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MOWW: Strong and Relevant!

Dear Companions –

Thank you for electing me your 85th Commander-in-Chief. I promise to represent the Order to the best of my ability. Happily, we have great commanders, national staff, committee chairs and headquarters staff who are equally committed. Naturally, MOWW's time-tested Strategic Goals will continue as our goals, and will remain our measure of success at every level.

I am indebted to IPCINC John Hayes for his impressive service as CINC. My partnership with him was extremely meaningful—and a great learning experience. Importantly, I will continue PCINC Hayes' action-oriented theme with my CINC theme: "Motivate to action—to keep MOWW strong and relevant."

My heartfelt thanks go to LTC Charlie Conover, MAJ Jim Haney, Sun City Chapter Commander Col Jim Warchol and the Chapter Companions for all they did to host the 2015 MOWW Convention in Tampa. It was a wonderful venue and a tremendous success!

This *Officer Review*[™] recounts that convention's highlights and those Companions who were honored for their efforts. A new convention feature were workshops (versus seminars), the result of prior convention attendee' requests. These workshops demonstrated just what we can accomplish as a team! In the coming year, we will build on and expand that success.

In the coming year, we will also emphasize the Military Order's brand name and logo—at all levels of MOWW. While doing so is not a new concept, today we have many more resources available to us than in years past. Enhanced brand recognition will help improve our recruiting results (SG-1) and our impact locally.

Only strong leadership and the fully-involved teamwork of all Companions in our 104 chapters will keep the Order strong and relevant. The Preamble and the values we uphold are as important today as they ever were. Let us embrace the concept of strength through Companionship and share the relevance of what motivates us. Accordingly, I ask each of you to recommit to MOWW's motto: "It is nobler to serve than to be served."

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ON THE COVER

The Order elected LTC Ruth L. Hamilton, USA (Ret), (MG Meade, Maryland, Chapter) as the Military Order's 85th Commander-in-Chief (CINC).





**CINC LTC RUTH L.
HAMILTON, USA (RET)**

CINC LTC Hamilton became an Adjutant General's Corps officer upon her commissioning in 1985. During 26 years of service in worldwide assignments, her unique experiences include serving as the first female Honor Guard Commander (LANDSOUTHEAST, Izmir, Turkey) while assigned as the NATO Morale Welfare Activities Officer. She also commanded the 178th Personnel Service Company (Aschaffenburg, Germany) as a first lieutenant, service as the Assistant Executive Officer to the Supreme Allied Commander of Europe and the Commander-in-Chief, US European Command, and as the Executive Officer for two The Adjutants General of the US Army. Prior to her election as a CINC, she served as: an elected General Staff Officer; an appointed member of the EXCOM; Chair, Legislative & Resolutions Committee; Chair, Honors & Protocol Committee; Vice Chair, Magazine Committee; and, Constitution & Bylaws Committee member, a VCINC and the SVCINC. CINC 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.



**SVCINC COL CLAY C.
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SVCINC COL Le Grande received a BA degree (History) from Louisiana Tech University in 1968. He received a direct commission in the Adjutant Generals 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. As a member of the Gen Middleton Chapter, COL Le Grande served as Vice Commander for Youth Leadership, Vice Commander for Membership, and as Chapter Commander. He also served two years as Louisiana Department Commander and is serving his fifth year as Region VII Adjutant. COL Le Grande served as Chair of the committee tasked to develop the Order's new Chapter Activity Report and has completed three years as VCINC.



**VCINC MG DONALD L.
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VCINC MG Jacka is the Executive Director for the Kansas Homestead Rehabilitation Corporation, a private, non-profit financial corporation providing low-interest agricultural loans to Kansas farmers experiencing financial distress. Previously, he was the Secretary of Agriculture and Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for the State of Kansas for 26 years. Retired from the US Army in 2008 after 37 years, he is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and the Army War College. He served in command positions at every level. He deployed for Operations Iraqi Freedom and was the Commanding General, V Corps (Rear) Provisional. His last assignment was the Deputy Director, Global Sustainment (JCS/J-4). He is a recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (2-OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (2-OLC), Army Commendation Medal (3-OLC), and the Army Achievement Medal. MG Jacka is a Companion of the Topeka, BG Hoisington, and Hann-Buswell Chapters. He is the past Commander of the Topeka Chapter; past General Staff Officer (Elected); and is the Kansas Department Commander. He holds a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees in Political Science (Kansas State University).



VCINC COL DAVID B. GIBSON, USAF (RET)

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 COL BRAD M. BEASLEY, USAF (RET)

VCINC COL Beasley was a Distinguished Military Graduate from Central State University (Wilberforce, OH). Commissioned in 1973 (Infantry), he later transferred to the Adjutant General Corps. He served in a variety of command and staff positions throughout CONUS and OCONUS, retiring in 1998 after a 28-year career. Later, he was a defense contractor for Fortune 500 (Lockheed Martin, Serco, Inc.) and other companies, e.g., his current employer (AMTIS, Inc.). During his corporate years, he accumulated over 15 years' experience as a CEO, VP, Business Consultant, Program Manager and Project Director. He holds a Master's Degree from Central Michigan University, and is a graduate of the Army Command & General Staff College and the Army War College. In June 2013, he began a two-year elected term as President, National Memorial Day Association (State of Georgia). He has been a member of the Atlanta Chapter for 15 years and has held the following MOWW leadership positions: Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander and Commander (Atlanta Chapter), and Treasurer General Staff Officer, and Commander (Region V).



