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Motivate to Action

Thanks go to the Companions of the MG Meade Chapter for their hard work in making the 2014 MOWW National Convention a tremendous success. We had a great time in Baltimore and it was good to see so many friends. I also thank those Companions who conducted the seminars, and especially thank the Companions who attended the National Convention. Being there is an important commitment. The information we gained will be a great help as we work together on achieving MOWW's five Strategic

Goals. Finally, a heartfelt thank you goes to Past Commander-in-Chief Debbie Kash. She did a brilliant job on behalf of all of us. She was a great CINC.

The Military Order's Strategic Goals remain our most important objectives as they will guide us in the coming year—and beyond. I ask each of you to consider how you and your chapter can initiate and engage in programs to achieve our Strategic Goals (SG):

- **SG-1. Grow chapter membership by a net increase of 5% and increase Companion participation in chapter activities**
- **SG-2. Strengthen chapter outreach programs**
- **SG-3. Raise MOWW's local and national visibility**
- **SG-4. Enhance leadership training and development**
- **SG-5. Promote Companion, chapter, and community recognition**

We have a great organization. It has a long history of patriotic service to our nation, communities and youth. We all can be proud of our Military Order's accomplishments, and I thank you for the great honor of allowing me to be your 84th Commander-in-Chief.

Please read our Preamble. I know you have heard it read many times before, but have you really listened to the words and the meaning behind them? Companions, the Preamble's precepts define who we are, what we do, and to what effect.

Think back to why you joined MOWW. Something about our Order motivated you to volunteer to be a part of this organization and help it achieve its goals. Let us rekindle that motivation and take action on our ideas to accomplish our Strategic Goals in keeping with the precepts of our Preamble. This year, let us all MOTIVATE TO ACTION!

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ON THE COVER

The Order elected Capt John M. Hayes, USAF (Fmr), (Dallas Chapter, TX) as the Military Order's 84th Commander-in-Chief (CINC).





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CINC Hayes is the Military & Veterans Affairs Liaison for Congressman Marchant, 24th Congressional District (TX). He was the AFROTC Corps Commander and a National Staff Officer of Arnold Air Society (AFROTC National Honor Society) at Southern Methodist University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1967. He served in the US Air Force (1967-1972) as a C-141 Aircraft Commander at Charleston AFB (SC), and as an EC-47 Chief Flight Examiner, Instructor Pilot and Supervisor of Flying at Phu Cat AB and Da Nang AB, Republic of Vietnam. He flew 166 combat missions over Vietnam. From 1972-2005 he was a Braniff and US Airways airline pilot, retiring as a Captain with 24,000 flying hours. He was a Vice Commander-in-Chief, a General Staff Officer (elected and appointed), the Commander of Region VIII and the Dallas Chapter, a Vice Commander of the Department of Texas, and the Director of the Texas Wesleyan University YLC. He was also the Chair of the MOWW Membership Committee, Budget Committee, and Monuments and Memorials Committee, and the past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.



SVCINC LTC RUTH L. HAMILTON, USA (RET); MG MEADE CHAPTER (MD)

SVCINC Hamilton was commissioned in 1985 as a second lieutenant in the Adjutant General Corps. During 26 years of service, her assignments included serving as the first female Honor Guard Commander at LANDSOUTHEAST in Izmir, Turkey, while assigned as the NATO Morale Welfare Activities Officer. She also commanded the 178th Personnel Service Company in Aschaffenburg, Germany, and served as the Trip Coordinator and Assistant Executive Officer to the Supreme Allied Commander of Europe/Commander-in-Chief, European Command. Additionally, she was the Executive Officer for two Adjutants General of the US Army. Prior to her election as the SVCINC, she served as an elected Vice Commander-in-Chief, a General Staff Officer, and an appointed EXCOM member. She was also the Chair, Legislative & Resolutions Committee and the Honors & Protocol Committee. In addition, she was the Vice Chair, Magazine Committee, and was a member of the Constitution & Bylaws and the Budget Committees. LTC Hamilton has bachelor's degrees in Nutrition Education, Dietetics, and Home Economics Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She also holds a Master of Human Relations degree from the University of Oklahoma.



VCINC COL CLAY C. Le GRANDE, JR, USA (RET); GEN MIDDLETON CHAPTER (LA)

VCINC Le Grande received a BA degree (History) from Louisiana Tech University in 1968. He received a direct commission in the Adjutant General Corps in 1978 after 10 years of enlisted service. He served in combat service support units from Company to Theater Level. His culminating assignment was Commander, 321st Theater Materiel Management Center, for Third Army forces in the Middle East & Southwest Asia (with service during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom). He retired from the US Army in 2003 with 35 years of active and Reserve service. He is retired from a career in government and private industry management, and as a self-employed investor. As a member of the LTG Middleton Chapter, COL Le Grande served as Vice Commander for Youth Leadership, Vice Commander for Membership, and as Chapter Commander. He was also the Louisiana Department Commander and currently serves as Region VII Adjutant. With this term of office, he continues his service as VCINC.



**VCINC COL DAVID B. GIBSON, USAF (RET);
PUGET SOUND CHAPTER
(WA)**

VCINC Gibson is a distinguished graduate of Air Force ROTC at the University of Pittsburgh, PA. He earned his wings and trained in the F-100 Super Saber, flying close air support and interdiction in the Viet Nam War in 1970. He flew the F-111 “Aardvark” stateside and in the UK, and later, had a Navy exchange tour flying the A-6 Intruder aboard the USS Ranger. Col Gibson served as NATO Operations Officer directing Operation Deny Flight in the skies over Bosnia. He was Commanding Officer for the Corps-level Air Force unit providing Air Liaison Officer support to the US Army at Ft. Lewis, WA, and Ft. Hood, TX. Retiring after 28 years of service in 1996, he then was an AFJROTC instructor at Washington High School in Tacoma, WA, for 10 years, retiring in 2007. His interest in MOWW has grown from those early years, rising through the ranks of the Order. Before his election as VCINC, Col Gibson served as Puget Sound Chapter Commander, Washington State Commander, Region XV Commander, and General Staff Officer. Col Gibson is dedicated to seeing MOWW flourish and grow through patriotic education and leadership training of our youth, as well as emphasizing the precepts of Preamble of our Order. He and his wife Diane live in Olympia, WA.



**VCINC LTC WAYMAN J. JOHNSON, USA (RET);
AUGUSTA CHAPTER
(GA)**

VCINC Johnson was commissioned from SC State University Army ROTC and was a member of the Scabbard & Blade Honor Society. He served two tours in Vietnam (4th Infantry Division, 1st Cavalry Division) leading missions to detect enemy locations. He retired after 23 years of combined active and reserve duty. He was a Liaison Officer to the Admissions Office of the US Military Academy at West Point. He was hired by DuPont at the Savannah River Site (SRS), a nuclear materials production site operated for the Department of Energy, as a Nuclear Reactor Supervisor. He remained at SRS for 33 years, serving in a variety of supervisory and staff positions. While at SRS, he received the prestigious Westinghouse Signature Award of Excellence by being a model of excellence in the DOE complex. He has an AAS in Industrial Management (Grayson College, TX), a BS in Chemistry (South Carolina State College (now University) and a Master’s Degree (University of Oklahoma). He served as Commander of Region V, the Department of Georgia and the Augusta Chapter. He believes if you take a job, do the job! He would like to see MOWW increase its net membership and he supports the Strategic Goals of the Military Order.



