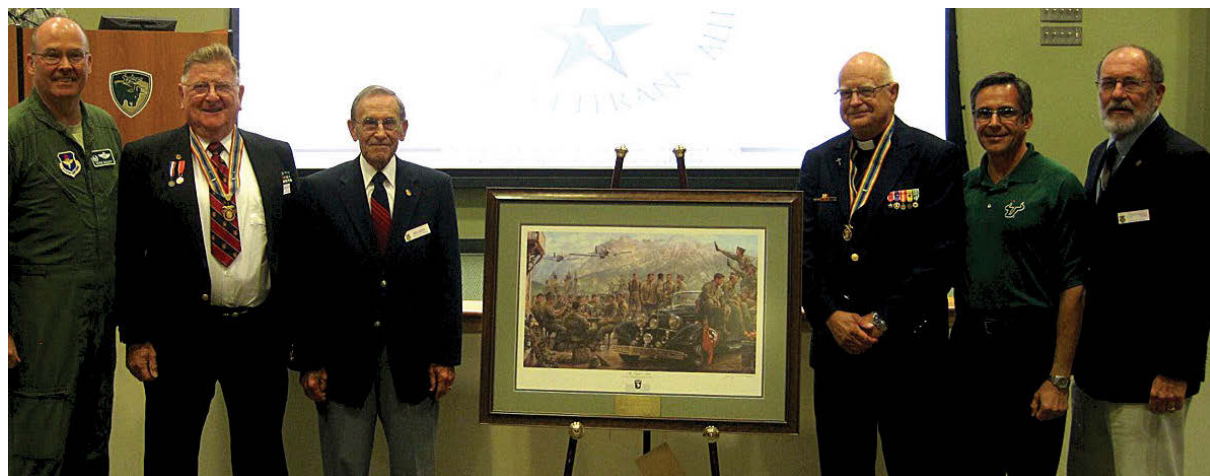


|| 2012 NATIONAL CONVENTION, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

## The Council of Past CINCs

Ten PCINCs attended the National Convention, photographed together after the traditional early breakfast meeting about the Order's future.

**(L-R):** LTG Robert L. Wetzel, USA (Ret); COL Philemon A. St. Amant II, USA (Ret); LTC David R. Titus, USA (Ret); Col James D. Elmer, USAF (Fmr); COL Brion V. Chabot, USA (Ret); MG Franklin E. Miles, USA (Ret); Col Clifford D. Way, Jr., USAF (Ret); LTC Alfred H. M. Shehab, USA (Ret); COL Jack B. Jones, USA (Ret); CAPT R. M. Stevens, USN (Ret).



|| CLEARWATER (136), FLORIDA

## Chapter's Gift to AFROTC Detachment in Spirit of Preamble.

BY LT GERALD "BUD" BERRY, USAAF (RET)

At an early morning hour on 6 Sep 12, Companions were enthusiastically welcomed to the C. W. "Bill" Young Hall, home of the Joint Military Leadership Center. The center provides housing for the Army, Naval and Air Force ROTC programs on the campus of the University of South Florida in Tampa. On behalf of the Chapter, Companions presented a print from the original oil painting by John Shaw. This rewarding day exemplified two tenets of MOWW's Preamble: "To inculcate and stimulate love of our Country and the Flag... To promote and further patriotic education in our nation."

Associate Director of the Joint Military Leadership Center, CDR John F. Sarao, USN (Ret), on accepting of the print, remarked, "I would like to thank you so much for your very kind donation to the Joint Military Leadership Center at the University of South Florida. Your generous gift of 'The Eagle's Nest: The Band of Brothers' and the War's Last Prize' framed print of John Shaw's painting of E Company, 101st Airborne Division at the end of World War II, is magnificent and will be appropriately displayed within C.W. Bill Young Hall. Your gift will serve as a reminder to our ROTC students of the rich heritage we have in our Armed Forces, and the legacy previous generations have established."

**(L-R):** Col Kevin McElroy, USAF (Ret); LTC Curry Patton, USA (Ret); LT Gerald "Bud" Berry, USAAF (Ret); Capt Robert Swick, USMC (Ret); CDR John F. Sarao, USN (Ret); LTC Steve Hodges, USA (Ret).