VCINC LTC JOHN H. HOLLYWOOD, USA (RET)

VCINC LTC Hollywood graduated from California State Polytechnic University (San Luis Obispo, CA) in 1968, after which he was commissioned in the Regular Army. 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, Commander of the MG Meade Chapter, and as the Order's VCINC.





CINC Hamilton: MOWW is Strong and Relevant!

From 4-8 August 2015, Companions gathered in Tampa, Florida, for the 2015 Convention. Workshops (which replaced seminars) focused on MOWW's Strategic Goals and Chapter Action Plans (CAP), with each presenting committee further focusing on ROTC, Scouting, Patriotic Education, etc., Program Engagement Plans (PEP).

The Awards Luncheon celebrated the outreach excellence of individual Companions, chapters and in some cases, excellence of those in the Law & Order field. Companions also addressed the General Staff's and the Military Order's business, and remembered Companions whose examples continue to motivate us to greater service.

In addition, conferees honored then-CINC Capt John M. Hayes, USAF (Ret), who served with dedication. Companions also applauded CINC LTC Ruth L. Hamilton, USA (Ret), and National Officers, as they began their terms. Their focus is MOWW's motto and Preamble, and its Strategic Goals. CINC LTC Hamilton's message to Companions: "Keep MOWW strong and relevant!"



TUESDAY, 4 AUGUST 2015 Pre-Convention EXCOM, Management Meetings

Companions started to arrive at the Hilton Double Tree Hotel (Tampa, FL) on Monday after seeing old friends in Florida, playing golf, and driving or flying from all parts of the country. Amazingly, PCINC COL Jack Jones drove 5,000 miles to and from California! MOWW members congregated in the hotel lobby and eating establishments to reconnect



with friends and compared notes on surviving the previous year.

On Tuesday, the EXCOM was up first up with their pre-conference meeting to go through Lessons Learned from the prior operating year that can be applied to the coming year. Region commanders met to refine their crucial role in leading regions and guiding chapters in the joint effort to enable organizational success and personal fulfillment. CINC Capt John M. Hayes, USAF (Ret), complimented region



commanders for their excellent efforts over the past year. In the evening, Companions, spouses and guests found interesting and delicious locations at which to dine while enjoying the tropical summer climate of Florida.

WEDNESDAY, 6 AUGUST 2014 Tours, CINC Welcome Banquet

Wednesday's pre-convention activities included a golf tournament, and tours of the Florida Aquarium and Tampa Museum of Art. The Hann-Buswell

Memorial Chapter met to conduct their annual business meeting and elect chapter officers. The CINC Welcome Buffet featured golf awards, entertainment by “Uncle Sam,” delicious food and, importantly, wonderful camaraderie.

THURSDAY, 6 AUGUST 2015 **Outreach Workshops,** **Commander’s Call**

The opening day of the convention featured interactive learning workshops, which replaced the lecture seminars of prior years. The National and Homeland Security, and Law & Order, workshops started the day with good cross-talk between Companions, exchanges of ideas, and building information and skills about how to increase outreach in these important MOWW Strategic Goal areas.

The Chapter Commander Course was useful to both new and experienced commanders, and featured an item-by-item review of the Chapter Commander Checklist—an effective continuity tool. The ROTC Workshop followed a break for lunch, and was followed by the Scouting Workshop. Both workshops facilitated interaction between Companions. The Commanders’ Call with the CINC,

and chapter, department and region commanders, was a good venue for a frank and lively exchange of ideas. Everyone agreed that it was a good way to vent, share best practices and lessons learned, and bond in an informal setting.

FRIDAY, 7 AUGUST 2015 **Workshops, Awards Luncheon,** **MOWW Elections**

Companions acclaimed the Patriotic Education and Membership Workshops, which were amazingly useful to improving our success in achieving the desired outcomes of MOWW’s Strategic Goals.

Equally enjoyable was the Awards Luncheon, which was packed with recognition and honors for many individuals and chapters who had accomplished so much over the last year. The streamlined format meant less time and smoother operations for the whole affair.

After lunch, Companions enjoyed hearing from candidates running for national office and analyzing their potential. With that knowledge in hand, voting for next year’s officers took place efficiently.

In the evening, the Hann-Buswell Memorial Chapter dinner was formal and fun, with a great speaker from CENTCOM. The evening also featured the induction of seven new members, and installation of a new commander and staff.

SATURDAY, 8 AUGUST 2015 **Memorial Service, Business** **Session, CINC Banquet**

The Memorial Service for Perpetual Member Companions who passed away during the past year was very moving—especially when their names were read as a bell tolled.

Immediately after, the General Staff Meeting and the Business Session started on time at 0900, led off by a historic signing of a Memorandum of Mutual Support between MOWW and the Pershing Rifles Group. Adding to the ceremony was a Pershing Rifles four-person color guard from Eastern Tennessee University.

National officers—from the CINC to committee chairs—then made reports to enlighten all Companions regarding the health and well-being of the Order. Subjects “For the Good of the Order” were brought up from the floor, allowing Companions to bring forth





improvements to ensure the Order is fine-tuned and running smoothly.

After lunch, the General Staff Meeting commenced and the first order of business was to introduce and show appreciation to the HQ MOWW staff who attended.

After the Nominating Committee made their report regarding the slate of officers recommended from the prior day, the convention body voted to unanimously elect the excellent leadership team (headed by LTC Ruth Hamilton) for the next year.

The national conference then voted to approve the following locations for the next few years of conventions: 2016: Baton Rouge, LA; 2017: Billings, MT, and; 2018: Columbus, GA.