**VCINC LTC JOHN H. HOLLYWOOD, USA (RET);
MG MEADE CHAPTER
(MD)**

VCINC LTC Hollywood was commissioned in the Regular Army in 1968, following graduation from California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo, CA. His assignments include Reconnaissance Platoon Leader, 82nd Airborne Division; Interrogation Officer, 1st Infantry Division, RVN; Instructor, at two service schools; Organizational Development Staff Officer, Field Station Berlin, GE; Operations Officer, 766th MI Detachment, Berlin, GE, (where he planned and participated in an operation that resulted in the arrest of an East German agent who was trying to recruit American service members for espionage); U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Ft. Sheridan, IL; S-3, First Recruiting Brigade, Ft. Meade, MD; Acting Commander, Boston Recruiting Battalion, Boston, MA; Deputy Commander/Operations Officer, Personnel Security Clearance Facility, Ft. Meade, MD. He retired from active duty on 30 June 1990. As a member of the MOWW, he has served as Treasurer General; General Staff Officer, (elected); Senior Vice Commander Region IV; Department of Maryland Commander, and Commander of the MG George G. Meade Chapter. He and his wife, Joanne, live in Crofton, MD.



CINC Hayes: Motivate to Action!

From 5-9 August 2014, Companions gathered in Baltimore, MD, for the 2014 Convention. Seminars focused on MOWW's Strategic Goals, and the Awards Luncheon celebrated the outreach and program excellence of individual Companions and chapters. Companions also addressed the Military Order's business, and remembered Companions whose examples continue to motivate us to greater service.

In addition, conferees honored IPCINC Capt Deborah A. Kash, USAF (Ret), who served with excellence. Companions also applauded CINC Capt John M. Hayes, USAF (Ret), and the new National Officers, as they began their terms. Their focus is MOWW's motto and Preamble, and its Strategic Goals. CINC Capt Hayes' message to Companions: "Motivate to Action!"

TUESDAY, 5 AUGUST 2014

Pre-Convention EXCOM, Management Meetings



Apart from convention and Nominating Committee registration, the day began with a Pre-Convention EXCOM session. The EXCOM addressed potential chapters in Florida (Villages), Colorado (Pueblo), Georgia (Fort Bragg area) and Oklahoma (Stillwater), and the Region's role in establishing new chapters.

The EXCOM also received an update on IRS filing and HQ MOWW certification, the 2013-2014 CINC Solicitation and the MOWW website. It also discussed issues raised in Region Commander Reports, focusing on actions needed. [See the 2014 Convention Book on MOWW's website.] The day concluded with a Budget Committee Meeting, a Board of Trustees meeting, and several outreach program and support organization meetings.

WEDNESDAY, 6 AUGUST 2014

Tours, CINC Welcome Banquet

The second day of pre-convention activities focused on Companionship and local tours. The day began with a Golf Tourney at the Eisenhower Golf Course, named after an Honorary Commander-in-Chief of the Military

Order. Later, Companions toured Fort McHenry, where the US Park Service raised the United States flag to honor the Military Order. Other tour locations included the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Museum, Baltimore's Inner Harbor, historic Annapolis, and later in the week, the Walters Art Museum.

THURSDAY, 7 AUGUST 2014

Seminars, Commander's Call

The convention's leadoff event was the Council of Past Commanders-in-Chief session. This working breakfast included presentations from CINC Capt Kash, (then) CINC-Candidate Capt Hayes and CS Brig Gen Morrill. Next were convention seminars, covering outreach and internal management programs. Like the year before, none of the seminars overlapped, thereby allowing all to attend every seminar.

Building on the prior year's enhancements, seminars were lively, featuring informative presentations and motivating discussion. Programs presented included Information & Publicity, Law & Order, Homeland & National Security, ROTC, Patriotic Education Chapter Activities, and Chapter Operations.





After an enriching day of service-based education and training, conferees gathered in the evening for the CINC's Welcome Buffet hosted by CINC Kash. That evening, Companions celebrated the Golf Tourney prizewinners, and enjoyed heavy hors d'oeuvres and delectable desserts. Most important, all celebrated their great camaraderie, and delighted in wonderful musical accompaniment from three members of the Maryland Militia. It was a terrific evening by any measure.

FRIDAY, 8 AUGUST 2014

Seminars, Awards Luncheon, National Elections



The day kicked off with the two remaining seminars, i.e., Membership and Scouting. Membership was a lively, two-part session focusing on MOWW Strategic Goal 1 (recruit and involve Companions) that generated excellent questions, and helpful tips and guides. Likewise, the Scouting Seminar was quite effective in addressing program objectives centered on Strategic Goal 2 (strengthen and expand outreach programs).

The annual Awards luncheon featured an informative national security speaker, COL Paul D. Wharton, USA (Ret), and his experience in Afghanistan. Following his presentation, CINC Kash presented awards to chapters and individual Companions for their excellence across

the entire spectrum of outreach and internal programs.



The afternoon featured candidate presentations and the deliberations of the Nominating Committee, which were well-organized by PCINC CAPT Vowinkel and PCINC LTC Engen. These activities set the stage for the next day's Business and General Staff sessions.

SATURDAY, 9 AUGUST 2014

Memorial Service, Business, CINC Banquet

The day began with the annual Memorial Service, which honored the lives and service of Perpetual Member Companions who left us during the preceding year. As always, it was a dignified affair, with a Companion



reading each departed Companion's name aloud. Acting Chaplain General CAPT Atwood lead this event with reverence, giving all attending an opportunity to reflect on the inspired lives of those memorialized.



That evening, the convention's climactic events included the CINC's Receiving Line and the Commander-in-Chief's Banquet. Festivities began with CINC Kash, ADM Robert J. Papp, Jr., USCG (Ret), CS Brig Gen Arthur B. Morrill III, USAF (Ret), and MG Meade Chapter Commander, Brig Gen Andrew M. Veronis, USAF (Ret), and their spouses and guests, being part of a receiving line that warmly greeted all. Once departing the receiving line, attendees proceeded to the CINC Reception. The CINC Banquet immediately followed. During the evening, CINC Kash presented the Military Order's most prestigious award, the Distinguished Service Award, to ADM Papp, the recently retired 24th Commandant of the US Coast Guard, and the convention's keynote speaker.



CINC Kash awarded then-SVCINC Hayes the National Commander's Award for his singular support during the past year. Next, the presiding officer, PCINC Col Clifford D. Way, USAF (Ret), administered the oath of office to the new slate of National Officers. Immediately after, PCINC Col Way installed the new Commander-in-Chief, Capt Hayes. IPCINC Kash and CINC Hayes concluded the evening with their remarks. She thanked all for the great support and excellent work. He committing himself to the Military Order in keeping with the MOWW's motto, Preamble, Strategic Goals, and his inspirational phrase, "*Motivate to Action!*"

SUNDAY, 10 AUGUST 2014

Post-Convention EXCOM

With the 2014 MOWW Convention behind it, the new EXCOM members met for a working breakfast and began by focusing on CINC Hayes' phrase, "Motivate to Action," and connecting it to helping chapters achieve the Military Order's five Strategic Goals. CINC Hayes then outlined his *CINC's Intent* to the members and led the resulting discussion. The comprehensive EXCOM session adjourned with all motivated and ready for action. Concurrently, Mrs. Mary Hayes hosted a working and much-enjoyed breakfast of spouses and guests, building on the fellowship evident during the convention.



CLOSING THOUGHTS

The 2014 Convention

The MG Meade Chapter Convention Committee, led by PCINC Bert L. Rice, USA (Ret), and then GSO (now VCINC) John H. Hollywood, USA (Ret), outdid themselves in making this year's convention experience an extraordinary one. Even more, the hotel rose to the occasion, and provided a perfect venue for this time of great Companionship.