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|| SAN DIEGO (100), CALIFORNIA

## MOWW Thanks Four Points Sheraton for Hospitality

BY COL CLARK J. KHOLOS, USAF (RET)

Chapter Commander Col Clark J. Kholos, USAF (Ret), presented the MOWW Certificate of Appreciation to the staff of the Four Points Sheraton on 9 Aug 12. The hotel provided incomparable service for MOWW's 2012 National Convention.

**(L-R): Col Clark J. Kholos, USAF (Ret), Mr. James Maurer, Mr. Miguel Pulido, Mr. Chris Harris, Mr. Brian O'Neill.**



|| SUN CITY CENTER (226), FLORIDA

## Chapter Law and Order Award

BY CAPT B. FRANK KEPLEY, USN (RET)

The Chapter selected Detective Ronald Corr, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSD), for the 2012 Law and Order Award. The award was presented to him during the Region VI annual convention dinner.

**(L-R): MAJ Ronald Hartley, HCSD Commander District IV; Natalie Corr; HCSD Detective Ronald "Dillon" Corr, and Chapter Commander Lt Col Frank Zahrobsky, USAF (Ret).**



|| GEN RIDGWAY (018), PENNSYLVANIA

## Chapter Thanks Commander

BY COL H. STEWART PERRY, USA (RET)

Retiring Chapter Commander, LTC Sam Wilson, USA (Ret), was presented an MOWW Certificate of Appreciation from his fellow Chapter Companions. Newly installed Chapter Commander, COL Stew Perry, USA (Ret), made the presentation. LTC Wilson served as the Chapter's Commander during the past two years. The Certificate reads in part, "Upon the occasion of your relinquishing command... the men and women of the chapter wish to thank you for your dedicated service. Your devotion of time, good humor and leadership abilities have contributed immensely to the chapter's success and its outstanding accomplishments."

**(L-R): LTC Sam Wilson, USA (Ret), COL H. Stewart Perry, USA (Ret).**



|| DALLAS (069), TEXAS

## Dallas' Lt Col Bailey: Exceptional Service on the Ground or in the Sky

BY LT WESLEY E. GROSS, USA (FMR)

Dallas Commander 1LT William T. Fox, USA (Fmr), presented the MOWW Silver Patrick Henry medal to Lt Col Bruce S. Bailey, USAF (Ret), author and spy plane hero, for extraordinary service to the chapter.

**(L-R): Lt Col Bruce S. Bailey, USAF (Ret) displays his Silver Patrick Henry presented to him by 1LT William T. Fox, USA (Fmr).**

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**AUGUSTA (168), GEORGIA**

## National Society of Scabbard and Blade Induction Ceremony at Augusta State University

BY CINC LTC GARY ENGEN, USA (RET)



On 26 April 2012, the chapter assisted Augusta State University's (ASU) ROTC program to induct three more outstanding ROTC cadets into the National Society of Scabbard and Blade (S&B).

S&B is an honorary society limited to the top ten percent of the Cadet Corps in a Senior ROTC Unit. The award was established in 1904 at the University of Wisconsin. The MOWW has an affiliation agreement with Scabbard and Blade.

The ASU Jaguar Battalion is proud to be designated as K Company, 50th Regiment of Scabbard & Blade.

**CINC LTC Gary Engen, USA (Ret), congratulates (Top) Cadet Sheneckia Phipps; and (Center) Cadet Angelea Patitucci-McCaugherty, after their induction into National Society of Scabbard and Blade. (Bottom) Cadet Patrick Davis joins the trio, each displaying their membership to S&B.**



**MAJGEN PENDLETON (190), CA**

## Like Father, Like Son.

BY CPT RAY L. KUNKLE, USMC (RET)

The Chapter has a new Vice-Commander. William G. Byrne, III, was administered the oath of office by his father, GS LtCol William G. Byrne, Jr., USMC (Ret), at the 28 Jul 12 luncheon meeting.



**PUERTO RICO (121)**

## Companion Educates Chapter On VA Benefits

BY LTC JORGE L. MAS, USA (RET)

Companion MAJ Japhet C. Rivera, USA (Ret), Deputy Director, Caribbean Healthcare System at Veterans Health Administration, was the guest speaker. He gave an informative and comprehensive overview of Veterans Health Care Benefits. Chapter Commander Edgar O. Vélez, USA (Ret), then presented MAJ Rivera the MOWW Certificate of Appreciation for his outstanding presentation.