The 2015 MOWW Convention culminated with the CINC Banquet in an evening of gowns and Mess Dress attire. Companion MajGen James L. Williams, USMC (Ret), was our superb guest speaker and received the 2015 MOWW Distinguished Service Award. Then-CINC Capt Hayes said his good-byes and CINC LTC Hamilton was installed along with her staff. It was a festive night with everyone glad they had attended the culmination of the 2015 MOWW Convention.

SUNDAY, 9 AUGUST 2015 Post-Convention EXCOM

While Sunday morning saw most attendees departing for home, EXCOM members met to review the strategy, assignments, and objectives for the coming year—all to make our Order better than ever. Spouses/Guests of EXCOM members simultaneously met separately to focus on the things they can do to further support the Order.

CLOSING THOUGHTS The 2015 MOWW Convention

The Sun City Chapter did a bang-up job with their well-run convention—all their work and efforts paid off. The Sun City Convention Committee, headed by LTC Charles Conover, Major Jim Haney, LtCol Jim Warchol and others, were

commended for the good job they did for all MOWW Companions attending.

LOOKING AHEAD 2016 MOWW Convention | Baton Rouge, LA

Put Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on your calendar (9-13 August) for next year! We are going to get plenty of Cajun hospitality and Creole food, so this is one convention that everyone will want to attend. Lots of tours (WW II Museum, antebellum houses, etc.), entertainment, and good fellowship will be the order of the week. See you there! ★



VCINC Col David G. Gibson, USAF (Ret), was a fighter pilot who served 28 years with the US Air Force. Following his active service, he served for ten years as an Air Force JROTC instructor at Washington High School, Tacoma, WA. Col Gibson has been active with MOWW's Puget Sound Chapter (WA), to include serving as its Commander. He has been the Director of MOWW's Northwest Youth Leadership Conference (NWYLC) for the past ten years. He is currently a VCINC.



Editor's Note: Marian and I missed being with everyone at the 2015 Convention due to my recent accident, but happily I was connected electronically throughout the convention. As VCINC Col Gibson mentioned above, many thanks go to the great Sun City Center Convention Committee for their superb arrangements and hospitality. Thanks also go to CINC LTC Hamilton for being the Emcee at the MOWW Awards Luncheon and for so many other things, SVCINC COL Le Grande for being the Emcee at the CINC Banquet, and VCINC Col Gibson for this excellent article, and for authoring the minutes from the General Staff Meeting & Business Session.

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2015 MOWW NATIONAL CITATIONS

Every Companion named has made a major contribution to the advancement of the patriotic ideals of MOWW. On the recommendation of Region, Department/State and Chapter Commanders, each individual listed below was awarded a National Citation by the Commander-in-Chief, identifying the accomplishment and its contribution to the goals of the Order as set forth in the Preamble.

COL H. Stewart Perry, USA (Ret)

GEN Ridgway - Pittsburgh Chapter PA (018)

Lt Evan Totten, USN (Fmr)

Denver Chapter CO (093)

COL William B. Barrett, Jr., USA (Ret)

Richmond Chapter VA (031)

LTC James E. Rice III, USA (Ret)

Richmond Chapter VA (031)

COL Terry L. McKee, USA (Ret)

Houston Chapter TX (071)

BG Kenneth D. Jones, USAR

BG Elizabeth P. Hoisington Chapter KS (249)

MG Bill Barron, USAR (Ret)

Fort Knox Chapter KY (239)

Louis C. Felini, HPM

Dallas Chapter TX (069)

MG Harold G. Bunch, USA (Ret)

Dallas Chapter TX (069)

CW4 Charles E. Hooker, USA (Ret)

San Fernando Valley Chapter CA (134)

CAPT Benjamin Coppock, USA (Fmr)

Santa Cruz Valley Chapter AZ (193)

PCINC COL Bert Rice, USA (Ret)

MG Meade Chapter MD (026)

LTC Reginal Brown, USA (Ret)

LTG Middleton Chapter LA (056)

LTC Frederick W. Lovelace, USA (Ret)

Philadelphia Chapter PA (017)

LTC Donald E. Willhouse, USA (Ret)

CAPT Dilworth Chapter TX (241)

CAPT Thomas J. Marshall, Jr USN (Ret)

San Diego Chapter CA (100)

LTC Don Arakaki, USA (Ret)

Gaylord-Dillingham Mem Chapter HI (115)

LT Edwin C. Holt, USNR (Fmr)

COL Woolsey Chapter CA (113)

MAJ Rosanne E. Trujillo, USA (Ret)

Apache Trail Chapter AZ (207)

CW4 Robert F. Delker, USA (Ret)

Apache Trail Chapter AZ (207)

Lt Col Charles B. Palmer, USMC (Ret)

Maj Gen Pendleton Chapter CA (190)

Amy Fowler Clapp, HPM

Pinson Memorial Chapter TX (233)

2LT Jason A. Sokolov, USA (Fmr)

Greater Boston Chapter MA (004)

COL Raul Garibay, USA (Ret)

El Paso Chapter TX (070)

Lt Col Norman G. Wilson, USAF (Ret)

MG Miles Chapter NM (229)

CAPT Ja'net Bishop, USA (Fmr)

Augusta Chapter GA (168)

LTC John W. Chapman, II., USA (Ret)

MG Critz Chapter OK (155)

Patricia O. Egan, HPM

Austin Chapter TX (132)

Lt Col Ernest S. Dean, Jr., USAF (Ret)

Austin Chapter TX (132)

COL Jerome Wojtas, USA (Ret)

West Valley AZ (131)

LTC Francisco Del Toro, USA (Ret)

Puerto Rico, PR (121)

LTC Richard Crossley, Jr., USA (Ret)