LOOKING AHEAD

The 2015 Convention | Tampa, FL

Last, be sure to come to Tampa, FL, for the 2015 MOWW Convention from 4-8 August. The host chapter (Sun City Center Chapter) promises you a wonderful time! The hotel has wonderful amenities, and it is located within a short distance to excellent shopping and dining. The Sun City Chapter has already been working for a year to make next year's convention a wonderful event—so do not miss it!

Next year, convention enhancements include:

- Evolving to a workshop (vs. seminar) format, and offering a Commanders' Course for new and current commanders.
- Focusing the Awards Luncheon on honoring chapters and Companions, with workshops featuring speakers as desired.
- Sending National Citations to nominating commanders for presentation to recipients. This expands contact between commanders and Companions in their command, and increases MOWW's local publicity. ★



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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The MOWW Constitution and Bylaws established the Distinguished Service Award of the Military Order of the World Wars. This award is presented at the National Convention to recognize an American Citizen who has made an extraordinary contribution to the preservation of our Constitutional Liberties, and who selflessly promotes a strong National Defense. It is the most prestigious Award of the Order.

RECIPIENT:

ADM Robert J. Papp, Jr., USCG (RET)



NATIONAL COMMANDER AWARD

The Commander-in-Chief is authorized to present the National Commander Award to the individual who, in his or her opinion, has made an outstanding contribution to the Order and has done the most in assisting the Commander-in-Chief in fulfilling their responsibilities.

RECIPIENT:

Capt John M. Hayes, USAF (Fmr)

PHOENICIAN AWARD

The Phoenician Award is given each year for the most outstanding patriotic essay written by a student attending one of MOWW's Youth Leadership Conferences.

2ND RUNNER-UP: Spencer H. D. Drakontaidis
(New England YLC; Director: LTC Mike Jarvis),
Check: \$500

1ST RUNNER-UP: Courtney T. Erbes
(Texas Wesleyan University;
Director: LTC Arthur B. Fowler),
Check: \$1,000

WINNER: Mr. Kenneth R. Hackworth
(San Diego YLC; Director: LtCol Mike Murphy),
Check: \$2,000



CHAPTER ACTIVITY AWARDS

The Chapter Activities Award is presented to those chapters who have actively fulfilled the ideals and principles of The Military Order of the World Wars as set forth in the Preamble. It is also awarded to chapters which are a positive patriotic force within their communities, and that have grown in stature by performing good deeds for "The Good of the Order"

Small Chapter:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Santa Cruz Valley (193), AZ
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Hampton Roads (027), VA
- **WINNER:** Fort Knox (239), KY

Intermediate Chapter:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Gen Vandenberg (213), CA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Topeka (086), KS
- **WINNER:** Sun City Center (226), FL

Large Chapter:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** MG Meade (026), MD
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** El Paso (070), TX
- **WINNER:** Dallas (069), TX



NATIONAL SECURITY AWARDS

The National Security Awards are given annually to the chapters demonstrating the most effective local programs in support of the resolutions pertaining to national security passed by the Order in the National Convention.

Small Chapter:

- **WINNER:** MG Miles (229), NM

Intermediate Chapter:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Augusta (168), GA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** COL Woolsey (113), CA
- **WINNER:** Columbus (052), GA

Large Chapter:

- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** El Paso (070), TX
- **WINNER:** Dallas (069), TX



HOMELAND SECURITY AWARD

The Homeland Security Award is a new award adopted at the 2010 Convention for excellence in supporting the MOWW Homeland Security Program.

Small Chapter:

- **WINNER:** MG Miles (229), NM

Intermediate Chapter:

- **WINNER:** COL Woolsey (113), CA

Large Chapter:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Augusta (168), GA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Dallas (069), TX
- **WINNER:** El Paso (070), TX

CHAPTER LAW & ORDER PROGRAM AWARDS

The Law & Order Award, which has chapter and individual categories, was instituted to honor exceptional chapters supporting the following Preamble tenant: "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."

Small Chapter:

- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Denver (093), CO
- **WINNER:** Pinson Memorial (233), TX

Intermediate Chapter:

- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** MG Critz (155), OK
- **WINNER:** COL Woolsey (113), CA

Large Chapter:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** MajGen Pendleton (190), CA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Augusta (168), GA
- **WINNER:** El Paso (070), TX



LAW & ORDER EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD

The National Law & Order Exceptional Service Award was created to recognize the distinguished service of a law enforcement or criminal justice official.

- **1ST RUNNER-UP:**
Public Safety Officer Ruth Cameron
(Laughton, OK)
Sponsor: MG Critz (155), OK
- **WINNER:**
Deputy Sheriff Edison Moseley
(Columbia County, GA)
Sponsor: Augusta (168), GA

Note: This award's presentation is made at an appropriate local ceremony by the sponsoring chapter.

LAW & ORDER OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AWARD

The National Law and Order Outstanding Performance Award recognizes outstanding performance for heroic actions

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:**
Detective Annette Reyes
(El Paso, TX)
Sponsor: El Paso (070), TX
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:**
Detective Kevin Burkleo
(Irving City, TX)
Sponsor: Pinson Memorial (233), TX
- **WINNER (TIE) :**
Deputy Sheriff Colin Snodgrass
(San Diego County, CA)
Sponsor: MajGen Pendleton (190), CA
- **WINNER (TIE) :**
Deputy Sheriff James Steinmer
(San Diego County, CA)
Sponsor: MajGen Pendleton (190), CA

Note: This award's presentation is made at an appropriate local ceremony by the sponsoring chapter.

CHAPTER PATRIOTIC EDUCATION PROGRAM AWARD

The Chapter Patriotic Education Program Award is bestowed on the Chapter conducting the best patriotic education program for the preceding year. The purpose of this competition is to encourage chapters to develop programs that will provide the youth of our country with a knowledge and appreciation for this nation's institutions and government.

Small Chapter: (< 50 current members).

- **WINNER:** Fort Hood (227), TX

Intermediate Chapter:

- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Phoenix (092), AZ
- **WINNER:** COL Woolsey (113), CA

Large Chapter:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Augusta (168), GA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Philadelphia (017), PA
- **WINNER:** Dallas (069), TX



ROTC AWARDS

The ROTC Annual Award is presented to the chapters providing the best support of ROTC Units.

Category 1: Chapters supporting 1-12 ROTC units

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** COL Woolsey (113), CA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Santa Cruz Valley (193), AZ
- **WINNER:** Mesilla Valley (219), NM

Category 2: Chapters supporting 13-23 ROTC units:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Phoenix (092), AZ
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Columbus (052), GA
- **WINNER:** Topeka (086), KS

Category 3: Chapters supporting 24-31 ROTC units:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Sun City Center (226), FL
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Greater Boston (004), MA
- **WINNER:** Augusta (168), GA

Category 4: Chapters supporting 32-50 ROTC units:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Richmond (031), VA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Gaylord-Dillingham Memorial (115), HI
- **WINNER:** Denver (093), CO

Category 5: Chapters supporting 50-64 ROTC units:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Memphis (066), TN
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Dallas (069), TX
- **WINNER:** Philadelphia (017), PA

Category 6: Chapters supporting 65+ ROTC units:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** LTG Middleton (119), LA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Columbia (036), SC
- **WINNER:** Puget Sound (120), WA



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA “SQUARE KNOT” AWARD

The Boy Scouts of America community service (Square Knot) Award, presented for the first time in 2012, recognizes members of the Order who are dedicated to and actively involved in furthering the Boy Scouts of America program.