**(L-R): MAJ Japhet C. Rivera, USA (Ret) and MAJ Edgar O. Vélez, USA (Ret).**



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**DILLINGHAM MEMORIAL (115), HAWAII**

## CINC Visits the Hawaii Chapter

BY COL ARTHUR N. TULAK, USA (ACTIVE)

CINC CAPT Russell Vowinkel, USN (Ret), accompanied by his wife, Beverly, visited the Chapter on 25 June. The CINC presided over the swearing-in of new members Mei Ling Tom, and LTC Kyle Keomalau, USA (Ret), Senior Instructor of the St. Louis High School JROTC program. The CINC also presided over the swearing-in of the new slate of officers and the confirmation of LTC Jeff Tom, USA (Ret), as Chapter Commander.

**CINC CAPT Russel Vowinkel, USN (Ret), at the Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter, HI. Seated are longtime Companions Mrs. Edna Loo and LTC Archie Y. G. Loo. Directly behind them are newly installed Chapter Commander LTC Jeff Tom and Mrs. Mei Ling Tom.**

Source: Photo by Carolina Nishimoto, *Stars & Stripes*



**GEN VANDENBERG (213), CALIFORNIA**

## September Dinner Meeting

BY CPT DICK HATHCOCK, USA (FMR)

The September dinner meeting began with the introduction of special guests and new Companion MAJ Joel Newsom, USA, Professor of Military Science and head of the ROTC program at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. Guest speaker Dr. Ed Waage gave a talk on "The International Atomic Energy Agency and Iran's quest to build a Nuclear Weapon." He enlightened the Chapter on his experiences with the International Atomic Energy Agency and Iran's quest for a nuclear weapon. MAJ Jim Murphy, (Chair, Security/Homeland Security Committee), gave an update on the Middle East and how the Muslim religion relates to the non-Muslim world.

**(L-R): Special guest Master SGT Joshua Nieratko, Chapter Commander CPT Dick Hathcock, USA (Fmr); Dr. Ed Waage, Maj Jim Murphy, USMC (Ret); MAJ Joel Newsom, incoming PMS Cal Poly ROTC; LT Brian Calcagno, ROTC Staff and Perpetual Member.**



# MOWW || VA: Have You Heard?

## Online Relief for PTSD— Make The Connection!



**A Korean War Veteran describes his PTSD**  
From: VeteransMTC

[www.MakeTheConnection.net](http://www.MakeTheConnection.net)

helps veterans recognize that they are not alone. Hearing candid interviews describing similar experiences is an effective therapy tool in recovering from PTSD, overcoming challenges, reaching positive outcomes for treatment and recovery, and finding paths.

## VA Advances in Womens Healthcare



## VA Publishes Draft Strategy Plan for Women Vets

VA's Women Veterans Task Force has developed a comprehensive action plan to focus on resolving critical issues facing women veterans. Download the 2012 draft

report online:

[http://www.va.gov/opa/publications/Draft\\_2012\\_Women-Veterans\\_StrategicPlan.pdf](http://www.va.gov/opa/publications/Draft_2012_Women-Veterans_StrategicPlan.pdf)

[www.womenshealth.va.gov/](http://www.womenshealth.va.gov/)



Did you know that women are the fastest growing group within the veteran population? The number of women veterans using VA has increased 83 percent in the past decade, from about 160,000 to over 292,000 between fiscal years 2000 and 2009, compared with a 50 percent increase in men.

Learn more about the changing face of women veterans and what VA is doing to meet their health care needs. The web site, <http://www.womenshealth.va.gov/> provides information on health care services available to women veterans.

At each VA Medical Center nationwide, a Women Veterans Program Manager is designated to assist women veterans. She can help coordinate all the services needed, from primary care to medical services to mental health and military sexual trauma.

Women veterans who are interested in receiving care at

VA should contact their nearest VA Medical Center and ask for the Women Veterans Program Manager.