Fort Worth, TX (133)





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:

MajGen James L. Williams, USMC (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:

Then-IPCINC Deborah A. Kash, USAF (Ret)

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:

Bertilio Correa
(Spirit of America YLC;
Director: MAJ William R. Magill, USA (Ret),
Check: \$500

1ST RUNNER-UP:

Emily Brandt
(Northwest YLC;
Director: Col David B. Gibson, USAF (Ret),
Check: \$1,000

WINNER:

Mark O. General
(New England YLC;
Director: LTC Michael J. Jarvis, USA (Ret),
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:

- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Fort Knox (239), KY
- **WINNER:** Hampton Roads (027), VA

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:** Greater Boston (004), MA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** El Paso (070), TX
- **WINNER:** Dallas (069), TX



NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAM 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:

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

Large Chapter:

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



HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM AWARDS

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:

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

Large Chapter:

- **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:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Sun City Center (226), FL
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Topeka (086), KS
- **WINNER:** COL Woolsey (113), CA

Large Chapter:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** MajGen Pendleton (190), CA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Dallas (069), TX
- **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.

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:**
Detective Michael Reuler
(Dallas, TX)
Sponsor: Dallas Chapter, TX
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:**
Investigator Stephen Junker
(Irving, TX)
Sponsor: Pinson Memorial (233), TX
- **WINNER:**
Master Police Officer John S. Easley
(Lee's Summit, MO)
Sponsor: Greater Kansas City Chapter, MO

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:**
Deputy Matthew Gibson
(San Diego, CA)
Sponsor: San Diego (100), CA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:**
Detective Phillip Merkle
(Hillsborough, FL)
Sponsor: Sun City Center (226), FL
- **WINNER :**
Officer Ruben Martinez
(Dallas, TX)
Sponsor: Dallas Chapter, TX

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).

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Hampton Roads (027), VA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Fort Hood (227), TX
- **WINNER:** Pinson Memorial (233), TX

Intermediate Chapter:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Topeka (086), KS
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** San Diego (100), CA
- **WINNER:** COL Woolsey (113), CA

Large Chapter:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Philadelphia (017), PA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Augusta (168), GA
- **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:** Mesilla Valley (219), NM
- **WINNER:** MG Critz (155), NM

Category 2: Chapters supporting 13-23 ROTC units:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Hampton Roads (027), VA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Topeka (086), KS
- **WINNER:** San Diego (100), CA

Category 3: Chapters supporting 24-31 ROTC units:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Gaylord-Dillingham Memorial (115), HI
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Denver (093), CO
- **WINNER:** Augusta (168), GA

Category 4: Chapters supporting 32-50 ROTC units:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Memphis (066), TN
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Richmond (031), VA
- **WINNER:** Dallas (069), TX

Category 5: Chapters supporting 50-64 ROTC units:

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

Category 6: Chapters supporting 65+ ROTC units:

- **WINNER:** Atlanta (051), GA





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.

COL DANIEL G. FOUST, USAR

(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 in promoting 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:

LTC JESUS BELTRAN, USAR (RET)

(El Paso (070), 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:** MG Miles (229), NM
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Hill Country (220), TX
- **WINNER:** Apache Trail (207), AZ

Intermediate Chapter:
(50-100 current members)

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Greater Kansas City (087), MO
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Virginia Piedmont (030), VA
- **WINNER:** Sun City Center (226), FL

Large Chapter: (100+current members)

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** San Diego (100), CA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Augusta (168), GA
- **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:** Santa Cruz Valley (193), AZ
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** MG Miles (229), NM
- **WINNER:** Pinson Memorial (233), TX

Intermediate Chapter:
(50-100 current members)

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Virginia Piedmont (030), VA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** COL Woolsey (113), CA
- **WINNER:** Topeka (086), KS

Large Chapter:
(100+ current members)

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** BG Holland (069), CA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** El Paso (070), TX
- **WINNER:** Dallas (069),TX

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.

Certificate of Appreciation

- **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**
Dr. (CPT) Robert E. Mallin, USA (Fmr)
Surgeon General, MOWW
- **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**
Rev (CPT) Frederick J. Ramsay, PhD,
MSC, USA (Fmr);
Chaplain General, MOWW
- **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**
Rev Susan J. Ramsay, RM (HPM);
Assistant Chaplain General, MOWW
- **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**
COL James T. Roberts, USA (Ret);
Chair, National Security Committee, MOWW

Honorable Mentions

- **HONORABLE MENTION (\$500):**
1LT Gerald C. Berry, USA (Fmr)
"Zero to Ninety in Six," (OR, Oct 14)
Clearwater (138), FL
- **HONORABLE MENTION (\$500):**
COL Robert L. Reese, USA (Ret);



"Women in World War II," (OR, May 15)
GEN Ridgway (018), PA

- **HONORABLE MENTION (\$500):**
Rev (CPT) Frederick J. Ramsay, PhD,
MSC, USA (Fmr);
Op-Ed: "Learning to be a Veteran," (OR, Oct 14)
West Valley (131), AZ

Writing Prizes

- **2ND PRIZE AWARD (\$1,000):**
Lt Col Kenneth W. Pipes, USMC (Ret)
"Into the Teeth of the Enemy," (OR, Oct 14)
MajGen Pendleton (190), CA
- **1ST PRIZE AWARD (\$2,000):**
MAJ Norman C. Boling, II, USA (Ret)
"Maj Gen Nathanael Greene:
Unappreciated Patriot," (OR, Dec 14)
Fort Walton Beach (175), FL

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: MG Meade (026), MD

- **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: Gen Vandenberg (213), CA