MAJ MICHAEL E. BELCHER, USA (RET)
(Fort Hood (227), TX)

LTC JESUS BELTRAN, USAR (RET)
(El Paso (070), TX)

LCDR ROBERT G. COLLIER, JR., USN (RET)
(Hill Country (220), TX)

COL DANIEL G. FOUST, USAR
(CAPT Dilworth (241), TX)

COL PHILIP J. HANSON, USA (RET)
(Phoenix (092), AZ)

1ST LT RANDOLPH E. TEAGUE, USAF (FMR)
(Fort Hood (227), TX)

LTC DONALD E. WILLHOUSE, USA (RET)
(CAPT Dilworth (241), TX)

HPM JAMES C. BAIRD NATIONAL SCOUTING AWARD

Previously called the “National Scouting Award” and re-named to honor Companion Baird for his ceaseless efforts to promote the Scouting programs of the Order. This award recognizes the Companion who contributed the most through the year to realize the goals and objectives of the Order’s Resolution of Cooperation with the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts of the USA.

RECIPIENT:

Capt John M. Hayes, USAF (Fmr)
Dallas (069), TX



INFORMATION & PUBLICITY AWARD

The Information & Publicity Award is conferred annually to the chapter with the most effective public relations program for the operating year within the chapter, the community and at a national level. It includes published items (except for items published in the *Officer Review*®), as well as electronic media (television, radio and the internet).

Small Chapter: (< 50 current members).

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Fort Knox (239), KY
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** MG Miles (229), NM
- **WINNER:** Santa Cruz Valley (193), AZ

Intermediate Chapter:
(50-100 current members)

- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** COL Woolsey (113), CA
- **WINNER:** Topeka (086), KS

Large Chapter: (100+current members)

- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** El Paso (070), TX
- **WINNER:** Dallas (069), TX



CHAPTER NEWSLETTER AWARDS

The next award is the Chapter Newsletter Award, which is presented to the chapter with the most comprehensive newsletter.

Small Chapter: (< 50 current members)

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Brig Gen Scott (204), GA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Pinson Memorial (233), TX
- **WINNER:** Santa Cruz Valley (193), AZ

Intermediate Chapter:
(50-100 current members)

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Virginia Piedmont (030), VA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Sun City Center (226), FL
- **WINNER:** COL Woolsey (113), CA

Large Chapter:
(100+ current members)

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Gen Vandenberg (213), CA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Dallas (069), TX
- **WINNER:** MG Meade (026), MD

VADM DYER WRITING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The Vice Admiral George C. Dyer Awards for Writing Excellence in MOWW’s magazine, the *Officer Review*® are made possible by the VADM Dyer Memorial Magazine Trust Fund

Honorable Mentions

- **HONORABLE MENTION (\$500):**
BG Raymond E. Bell, Jr., AUS (Ret)
“Sloppy Saluting” (OR, Oct 13)
- **HONORABLE MENTION (\$500):**
BG Raymond E. Bell, Jr., AUS (Ret) “The Power and the Glory” (OR, Jun 14)
- **HONORABLE MENTION (\$500):**
BG Raymond E. Bell, Jr., AUS (Ret)
“Constabulary in Transition” (OR, May 14)

Writing Prizes

- **2ND PRIZE AWARD (\$1,000):**
LTC Wayman J. Johnson, USA (Ret)
“Sniffer Missions: Vietnam” (OR, Jan-Feb 14)
- **1ST PRIZE AWARD (\$2,000):**
Capt Michael J. Halpin, USMC (Ret) “We Choose to go to the Moon” (OR, Dec 13)



RECRUITING EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Recruiting Excellence Award is presented to the top three chapters who achieved the most significant net new member increases in living veteran and hereditary Perpetual and Regular member categories.

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Presented to the chapter that recruits at least two (2) new members AND achieves a 7.0 - 7.9 percent net increase in membership. The recipient is awarded a streamer, is listed on the MOWW Recruiting Honor Role on the MOWW website, and is presented a check for \$750 to be applied to support chapter programs.

RECIPIENT: Hill Country (220), TX

- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Presented to the chapter that recruits at least four (4) new members AND achieves an 8.0 - 9.9 percent net increase in membership. The recipient is awarded a streamer, is listed on the MOWW Recruiting Honor Role on the MOWW website, and is presented a check for \$1,200 to be applied to support chapter programs.

RECIPIENT: Worcester (007), MA

- **WINNER:** Presented to the chapter that recruits at least six (6) new members AND achieves a ten percent or greater (≥10%) net increase in membership. The recipient is awarded a streamer, is listed on the MOWW Recruiting Honor Role on the MOWW website, and is presented a check for \$2,000 to be applied to support chapter programs.

RECIPIENT: Topeka (086), KS



PERPETUAL MEMBER RECRUITING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Perpetual Member Recruiting Award is an organizational (i.e., chapter) award is designed to encourage chapters to increase the number and proportion of those Perpetual Members who are ≤50 years in age within the chapter. The winning chapter receives a gold flag stream

- **2ND RUNNER-UP (TIE):** Greater Boston (004), MA
- **2ND RUNNER-UP (TIE):** San Antonio (072), TX
- **1ST RUNNER-UP (TIE):** Fort Worth (133), TX
- **WINNER:** Central Arkansas (225), AR



MOWW MEMBERSHIP CITATION

The MOWW Membership Citation is presented to the single Companion who personally recruited the greatest number of new members of all membership categories.

RECIPIENT:

PCINC COL JACK B. JONES, USA (RET)
(Gen Vandenberg (213), CA)

2014 MOWW MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING AWARD

The Membership Recruiting Award is given to congratulate Companions who also excelled in recruiting:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP (TIE):**
LT John W. Blankenship, USN (Fmr)
(COL Woolsey (113), CA)
- **2ND RUNNER-UP (TIE):**
IPCINC Capt Deborah A. Kash, USAF (Ret)
(San Diego (100), CA)
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:**
LTC Oren Lee Peters, USA (Ret)
(MG Critz (155), OK)
- **WINNER:**
PCINC COL Jack B. Jones, USA (Ret)
(Gen Vandenberg (213), CA)

BRIGADIER GENERAL HORACE W. PORT AWARD

This award goes to the Region with the highest percentage of its National Staff Officers registered and in attendance at the annual National Convention.

NOTE: As determined at Convention.

- **WINNER:** Region VII

CHAPTER COMMANDER'S AND ADJUTANT'S AWARD

This award goes to the Region with the highest percentage of its chapter commanders and adjutants registered and in attendance at the annual National Convention.

NOTE: As determined at Convention.

- **WINNER:** Region XIII

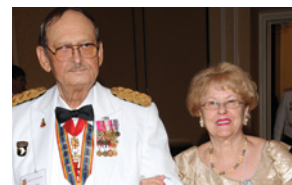
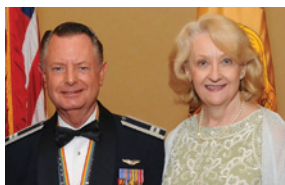
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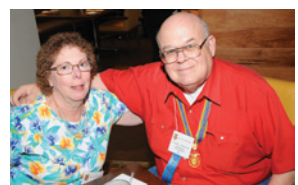
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RECIPIENT: MG Meade (026), MD



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The 2014 National Phoenician Awards



Kenneth Hackworth with LtCol Michael Murphy, USMC (Ret), 2013 SDYLC Director

Kenneth Hackworth was born and raised in Hemet, CA, where he attended and graduated from West Valley High School in 2014.