As part of the realignment of the Veterans Health Administration, effective March 27, 2011, Women's Health became part of the Office of Patient Care Services (PCS). In August 2012, the program office name was changed to Women's Health Services. Ultimately, a combined clinic model ensures that women receive all of their primary health care (prevention, medical, and routine gynecologic care) by a single primary care provider. A network of medical directors and program managers who coordinate care for women veterans now encompasses all 153 medical centers in the VA Health Care System.

## Women Fight Heart Disease



Heart disease is the #1 cause of death for women and women veterans. "Go Red For Women" encourages awareness of the issue of women and heart disease, and also action to save more lives. The movement harnesses the energy, passion and power women have to band together and collectively wipe out heart disease. It challenges them to know their risk for heart disease and take action to reduce their personal risk. It also gives them the tools they need to lead a heart healthy life.

Visit <http://www.womenshealth.va.gov/> for tools and resources to help promote heart health for women. ★



# 2012 || Companion Roll Call



## Reveille

NEW MEMBER  
(SPONSOR)

### ATLANTA GA

LTJG Rex B. Simms (N) \*  
(Darelius D. Capt)

### CENTRAL AR

2LT William D. Shannon (A) \*  
(Elmer J. Col)

### CENTRAL MO

MAJ Ronald W. Jones (A)  
(Jones R. MAJ)

### COLORADO SPRINGS CO

LtCol Douglas R. Brower (AF) \*

### DALLAS TX

CAPT David W. Fautheree (AF)  
(Darelius D. Capt)  
LCDR Peter C. Carrothers (A)  
(Muellen L.)

### FORT KNOX KY

LTC John S. Dinnell (A)

### GEN MEADE MD

CH COL Raymond R. Carl (A)  
(Rice B. COL)

### GREATER BOSTON MA

ENS John J. Dannemiller, Jr. (N) \*  
(Gillen R. CDR)  
CAPT Earl K. Kishida (N)  
(Earl K. CAPT)

### INDIANAPOLIS IN

1LT Henry G. Meier (MC)

### MAJGEN PENDLETON CA

CAPT Deborah A. Kash (AF) \*  
(Gordon, D. Capt)  
Jessica Plautz (H) \*  
(Plautz, T. MAJ)

### LAS VEGAS NV

CPT James G. Steiner (A) \*  
(Hanson T.)

### LOUISVILLE KY

Capt William T. Keating (AF)  
(Quinlan S. LtCol)

### MG MILES NM

LCDR Shumaker M. Wesley (N)  
(Giesler G. LTC)

### PG COUNTY MD

LCDR Arthur D. Glover (N)  
(Self)

### ST LOUIS MO

MAJ Margaret A. Phillips (A)  
(Coolidge R. Col)

## Taps

RANK/NAME (SERVICE)

### AUGUSTA GA

MAJ John P. Clements\*

### AUGUSTA GA

LTC Ralph B. Dion\*

### CATALINA MOUNTAINS AZ

Col Donald W. Hickman (AF)\*  
LTC George E. Marley (A)\*  
Lt Col William J. Ratsch (AF)\*  
Mrs. Ann F. Stewart

### DENVER CO

COL Raymond A. Sheehan (AF)\*

### FORT HOOD TX

Lt Col Max L. Seirer (AF)\*

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COL Joseph Albert Lettré (A)\*

### GEN VANDENBERG CA

BG John S. Gong (A)\*

### HAMPTON ROADS VA

Lt Col Barbara A. Anderson (AF)\*

### HANN-BUSWELL MEMORIAL

Barbara L. Anderson

### JOSEPH H. PENDLETON CA

CAPT Edward Iglesias (N)\*

### MIAMI FL

LTC Stanley H. Kerests (A)\*

### PHILADELPHIA PA

ENS Wesley E. Schwarz\*

### TALLAHASSEE FL

LTC Roy O. Wilham (A)\*

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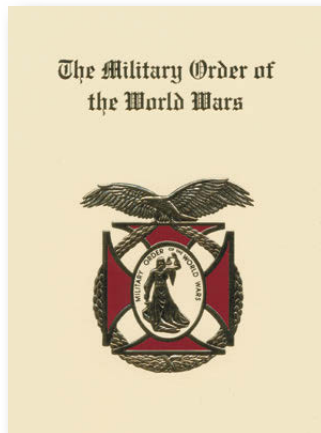
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