- **WINNER:** Presented to the chapter that recruits at least six (6) new members AND achieves a ten percent or greater ($\geq 10\%$) 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: Dallas (069), TX

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:** MG Meade (026), MD
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Greater Boston (004), MA
- **WINNER:** Dallas (069), TX



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:
MG DONALD L. JACKA, USA, (RET)
(Topeka (086), KS)



2015 MOWW MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING AWARD

The Membership Recruiting Award is given to congratulate Companions who also excelled in recruiting 10 or more members:

RECIPIENT (10 MEMBERSHIPS)

CPT DAVID A. POE, USA
(BG Ryder (248), NC)

RECIPIENT (11 MEMBERSHIPS)

COL JAMES D. ELMER, USAF (RET)
(Central Arkansas (225), AR)

RECIPIENT (13 MEMBERSHIPS)

LTC ALFRED H. M. SHEHAB, USA (RET)
(MG Meade (026), MD)

RECIPIENT (16 MEMBERSHIPS)

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

RECIPIENT (18 MEMBERSHIPS):

MG DONALD L. JACKA, USA, (RET)
(Topeka (086), KS)



2015 GOLD PATRICK HENRY RECIPIENTS

Gold Patrick Henry Medallion and Miniature Medal. Only the Commander-in-Chief (CINC), Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief (SVCINC) and the four Vice Commanders-in-Chief (VCINCs) may present the Gold Patrick Henry award to an adult for extraordinary patriotic achievements.

The CINC may award three gold medallions per year. The Senior and Vice Commanders-in-Chief may make one award each year within their area of responsibility. Those making the awards must present them during the year in which they were authorized.

The miniature Gold Patrick Henry medal is not a separate award. To obtain this miniature medal, the recipient must be awarded the gold medallion. No individual may receive this award more than once.

CINC Capt Hayes:

COL CLAY C. LE GRANDE, JR., USA (RET)
LTG Middleton Chapter, LA

CAPT DEBORAH H. DOMBECK, USCG (RET)
Hill Country Chapter, TX

LTC DON MUNSON, USA (RET)
Dallas Chapter, TX

SVCINC LTC Hamilton:

MAJ RONALD L. JONES, USA (RET)
Saint Louis Chapter, MO

VCINC COL Le Grande:

LT COL DAVID L. DUNLAP, USAF (RET)
MG Wheeler Chapter, AL

VCINC COL Gibson:

COL FRED W. DARLEY, USA (RET)
San Fernando Valley Chapter, CA

VCINC LTC Hollywood:

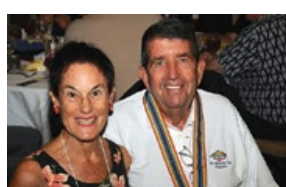
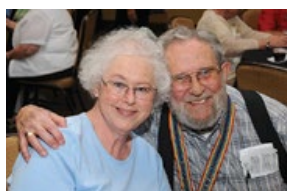
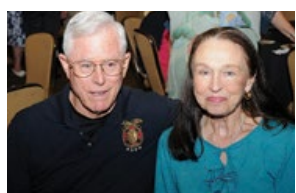
LTC S. JOHN WHIDDEN, PHD, MD, USA (RET)
Maj Gen Wade Chapter, DC

VCINC LTC Johnson:

VCINC LTC HENRY A. ADAMS, USA (RET)
Space Coast-Indian River Chapter, FL



Together...in Companionship

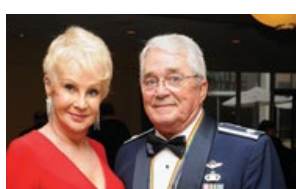




Together...in Companionship



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Phoenician Award Recipients

LTC WILLIAM RAPP, USA (RET)
NEW JERSEY STATE COMMANDER



On a beautiful spring evening, then-CINC Capt John M. Hayes, USAF (Ret), and NJ State Commander LTC William Rapp had the honor of traveling to Washington, NJ, to present Mark O. General with this year's Certificate of Achievement as the 2014 Phoenician Award National winner. The presentation occurred on 28 May, during the Warren Hills Regional High School Senior Awards Program. Mark was the top essayist from all the YLC programs this year. In addition to the Certificate, CINC Hayes & NJ Commander Rapp presented a check for \$2000 to Mark. Mark will be attending Norwich Academy in the fall on a full military scholarship, valued at \$105,000 with intentions to pursue a career in the Army.

Among the attendees at the ceremony were some 300 of Mark's fellow classmates and their parents. Of special significance was the presence of his entire family and especially Mark's grandfather, who was a submarine navigator and electrician during World War II. ★



Mark O. General

New England Youth Leadership
Conference Norwich University



2014 Phoenician Award Winner

Recognition Of Excellence

Mark Owen General was born and raised in Hackettstown, NJ, and attends Warren Hills Regional High School, Washington, NJ. He was the New England YLC's "Outstanding Student. Mark says, "... being awarded the top student award at last year's Youth Leadership Conference was very humbling." He possesses high ideals and strong moral character, and he is committed to his community and his country.

Mark is an academic powerhouse. His academic honors and awards include his selection as an Advanced Placement student (Government & Politics, and Statistics | 2014, 2015), being the Top

Student (MOWW'S New England Youth Leadership Conference | 2014), and being a Student of the Month Nominee (2013). He was also on the Homecoming Court (2014 | one of only twelve students from class of 285 students), and he is a recipient of the Outstanding Achievement in Physical Education Award (Sophomore Class | 2013). His co-curricular activities included being the President, Human Rights Club (2014, 2015), a Senior Executive Committee Member (2014-Present), and a Student Council Member (2010-2014). He is also a member of the Archery Club (State Championship Team Member | 2012-2013), the Cross

Country Team (2012, 2013), and he was a member of the Football Team (Co-captain of the Freshman Football Team | 2011). His extra-curricular activities included being a member of a Rugby team (Morris Lions | 2011-Present, and Captain 2012 U15 Team).