While in high school, Kenneth was on the boys' varsity water polo and swim teams, in addition to being in the US Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) Program. During his senior year, he was also the Commanding Officer of his NJROTC program.



Kenneth Hackworth with Mr. Travis Putnam, 2014 SDYLC Director

Kenneth received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy and is currently going through his "Plebe Summer." He looks forward to the next four years at the academy (where his older brother also attends), and his future in the United States Navy as a Naval Surface Warfare Officer.

NATIONAL WINNER

KENNETH R. HACKWORTH

\$2,000 Scholarship
San Diego YLC
San Diego State University

FIRST RUNNER-UP

COURTNEY T. ERBES

\$1,000 Scholarship
Southwestern YLC
Texas Wesleyan University

SECOND RUNNER-UP

SPENCER H. D. DRAKONTAIDIS

\$500 Scholarship
New England YLC #2
Norwich University

2014 MOWW PHOENICIAN AWARD ESSAY QUESTION

"There have been movements in various states to change laws which have an impact on unions or right to work laws. Interpretations of these laws and their impacts have varied widely. What does your state law require; take a position to either defend or oppose it."

Opinions or points of view expressed are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the official position or policies of the Military Order of the World Wars

Winning Essay

THE IMPACT OF CALIFORNIA UNION LAWS

BY KENNETH ROGER HACKWORTH
SAN DIEGO YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Unions have hijacked California, turning it from the golden state to the gilded state. The many union contracts have busted the state budget and commandeered financial policies. California has become one of the strongest labor union states in the country by pushing workers to join labor unions. However, current labor contracts are financially unsustainable and must be reformed. Unions currently refuse to make any compromises, taking no part in stabilizing the state's finances. Unions are not part of the solution; they are part of the problem.

The unionized employee contracts of California have decimated the state's budget, deterring businesses away and taking money that should be used to maintain the state's infrastructure. Instead of decreasing the rate of growth for overblown public employees' salaries and pensions, deep cuts are made into our current public services. The City of Stockton is an example: The city is paying \$54 million in pensions and other post-employment benefits, more than a quarter of the city's budget. This is one of several cities now pursuing bankruptcy. Meanwhile, the public unions refuse to negotiate with them as they seek financial relief. The labor unions in California have caused businesses to move out of state, taking jobs with them. The Department of Labor reports that California's private employment has decreased by 1.4 percent in the last decade. Over 250 California companies moved their jobs out of state in 2011; this is five times as many than 2009. The amount of power that these labor groups hold has decimated the state's revenue.

California is at a crossroad: It can either continue its path of destruction or begin reaching a solution. We must first implement a version of the Right-to-Work law, banning the requirement of joining or paying for a union as a condition of employment. Union members should also have the ability to give—or deny—permission when unions want to use mandatory dues for political purposes. We must require labor

unions to disclose financial information to all union members, such as officer salaries and itemized expenditure reports. Any discussions or negotiations between labor unions and the government should be open to the public, not held behind closed doors. In addition, the bargaining cost of unions should not be fully or partially paid for by public funds. Eliminating the Prevailing Wage law that requires contractors to pay no less than the union wage would also eliminate the problem of inflation by unions on project costs, preventing excessively high wages.

California's intense support of employee unions is driving employers away from the state. Labor unions refuse to acknowledge the problem or become part of the solution of this growing financial crisis. By implementing these plans, we can increase state revenue without raising taxes and decrease the unemployment rate without the need to create government jobs. California has a wide number of available solutions to this fiscal dilemma; we must decide which ones to put into practice and how to implement them. ★

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29 July 2014

National ROTC Chairman
MOWW Headquarters
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On behalf of the Brunswick High School NJROTC, please accept our sincere appreciation for providing your prestigious award to a deserving cadet in our unit. We enjoy every occasion to recognize students who demonstrate excellence, whether in academics, service, or participation.

Your support of our Awards Night ceremony communicates a sense of accomplishment and job satisfaction to the cadets. They realize that their efforts do not go unnoticed in the community, and they take pride in being rewarded for their efforts. By partnering with us in this endeavor, your organization is encouraging community involvement not only throughout the cadets' High School years, but well into the future.

The support of organizations such as yours is, and will continue to be crucial to the success of educating our youth. Again, thank you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Jatindranath".

Senior Chief M. Jatindranath USN (RET)
Naval Science Instructor



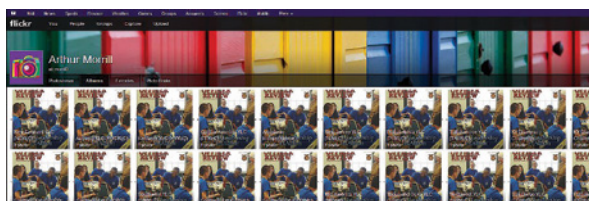
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NOTE: The User ID & Password are case-sensitive | Select the specific "Set" (named folder) for your YLC

Picking the Author Early is Job #1

- The YLC Director normally writes the article but any YLC staff member can write it—and so can YLC students.
- The YLC Issue is an advertising tool for MOWW and a recruiting tool to motivate students to attend YLCs. The YLC Issue also stimulates parents and teachers to nominate students to attend YLCs, encourages contributors to donate to YLCs, and motivates veterans to join MOWW.

Articles Do Not Have to be Lengthy to be Excellent

- Each multi-day YLC may submit one article. Article length depends on if the YLC is a single or multi-session.
 - Article length is ≤500 words for YLCs with one session in an operating year, e.g., the New Jersey YLC.
 - Article length is ≤800 words for YLCs with multiple sessions at the same location in an operating year, e.g., New England.
- Exception: Each YLC location of the Southwest YLC family of YLCs will have a separate article of ≤500 words.

Good Photographs Grab the Reader's Attention

- Each YLC should appoint a YLC photographer as a sole duty.
- Photos should reflect a mix of activities showing students, presenters, instructors, staff, etc., interacting.
 - Photographs should show YLCs are fun, informative, challenging and beneficial. They should reflect interest, action and enjoyment (vs. merely having static group shots, e.g., "line-ups.")
- Photos must be at ≥ 300 DPI taken only with a digital camera. Cell phone cameras are OK if they produce photographs that are ≥ 300 DPI. Do not use the "date stamp" function on your digital camera. Do not use film cameras.



Crisp Narrative Keeps the Reader's Interest

- Articles should exemplify effective writing that is clear, accurate and concise—that really tells a story that excites the reader.
- Since all YLC articles mention the YLC curriculum, do so in a way that distinguish the specific YLC's personality, etc.
 - Highlight the YLC curriculum, location, special events, speakers and student comments. Mention top students, student leaders, faculty and speakers. Cite full ranks, names, etc.
 - Since YLC articles report on YLC benefits to a student's education and development, articles should be upbeat.
- Other effective writing tips:
 - Use "active voice" vs. "passive voice."
 - Use Active Voice: "Our troops defeated the enemy."
 - Avoid Passive Voice: "The enemy was defeated by our troops."
 - Keep sentences to ≤15 words and vary sentence length.
 - Use "Spell Check" and "Grammar Check" functions. ★

INSTEAD OF	WRITE
<i>Make an examination of . . .</i>	examine
<i>Present a comparison of . . .</i>	compare
<i>Be in agreement . . .</i>	agree
<i>Perform an analysis of . . .</i>	analyze
<i>Produce an improvement in . . .</i>	improve

Facing Reality: The End Game

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

Plan for a spot in a national cemetery, draw up a will, and have a living will to express your wishes—before circumstances dictate them. Another wise move is deciding who will make decisions for you when you are unable to do so yourself. A medical directive or a more general power of attorney to a trusted person can be used “just in case” to express your wishes and provide guidance on likely decisions. I remember in practice some family members saying, “Do all you can.” This may have salved their conscious but it did not take into consideration the patient’s feelings. Many burn patients opted to being “comfortable” while nature took its course, thus avoiding many painful and fruitless procedures.

An earlier trip to the Emergency Room revealed they offered Living Will forms. Once you lose the old-fashioned idea that talking of such things brings them on, take advantage of advance planning. Make three copies of your will, etc. Keep one for your use. Give one copy to your doctor, and provide one to the “person who will make decisions.” In addition, a reduced copy will fit in your wallet.



Elisabeth Kübler-Ross, a Swiss-born American psychiatrist, pioneered the concept of providing psychological counseling to the dying. In her first book, *On Death and Dying* (published in 1969), she described five stages she believed were experienced by those nearing death—denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance. She also suggested that death be considered a normal stage

of life, and offered strategies for treating patients and their families as they negotiate these stages. The topic of death had been avoided by many physicians and the book quickly became a standard text for professionals who work with terminally ill patients. Hospice care has subsequently been established as an alternative to hospital care for the terminally ill, and there has been more emphasis on counseling for families of dying patients.

A good idea is also to do a review of your insurance policies. Life insurance can be costly, especially, when your kids are grown and doing well. I find I can use the expensive premiums to enjoy myself. By the way, I ensure the kids have my will, which I review yearly. They do not need an insurance policy too! However, an Old Age Care Policy is a good option. The younger you are the cheaper the premium. This policy can cover home care, hospice care etc. I got mine at age 54. It gives a certain comfort to me and will to my family when the time comes.

As hard as it is discuss your thoughts with the family, you should think about it. Perhaps you might make a video for that “last visit.” If you are facing the inevitable, keep control of things. You deciding about your burial wishes, music, pallbearers, etc., keeps you in control and is a real gift to the family. Many people opt for giving their treasured items to those in their will now, not later, so they can see them being enjoyed.

I took a Kübler-Ross seminar once (sidebar). She asked the question, “What things would you do if you had two hours to live?” After fielding the answers she said, “Why not do them now?” Why not, indeed? Never going to bed angry, telling people your feelings, etc., may be concepts I have picked up living in Santa Fe, but they are something you might consider. My father used to say, “Take advantage of time. The only thing you know for sure is the only thing for which you are never fully prepared.” ★



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The Power of Prayer

REV (CPT) FREDERICK J. RAMSAY, PHD, MSC, USA (FMR)
CHAPLAIN GENERAL, MOWW

When I was growing up (that would be a long time ago), September, not January, marked the beginning of the year. January 1st was the official date, of course, for the start of the calendar year. However, for the rest of us, the year began in September—after Labor Day.

Schools opened. Women put away white shoes, days cooled, and baseball gave way to football. WWII had ended, the Korean conflict had wound down and the world, my world at least, was at peace.

However, time and tide, they say, change all things. Now continuous religious strife marks the Middle East. We can hardly get our minds around conflict between the combatant entities, both of whom proclaim peace as a touchstone of faith. Nationalism and civil war rage from Africa to the Ukraine. Lost is a willingness to honor diversity—a characteristic of all great civilizations.

Those of us who comprise the Military Order know that conflict is not the answer. “Been there, done that, got the medal.” We also know that neither politics nor diplomacy has produced a solution. So, what to do?

After surviving two bouts with cancer and a stroke, I know firsthand the power of prayer. Not just personal prayer, but prayers by friends, family and, importantly, by community. I am alive today because many people prayed.

Every religion—even groups claiming only to be “spiritual”—believes that prayer connects to a “Creative Force,” however named. Whether those praying are standing, kneeling, flat on their face, seated with thumb and forefinger opposed, hands open or closed, or praying with beads, bells, drums or a shawl, people pray fully anticipating a response. We are all in that group. We hope, and we help, when we pray.

MOWW is a large community. If we include all those with whom we connect, it is an enormous community. Through it, we possess the means to change hearts and minds.

Let us begin this “New Year” determined to pray that leaders will listen. Let us pray that mankind will put aside anger and hate, and all will instead ask, “What do I share with this person?” rather than, “Why is this person different?”

Can we pray? ★



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





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Most small tax-exempt organizations whose annual [gross receipts](#) are [normally \\$50,000 or less](#) are required to electronically submit Form 990-N, also known as the *e-Postcard*, unless they choose to file a complete Form 990 or Form 990-EZ instead.

If you do not file your *e-Postcard* on time, the IRS will send you a reminder notice. There is no penalty assessment for late filing the *e-Postcard*, but an organization that fails to file required *e-Postcards* (or information returns – Forms 990 or 990-EZ) for three consecutive years will [automatically lose its tax-exempt status](#). The revocation of the organization's tax-exempt status will not take place until the filing due date of the third year. Watch the IRS YouTube [presentation](#).

Due Date of the e-Postcard

The *e-Postcard* is due every year by the 15th day of the 5th month after the close of your [tax year](#). For example, if your tax year ended on December 31, the *e-Postcard* is due May 15 of the following year. If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the due date is the next business day. **You cannot file the *e-Postcard* until after your tax year ends.**



How to File

Use [this link](#) to file the *e-Postcard*. If you have trouble accessing the system using that link, you may be able to access the filing site directly by typing or pasting the following address into your Internet browser: <http://epostcard.form990.org>. When you access the system, you will leave the IRS site and file the *e-Postcard* with the IRS through our trusted partner, Urban Institute. The form must be completed and filed electronically. There is no paper form.

Information You Will Need to File the e-Postcard

The *e-Postcard* is easy to complete. All you need is [eight items of basic information](#) about your organization.

Who Must File

Most small tax-exempt organizations with gross receipts that are normally \$50,000 or less must file the *e-Postcard*. Exceptions to this requirement include:

- Organizations that are included in a [group return](#).
- [Churches](#), their integrated auxiliaries, and conventions or associations of churches, and
- [Organizations required to file a different return](#)

To search for organizations that have filed an e-Postcard and to view their filings, see [Exempt Organizations Select Check](#). You can also download the entire database of *e-Postcard* filings on that site.

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Select Check Tool



Additional Information

- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) - *e-Postcard*
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- [Educational tools](#): Help spread the word – Help small tax-exempt organizations stay exempt!
- [EO Update](#): Subscribe to Exempt Organization's regular email newsletter that highlights new information posted on the Charities and Non-Profits pages of IRS.gov.
- Account, tax law, or questions about filing the *e-Postcard* should be directed to Customer Account Services at 1-877-829-5500. For questions about or problems with the *e-Postcard* filing system, use the **Technical Support** link on the filing site.
- [Form 990-N and Form 990-EZ Filing Tips presentation](#).

Tax Filing & Certification

BRIG GEN ANDREW M. VERONIS, USAF (RET)
TREASURER GENERAL, MOWW

COMMAND RESPONSIBILITY

Timely, annual Federal income tax filing and certification with HQ MOWW of the same is a command responsibility at all levels of command within the Military Order of the World Wars.

BACKGROUND

All MOWW chapters must have a valid (active) Employer Identification Number (EIN) granted by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Other non-chapter MOWW sub-elements, e.g., regions, having an EIN must also file and certify to maintain their tax-exempt status as a MOWW organization (sub-element).