Mark will attend Norwich University next fall, majoring in Studies in War & Peace. In addition, he will be part of the Army's ROTC Program, and he hopes to earn a commission as an officer in the United States Army. ★

NATIONAL WINNER

MARK O. GENERAL

\$2,000 Scholarship
New England YLC
Norwich University

FIRST RUNNER-UP

EMILY BRANDT

\$1,000 Scholarship
Northwest YLC
Pacific Lutheran University

SECOND RUNNER-UP

BERTILIO CORREA

\$500 Scholarship
Spirit of America YLC
Freedom Foundation



2014 Phoenician Award Essay Question

“Should the United States’ Constitution be amended to change the qualifications to be eligible for the office of President?”

WINNING ESSAY

“The 12th Amendment: Time for Change”

BY MARK OWEN GENERAL

NEW ENGLAND YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE NORWICH UNIVERSITY

Since its founding, the United States of America has been known to be the land of freedom and opportunity. Throughout our history, millions of immigrants have come to this country to practice these freedoms, and many have died, including their descendants, to protect them. America is known as “The Melting Pot of the World” because different kinds of people with diverse ethnic origins immigrated here to pursue the American dream. I believe all opportunities should be equally available to all citizens who live in this great nation regardless of where they were born. These opportunities should include the ability for any citizen who is qualified to run for President.

As stated in Article 2 Section 1 of the United States Constitution, “No person except a natural born citizen shall be eligible to the Office of the President; neither shall any person be eligible to that office who shall not have attained to the age of thirty five years, and been fourteen years a resident within the United States.” I believe the first half of this requirement should be revised to include all citizens.

As it is written in the United States Declaration of Independence, “...all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.” Millions have come to this country to escape religious and political persecution, and to have opportunities they may not have had if they stayed in their country of origin. That is what makes America beautiful, her ability to change lives. When an immigrant wants to give back to the country that changed his or her life, they should be allowed to run for the office of the President and to the best of their abilities, preserve, protect and defend the United States Constitution.

In Article IX of the Bill of Rights, it is stated that “The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.” This ensures that we are not to be limited to the same single set of laws, in fact, we can add to them and change them. As stated in Article V of the Constitution, “The Congress, whenever two thirds of

both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose Amendments to this Constitution....” If two thirds of the states believe that all citizens who have been living in this nation for over fourteen years, and are over thirty-five years of age deserve a chance to become the President of the United States, then Article 2 of the Constitution can and should be amended. The Land of Opportunity will hold even more promise for those who come here for a better life. It will provide a freedom that they would not have had otherwise. A freedom that would change lives, as all freedoms do. ★

DISCLAIMER: 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.





Continuity Starts with Us!

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

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noun

1.
the unbroken and consistent existence or operation of something over a period of time.
2.
the maintenance of continuous action and self-consistent detail.

At one time or another, we each probably volunteered for, or were elected to fill, a role in MOWW. Sometimes we were given no tools or information beforehand to help us be successful in our MOWW roles. Happily, this does not have to be the case today.

Even if we don't get information or a turnover briefing from our predecessor (we should, of course), we still have a lot going for us.

First, we have our individual initiative. We also have the assistance of the Order's talented command chain and staff. Last, we have the publications, tools and information our Order provides us via the MOWW website. These people, tools and information help us be more informed and successful.

For the last several years, we've had MOWW Strategic Goal 4, *"Enhance leadership training and development."* This goal motivates many important things, and helps us be equipped to achieve the Order's desired outcomes and accomplish the tasks at hand.

In addition, CINC LTC Hamilton chartered the Education & Training Committee, chaired by VCINC LTC John Hollywood. This committee focuses on developing training modules for chapter commanders, adjutants and treasurers. In fact, we already have a Chapter Commander's Course, which we've presented at the last three conventions. It's on the MOWW website

We also have the "Training & Development" section on the MOWW website. It focuses on key positions, and major roles and key responsibilities. It includes things ranging from a simple "How To" build a Chapter Action Plan to hosting all 2015 Convention Workshop presentations.

We also have the "Tips & Guides" section on MOWW's website. This offers great information in a range of vital areas—from "Reinvigorating a Chapter (How To)" to "Officer Review™ Article Guidelines."

In "MOWW Forms," we have continuity tools such as the "Region | Department | State Commander Checklist" (Form 16) and the "Chapter Commander Checklist" (Form 19)—*which anyone can use*. Other forms include the online-submittable "Membership Update" (Form 5), to update the MOWW Membership Database.

Of course, under "Publications," we have the MOWW Constitution, Bylaws, Strategic Plan, Policy Manual and National Directory—all providing great information.



Our shared mission is to help grow the Order so it is increasingly comprised of involved Companions belonging to vibrant chapters in service to their communities. We create the needed continuity by being proactive and by teaming—and by not waiting for others to hand us what we need to be successful. ★

TOOLS

Tools can be extremely helpful and aid in continuity. However, tools do not do anything by themselves. Someone must use them—only then, can we achieve success today and enable achievements tomorrow.



Dentistry Past and Present

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



When I was young, people put their teeth in a glass by the bedside each night. Back then we felt grateful for the advances in false teeth over George Washington's wooden choppers. (Actually, Washington had wooden frames with elk's teeth implanted. They were activated by metal springs. Check out a dollar bill and you can see the fullness and imagine the discomfort.)