To be tax-exempt under IRS Code Section 501(c)(19), an organization must be a post or organization of past or current members of the United States Armed Forces, an auxiliary unit or a society of such a post or organization, or a trust or a foundation for such a post or organization.

The Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW), including its Regions, Departments, States and Chapters, which are sub-elements, is a 501(c)(19) tax-exempt organization,

REQUIREMENTS

The MOWW Bylaws (Article I, Section 10) says MOWW sub-elements (e.g., chapters) that fail to successfully file with the IRS and certify with HQ MOWW from 1 Jul–30 Sep annually will result in the applicable MOWW sub-element not being eligible to receive an annual PM Fund dividend. Obviously, no one wants that.

All MOWW chapters and other MOWW sub-elements with an EIN must file with the IRS annually via the online IRS Form 990-N (“E-Postcard”). Likewise, the same MOWW sub-elements must submit a MOWW Form 9 (website) to HQ MOWW. They must also annually show they successfully filed with the IRS by providing HQ MOWW a copy of the IRS email saying they successfully filed.

Once the filing organization files, the latter will receive an IRS email—typically very quickly—confirming they successfully filed, or indicating there are issues to

resolve. *Resolving IRS issues is the sole responsibility of the filing organization holding the EIN.*

To file the online IRS Form 990-N (e-Postcard), visit the following website:

[http://www.irs.gov/Charities-&Non-Profits/Annual-Electronic-Filing-Requirement-for-Small-Exempt-Organizations-Form-990-N-\(e-Postcard\)](http://www.irs.gov/Charities-&Non-Profits/Annual-Electronic-Filing-Requirement-for-Small-Exempt-Organizations-Form-990-N-(e-Postcard))

Additionally, the same MOWW organizations (sub-elements) mentioned above must certify annually with the HQ MOWW that (a) they comply with IRS tax-exempt eligibility requirements, (b) they filed successfully with the IRS, and (c) they conducted an Annual Financial Review (MOWW Form 21, *Annual Financial Review Checklist*). To do this, EIN-holding MOWW sub-elements must submit a MOWW Form 9 (IRS *Reporting Certification*) to HQ MOWW (with the IRS email). MOWW Forms are available on the MOWW website at: www.moww.org.

COMMAND OVERSIGHT

Please refer to the IRS website for additional information on non-profit veterans organizations:

<http://www.irs.gov/Charities-&Non-Profits/Other-Non-Profits/Veterans-Organizations>

Each region commander is required to oversee and track IRS reporting and the HQ MOWW certification annually to ensure full compliance within their respective region as outlined above. As part of this responsibility, region commanders will ensure all commanders within their respective region receive, understand and comply with this policy. ★



Brig Gen Veronis served 25 years with the US Air Force as a fighter pilot and as a unit commander in the Tactical Air Command, commanding several units. He has extensive combat experience in Vietnam, flying 300 missions. After retiring from the Air Force, he taught electrical engineering courses at several universities. He also authored seven books. He is currently the Military Order's Treasurer General, and the Commander of the MG Meade Chapter, MD.



COL WOOLSEY (113), CALIFORNIA

CINC Awards Gold Patrick Henry

BY BGEN FREDERICK LOPEZ, USMCR (RET)

During the annual Chapter awards and induction dinner on 22 May, Companion Lt Ed Holt, USN (Fmr), received the MOWW Gold Patrick Henry Medallion for Patriotic Achievement from CINC Capt Deborah Kash, USAF (Ret).



TOPEKA (086), KANSAS

Topeka Hosts VCINC at MOC

BY MG DONALD JACKA, USA (RET)

The Topeka Chapter was honored to host our VCINC, Col Dave Gibson, USAF (Ret), who visited the Topeka Chapter and its Massing of Colors. The Topeka Area Massing of Colors involved thirty color guards representing including three different Indian Nations. A big "thanks" to our VCINC responsible for Region XI.

L-R: MAJ Chuck Bredahl, USA (Ret); Region XI Commander, VCINC Col David Gibson, USAF (Ret), and Kansas Department Commander, MG Donald Jacka, USA (Ret).



SUN CITY CENTER (226), FLORIDA

Sun City Center's Memorial Day Ceremony

BY CAPT B. FRANK KEPLEY, USN, (RET)

The Chapter observed its traditional Memorial Day Ceremony, which included a Roll Call of departed comrades (230 from the immediate area for the last year) accompanied by the Living Flag Tribute. The featured speaker was Command Sergeant Major Frank A. Grippe, presently the Command Senior Enlisted Leader for the US Central Command at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, FL.

(L-R): Companions LTC Sam Thompson, USA (Ret); LTC Jack Craig, USA (Ret); Mrs. Mary Lascola, LTC Harry R. Lascola, USA (Ret); Capt Vern Elarth, USAF, (Ret); Mrs. Sheila G. Turpin, HPM; Mrs. Henrietta Zahrobsky, HPM, and Lt Col James Warchol, USAF (Ret), volunteered to serve as participants in the Roll Call and Living Flag Tribute.



SANTA FE (209), NEW MEXICO

Santa Fe Massing of the Colors

BY CPT (DR) ROBERT E. MALLIN, USA (FMR)

On Flag Day, 14 June 2014, the Santa Fe chapter held its 19th annual Massing of the Colors. About 400 people turned out for the ceremony. CINC Capt Debbie Kash, USAF (Ret), was the keynote speaker. SVCINC John Hayes, as well as representatives from the Department of the Rio Grande and Region XIII, attended.

Left: Representatives of 17th century Spanish colonial office represent NM's colonial past in the MOC, followed by the NM chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution; *Right (L-R):* Reciting the Pledge of Allegiance as lead by MG Miles: MG Franklin Miles; BG Jack Fox; Santa Fe Chapter Commander Pamela Shrecengost, HPM; RADM Mike Barr; RADM Knapp; Region XIII Commander Col Richard Rima, and MOWW CINC Capt Deborah Kash, USAF (Ret). (Photo credits Rick Carver)



VIRGINIA PIEDMONT (030), VIRGINIA

Monument Terrace Wreath Placed at Tomb of the Unknowns

BY CPT NEIL BOHNERT, USA (RET)

In recognition of their more than twelve years of standing every Friday for US military on active duty without fail, authorities at Arlington National Cemetery invited the veterans of the Monument Terrace Support Our Troops Rally to place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns on 11 May 2014. CPT Neil Bohnert, USA (Ret), placed his Commander's neck ribbon and MOWW medallion on the wreath that the team will present.



MG MEADE (026), MARYLAND

Brig Gen Veronis, USAF (Ret) Installed

BY LT COL SHELDON GOLDBERG, USAF (RET)

Brigadier General Andrew Veronis, USAF (Ret), was installed as the new Commander of the MG George G. Meade Chapter at the Chapter's biennial Awards and Installation Banquet. General Veronis succeeds Lt Col Sheldon Goldberg, USAF (Ret), who was installed as the new Department of Maryland Commander.



BG HOLLAND (103), CALIFORNIA

Tomb of the Unknowns

BY COL DAVID G. EPSTEIN, USA (RET)

Phillip L. "Moki" Maron gave an excellent presentation to the General J. P. Holland Chapter on 5 April 2014. He offered insight into Operation Thunderhead, a combat mission conducted by US Navy SEAL Team One and Underwater Demolition Team 11 in 1972. Through his descriptions it was as if you were there! The mission was conducted off the coast of North Vietnam to rescue two US airmen said to be escaping from a POW prison in Hanoi. The four-man SEAL team used a 20-foot-long Swimmer Delivery Vehicle (SDV) (Mini-Sub) to rendezvous with the escapees. The Chapter thanks him for his service and best wishes.



REGION XIII (AZ, CO, NM, UT, WY and EL PASO, TX)

Region XIII: Gold Patrick Henry Awarded

BY CINC CAPT JOHN M. HAYES, USAF (FMR)

On behalf of CINC Capt Deborah Kash, USAF (Ret), then-SVCINC Capt John M. Hayes, USAF (Fmr), presented the MOWW Gold Patrick Henry Medallion for Patriotic Achievement to BG Anthony C. Trifeletti, USA (Ret), Colorado Springs Chapter, during the Region XIII Meeting on 14 June 2014, in Santa Fe, NM.



GEN VANDENBERG (213), CALIFORNIA

May We Never Forget Their Sacrifice

BY LT(JG) JOSEPH E. BROCATO (FMR)

A ceremony to honor all those lost at sea was held on Memorial Day at the pier in the City of Cayucos, CA. The Lost at Sea Ceremony is an outstanding event, and is the only one of its kind in California. Companions CMDR Bill Houston, CPT Dick Hathcock and LT Ron Janney have participated in this event for several years.

The ceremony begins promptly at 1500 hours with the ringing of a ship's bell and culminates with a wreath being committed to the sea. For a full description visit <http://mowwvandenber.org/ActivitiesPage.htm>

From the Top: LT Ronald L. Janney, USN (Ret), recognized distinguished guests; CPT Richard Hathcock, USA (Fmr), conducted the POW/MIA ceremony; CDR William J. Houston, USN (Ret), with the tolling of the Bells.



APACHE TRAIL (107), ARIZONA

Outstanding Cadet Earns Bronze Patrick Henry

BY LTC PATRICK C. STOLZE, USA (RET)

On 11 April 2014, Companion CW4 Robert Delker, USA (Ret), presented the Bronze Patrick Henry Medallion to Cadet LTC Tyler Miazga at his JROTC program's award ceremony.

Tyler, a cadet in the Marcos de Niza Army JROTC program of in Tempe, AZ, was selected from a field of other candidates as the "Most Outstanding JROTC Cadet" in the East Valley. This contest was conducted by the Apache Trail Chapter. Cadet Miazga was judged on his high school record, community service, church/religious service, MOWW activities (Armed Forces Career Day/Youth Leadership Conference/Massing of the Colors), an essay describing the value of JROTC in his life, and the recommendation by the JROTC Instructor. Tyler was also honored at the April Chapter meeting.



REGION IV (DC, MD, VA, WV)

Region IV: Gold Patrick Henry Awarded

BY CDR JOHN BAUMGARTEN, USN (RET)

At a special Region IV business meeting and dinner on 5 April 2014, CINC Capt Deborah Kash, USAF (Ret), presented the prestigious Gold Patrick Henry Medallion for Patriotic Achievement to CDR John Baumgarten, USN (Ret), Commander of Region IV and Commander of the Richmond Chapter. The award was presented to CDR Baumgarten in recognition of his long and productive service to the MOWW at the chapter, department, region and national levels of the Order.



REGION VIII (OK, TX except EL PASO)

Region VIII: Gold Patrick Henry Awarded

BY MAJ ROBERT J. WILLIAMS, USAF (RET)

During the Region VIII Convention in Dallas, TX, GSO and National Chair, Scouting Committee, Maj Robert J. Williams, USAF (Ret), was awarded the MOWW Gold Patrick Henry Medallion for Patriotic Achievement by CINC Capt Deborah Kash, USAF (Ret), and presented to him by VCINC COL Clay C. Le Grande, Jr., USA (Ret).

(L-R): CINC Capt Deborah Kash, USAF (Ret); VCINC COL Clay C. Le Grande, Jr., USA (Ret); Maj Robert J. Williams, USAF (Ret), and Maj Williams' wife, Mrs. Virginia Williams, HPM.



Secretary McDonald Announces Town Hall Events at Veterans' Facilities Nationwide

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert A. McDonald has directed all Veterans Affairs (VA) healthcare and benefits facilities to hold town-hall events by the end of September to improve communication with, and hear directly from, veterans nationwide.



"Caring for veterans is a calling, and our first commitment is to provide veterans and their families the timely, quality care and benefits they have earned and deserve through their service to our nation," said Secretary McDonald. "As we seek continual improvement and to rebuild trust among veterans, it is critical that we continue to listen and learn directly from those who use our system."

Secretary McDonald has informed the Under Secretaries of Health and Benefits that each VA medical center and regional office should hold at least one town-hall meeting with Veterans between now and the end of September. Meetings are designed to allow feedback from veterans, family members and other beneficiaries. *Each facility will also welcome input from Congressional stakeholders, Veteran Service Organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations, and other community partners. Details of events in each location will be forthcoming from local facilities.*

New Veterans Health Identification Card (VHIC)

The VHIC replaces the Veteran Identification Card (VIC) and will be issued only to veterans who are enrolled in the VA health care system. The VHIC is for identification and check-in at VA appointments.



The new Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC) provides increased security for personal information—no personally identifiable information is contained on the magnetic stripe or barcode. It will also salute the veteran's military service with the emblem of the latest branch of service displayed on the card. Several special awards will also be listed.

In February 2014, VA began issuing the VHIC to newly enrolled veterans and enrolled veterans who were not previously issued the old VIC but requested an identification card.

Beginning in May 2014, VA automatically mailed a VHIC to enrolled veterans who were issued the VIC. Because VA will be reissuing more than 6 million cards, VA asks for your patience during this time. Veterans who were issued a VIC do not need to return to their VA medical center to have a photo taken for the VHIC.

Enrolled veterans who do not have the VIC should contact their local VA medical center Enrollment Coordinator to arrange to have their picture taken for the new VHIC, or they may request a new VHIC at their next VA health care appointment. To ensure their identity, veterans must provide either one form of primary identification or two forms of secondary identification.

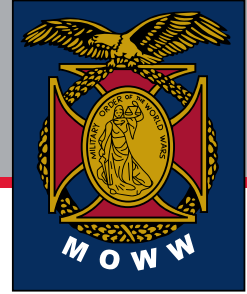
Veterans who are already enrolled should ensure the address we have on file is correct so you can receive your VHIC in a timely manner. The VHIC will be mailed to all valid mailing addresses, including P.O. boxes. To update or to confirm your address with us, please call 1-877-222-VETS (8387). If the post office cannot deliver your VHIC, the card will be returned to the VA.

You should receive your VHIC within 7 to 10 days after you request a VHIC card. Although the VA will strive to do all it can to ensure it enrolls veterans in a timely manner, sometimes it will be unable to either verify your military service or we need additional information from you. If so, the VA will try to contact you to get the information it needs to complete your enrollment application. If the VA is unable to reach you, you are encouraged to contact the local VA facility where the card was requested or contact the VA at 1-877-222-VETS (8387) to complete your application and find out the status of your card.

VA wants all enrolled veterans to have a Veteran Health Identification Card that protects their personal information. Until veterans receive the new, more secure VHIC, veterans are encouraged to safeguard their old VIC, just like they would a credit card, to prevent unauthorized access to their identity information. Once the new VHIC is received, veterans should destroy their old VIC by cutting it up or shredding it.

If your VHIC is lost or stolen, you should contact the VA Medical Facility where your picture was taken to request a new card be re-issued, or call the VA at 1-877-222-VETS (8387). Identifying information will be asked to ensure proper identification of the caller. ★

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