The first tooth brushes were mashed sticks used to scrape the teeth and gums. The Chinese used the first bristle brushes and in the 17th century they came to Europe. Colonial American dentists advised their use in the new world. The year 1880 saw the first electric tooth brush. A rather cumbersome thing. It wasn't until the 1960s that they became practical and finally cordless. A decent electric brush can now be purchased for about \$5 at a discount store.

The ancients developed "tooth paste"—ground shells flowers, fruit, as well as mice heads, lizard livers and urine were used! Many ingredients were abrasive and destroyed enamel. The 1800s saw soap and chalk's introduction—the start of modern products. Just as the can opener was

invented long after the tin can it was 1892 before the collapsible tooth paste tube was invented.

There have been numerous technical advances in dental care. In the beginning, pulling a bad tooth was the only therapy. Use of a tooth key...a strong metal devise that fit under the roots and operated with a twist was common. They either "popped" out the tooth, broke the jaw or removed the tooth's top (crown). Perhaps the best thing that came out of the civil war in New Mexico (yes there was a significant campaign, Texans fighting Coloradans generally) was Dr. Edmund Covey's later role as hospital inspector in the "north south." He found a surgeon placing a rubber channel under broken jaws and wiring this splint in place. Thus broken jaws healed regularly.

Drilling out decay and placing gold, silver amalgamated with mercury, etc. Today's porcelain teeth were first invented in 1774. In 1882 the practice of implanting "new" teeth in blank spots started. A root canal was a needed painful experience until high speed drills were invented. When false teeth are the only answer today they are made of plastic or ceramic.

Anaesthesia such as nitrous oxide (laughing gas), when purified and used with oxygen, remains a stable, safe deterrent to pain with a quick recovery. The first local anesthetic was cocaine. Its addicting properties lead to procaine (Novocain) and numerous other local anesthetics. Now we can have painless procedures. That is, until the local wears off.

Today dentistry is safe, usually painless, and remarkably successful in reconstructing a normal comfortable mouth. Most of our fears turn out to be without substance once we get to the office. ★



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You Are What You Think

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“As a man thinketh in his heart, so he is.” [Proverbs 23:7, KJV] Today we may say whatever occupies a person’s thoughts soon characterizes the person’s behavior. Clearly, this Old Testament message is concerned with the inner person, and its outward manifestations. If the inward parts of a person have a depth of meaning, a sense of conviction and an assurance of the truth, then the person’s outward manifestations will reflect those things as well.

This kind of goodness comes from people with a strong inner character who have a pure and steadfast hearts. They will choose to:

- Bless those who say bad things about them.
- Be nice to those who mistreat them.
- Pray for those who abuse them.

The benefits of living this kind of better life is probably why Apostle Paul suggested, “Think good thoughts, don’t let your mind be overtaken with hate and guile, and suspicion and fear.” Paul expanded on this important thought when writing a church in the city of Philippi. He wrote, “Whatsoever is true, whatsoever is honest, whatsoever is pure, whatsoever is just, whatsoever is lovely, whatsoever is of good report, think on these things.” This is still good counsel for today.

Even as we try to think good thoughts, serve in Companionship, etc., sometimes intrusive or negative thoughts occupy our minds. That happens. While we cannot prevent that, we do have a choice as to whether or not we dwell on negativity. An old adage says, “You can’t keep the birds from flying over your head but you can keep them from building a nest in your hair.” Just as that is a conscious decision to prevent that from happening, we can likewise choose to keep from dwelling on intrusive and negative thoughts.

Let me leave you with two more related thoughts. The first is, “Though the outer man perish, the inner man is renewed day by day.” [II Corinthians 4:16] Second, “Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.” [Romans 12:2] By embracing these thoughts, we can elevate our spirits above the mundane and create a new spirit within ourselves. These living forces empower us to rise to new heights—even beyond our own expectations.



“Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself.”

—Leo Tolstoy

In closing, think good thoughts, entertain new ideas and seek wisdom—all in Companionship. Be transformed by renewing your mind, for as you think so you shall be. ★



CG (COL) Brock retired from the Veterans Administration in 1997 after 20 years of service, and earlier retired from the US Army after 33 Active Duty and Reserve years as a Military Chaplain. He is a graduate of the University of Indianapolis and the United

Theological Seminary. His military education includes the Chaplain’s Basic and Advanced Courses, US Army Command & General Staff College, and the National Security Management Course. He is a past Commander of the Ft. Hood Chapter and is active in the First United Methodist Church in Waco (TX). He and his wife, Evelyn, have two daughters and six grandchildren.





FORT HOOD (227), TEXAS

Casing of the Colors Ceremony at Fort Hood

BY CINC LTC RUTH L. HAMILTON, USA (RET)

PCINC LTC Alfred H. M. Shehab, USA (Ret), was guest speaker at the 2nd Squadron, 38th US Cavalry Regiment's Casing of the Colors Ceremony at Fort Hood, TX, on 29 May 2015. The unit was the same one in which he served during WWII and it is again being inactivated, this time effective 15 September 2015. LTC Shehab was named Honorary Colonel of the 38th Regiment.

Left: PCINC LTC Shehab addresses the audience. Right (L-R): LTC John P. Cogbill, and CSM Lewis Bayles case the 2-38th Cavalry Squadron's colors during the squadron's inactivation ceremony.

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MG MEADE (026), MARYLAND

Cadet Conover Earns GS-USA Gold Award, 2014 YLC Outstanding Student

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

VMI Cadet Anna Conover, daughter of MG Meade Chapter Companion CW3 Kirk Conover and 2012 NCAYLC outstanding student was presented with the Girl Scout Gold Award at the April Girl Scouts of Central Maryland Gold Award Ceremony.

Congratulating Anna are (L-R): PCINC COL Bert Rice, USA (Ret); Maj Jim Shiffrin, USAF (Ret), and Department of Maryland Commander, GSO Lt Col Sheldon Goldberg, USAF (Ret).


GREATER BOSTON (004), MASSACHUSETTS

COL William Sinnott— Chapter's Newest PM

BY LT JASON A. SOKOLOV, USA (FMR)

At a recent Greater Boston Chapter meeting, the Chapter's newest perpetual member, COL William Sinnott, USMCR (Ret), former Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston and prominent lawyer, converses with CAPT Harry Weinberg, USN (Ret), former Greater Boston Chapter Commander and Immediate Past Region I Commander.

(L-R): COL William Sinnott, USMCR (Ret), with CAPT Harry Weinberg, USN (Ret).


PUGET SOUND (120), WASHINGTON

Puget Sound Reaches Out

BY COL DAVID B. GIBSON, USAF (RET)

In July, Puget Sound Chapter Companions reached out to homeless vets at their facility in Retsil, WA. In the center of the picture is Program Director Ray Switzer, flanked by VCINC Col David B. Gibson, USAF (Ret), on the left and LT John McConnel, USNR (Fmr), on the right. The three are holding up 50 gift cards—a 200% increase over the previous year's donation. The \$25 cards will be provided to homeless vets to help supply their personal needs. This is yet another outreach program instigated by MOWW Companions of the Puget Sound Chapter for the community!


APACHE TRAIL (207), ARIZONA

Cadet Wright Presented MOWW Bronze Patrick Henry

BY COL DAVID B. GIBSON, USAF (RET)

On 29 October 2014 the Marcos de Niza High School JROTC program conducted its monthly Battalion Review. RADM James A. Symonds, USN (Ret), presented a special award to Cadet Captain Kennedy Wright. Cadet Wright was presented the Bronze Patrick Henry Medallion for Patriotic Achievement, which she earned by writing the Best Essay at the Youth Leadership Conference she attended.





VA Announces New Rules Regarding Service Animals in VA Facilities

The VA announced that it has revised its regulation regarding the presence of animals on VA property. The updated regulation will ensure



VA practices remain consistent with applicable federal law. It will also assist individuals entering VA facilities in developing a clear and consistent understanding of the criteria governing facility access for service animals.

Under the revised regulation, only dogs that are individually trained to perform work or tasks on behalf of an individual with a disability will be considered service animals. Other kinds of animals will not be permitted in VA facilities, unless expressly allowed as an exception under the regulation for activities such as animal-assisted therapy or for other reasons such as law enforcement purposes.

In accordance with required practices, the revised regulation was published in the Federal Register in November 2014, to obtain feedback from Veterans, advocacy organizations and other stakeholders.

Over the next thirty days, VA will provide training to frontline employees and ensure policies at all facilities are consistent with the new regulation.

USDA Assists Veterans Who Want to Become Farmers



If you are interested in a career in farming or ranching, check out what the Department of Agriculture has to offer.

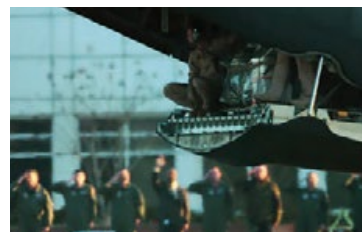
The Office of Advocacy and Outreach (OAO),

created by the 2008 Farm Bill, coordinates programs and outreach across USDA for several underserved groups of farmers and ranchers. The Office is working with several states and organizations to create programs to help veterans transition to farming, ranching, and other agricultural jobs. While no federal programs exist specifically for veteran farmers and ranchers, financial and resource management

training programs at USDA can have a significant impact on helping these farmers establish and maintain successful farming or ranching businesses. In recognizing the value of introducing (or reintroducing) veterans to agricultural jobs, USDA encourages their participation in rural community and economic development. For more information visit:

www.outreach.usda.gov/veterans.htm

National Day of the Deployed



A C-130 cargo plane deploys in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Photo: TSgt Brian E. Christiansen.

October 26 is annually designated as National Day of the Deployed.

National Day of the Deployed honors all of the brave men and women who have been deployed

and are sacrificing, or have sacrificed, their lives to fight for our country. The observance also recognizes the families of deployed service members and acknowledges their families that they are separated from.

National Day of the Deployed was founded in 2006 by Shelle Michaels Aberle. Ms. Aberle approached then North Dakota Governor John Hoeven for support of a ND Proclamation for the day. Governor Hoeven was the first Governor in the United States to note the deployed troops in a formal proclamation.

Grand Forks, ND, hosted the first event. The first units honored by this proclamation were: NDARNG 1-188th ADA SECFOR and JLENS deployed to Afghanistan. In 2011, Senator John Hoeven co-sponsored S.RES.295 for a national day of honor. On 18 Oct 2011, it was passed unanimously as the first national day honoring the deployed troops and their families.

In 2012, all states across the nation observed the United States' Resolution for National Day of the Deployed.

October 26, 2014 marks the anniversary of the ninth annual Day of the Deployed and the fourth annual National Day of the Deployed. ★



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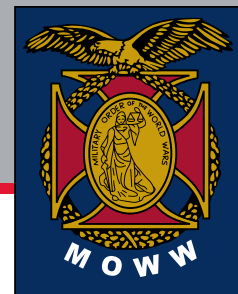
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