



# **Memorandum of Agreement**

Between

# The Military Order of World Wars And The Pershing Rifles Group

Whereas, The Pershing Rifles Group is the umbrella organization for the leadership and organization of the National Society of Pershing Rifles Alumni Association, the National Society of Blackjacks, National Society of Pershing Rifles, National Society of Pershing Angels; and it is the embodiment of then-Lieutenant John Joseph Pershing's Vision of development and training of cadets while a cadre instructor at University of Nebraska, and;

Whereas, The Military Order of the World Wars was founded in 1919 by officers who served during The Great War under General of the Armies John Joseph Pershing, to perpetuate the ideals of patriotism, national security, foster fraternal relations among all branches of the Armed Forces of the United States; and defend the honor, integrity, and supremacy of our National Government and the Constitution of the United States for which they fought the Great War, and;

Whereas, then-Lieutenant John Joseph Pershing's legacy of Pershing Rifles has been a model for leadership, esprit de corps, motivation, and military skills since 1894. A legacy still implemented by its sub-elements for the betterment of young men and women at numerous high schools, colleges, and universities. General of the Armies Pershing's legacy of patriotism and Leadership—upon which the Military Order of World Wars has guided veteran officers of all services of the military—as leaders and patriots, supporting our Constitution and the United States of America, throughout their civilian lifetimes, and;

WHereas, the mutual interests of the Pershing Rifles Group and the Military Order of the World Wars are best served with a close relationship that mutually increases the capability to obtain the goals and objectives of both great organizations.

Now Therefore, be it known that this Memorandum of Agreement be the successor to the original Memorandum of Mutual Support and all other MOA's, to facilitate joint strategic execution of projects and objectives, portions of which, are detailed below. The constraint of these activities will be subject to the shortfalls of both organizations on personnel, funding, and equipment. The benefits for the organizations are appended as Addendums.

Therefore, the overall objectives of this agreement are as follows:

- MOWW Chapters and PRG Companies work diligently to increase membership in both
  organizations by recruiting eligible members of both organizations to join the other. This will be
  accomplished by encouraging MOWW members who are PR's to join the PR Alumni Association.
  Likewise, we encourage PR's who are eligible to join MOWW Chapters to do so either through
  MOWW local Chapter Membership or MOWW National Headquarters.
- 2. MOWW to provide the PRG a list of all MOWW Chapters, their leadership, and their locations.

- 3. The PRG will share the locations of their Companies and jointly with the MOWW, make recommendations as to the alignment of association with MOWW Chapters.
- 4. The PRG will strongly encourage their Alumni, who live in or near the MOWW chapters, to join that local MOWW Chapter and become Companions.
- 5. The MOWW will work jointly with their Chapter's PR Alumni or PRG designated representative to make calls to local high schools that do not have Blackjack (BJ) Companies and assist in helping the PRG initiate BJ companies at those high schools.
- Additionally, the MOWW will work with the PRG Alumni or representative in their Chapters to 6. make joint calls to Colleges/Universities that do not have a Pershing Rifles and Pershing Angels Company, to assist in establishing a Pershing Rifle Company in those Colleges/Universities

For the Good of the Order:

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Commander-in-Chief

Military Order of the/World Wars

For the Good of the Group:

David M. Bornn, Jr.

Pershing Rifles Group Board of Directors

Date

### Addendum-Benefits and Methods of Cooperation and Mutual Assistance

#### **Benefits to PR Companies**

- 1. Increase P/R Alumni Membership
- 2. Assistance in the establishment of new PR/PA Companies at Colleges and Universities w/ROTC units.
- 3. Establish a close relationship with the Senior Professors of Military Science (PMS) and the PR/PA Cadre Advisors at the Colleges and Universities which maintain or are thinking of having a PR/PA company. Be pro-ROTC and pro-Pershing Rifles/Angels and persuade PMS's.
- 4. Provide professional assistance in training military protocol and tradition.
- 5. Establish fundamental inter-generational sharing to benefit all involved.
- 6. Provide mentorship of the Company, leaders and individual PRs/PAs.
- Provide necessary assistance for ongoing operations and travel to PRG NATCON or as guests at MOWW NATCON.
- 8. MOWW Companions represent an outstanding resource for counsel and training of PR's... use them!
- 9. Develop a potential MOWW/PRG Award to be presented to outstanding undergraduate members of the organization in addition to the already robust MOWW JROTC and ROTC Awards programs.

#### **Benefits to MOWW Chapters**

- 1. Increase MOWW Chapter Membership.
- 2. Outreach and familiarization with existing Senior ROTC and Pershing Rifles Companies in MOWW Chapter's Area of Responsibility (AOR).
- 3. The development of mutual associations with ROTC/JROTC programs will provide the MOWW Chapter with an avenue for new membership.
- 4. Provide professional assistance in training military protocol and tradition.
- 5. Fundamental inter-generational sharing to benefit all involved. Invite PR/PAs and their Cadres to your meetings and allow the cross-generational conversation to occur. This is a great boost to both the Cadets interested in the Companion's military duty and it provides great, energetic exchange among the MOWW Companions.
- 6. Utilize the PR/PA expertise for Flag presentations, Massing of Colors ceremonies, Youth Leadership, and other Veterans programs.
- 7. PR/PAs represent the future of MOWW... cultivate the relationship!

#### **Methodology for Mutual Benefits**

- 1. Designate an operational Point of Contact between the MOWW and PRG (e.g., Chief Executive Officer PRG and Chairman MOWW/PRG Committee).
- 2. Exchange organizational representative(s) at each organization's National Convention when practical and at reasonable cost (e.g., Chairman or Vice Chairman PRG and CINC or Senior VCINC MOWW).
- 3. Jointly program and coordinate Color Guard participation from the PR/PAs and/or Blackjacks at annual MOWW and NATCON when Color Guards are requested and can be provided.

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- 4. PRG POC will ensure that the PRG is aware of the location and dates of MOWW NATCON, as soon as possible.
- 5. MOWW POC will ensure that the Host Chapter, when practical and at reasonable cost, programs for the Color Guard, requests its presence, arranges for accommodations and dinner at the CINCs Banquet.
- 6. Jointly work together to identify MOWW Companions who are also PR/PA Alumni and PR Alumni in the vicinity of MOWW Chapters.
- 7. Encourage, through edification and direction, PR/PA Alumni to become members of MOWW.
- 8. Encourage, through edification and direction, the affiliation of MOWW at-large Companions (i.e., BG Bultman Chapter)—with PR/PA Companies which may be in their areas.
- 9. Encourage, through edification and direction, the association of like-minded PR/PA Alumni (Commissioned Officers) and MOWW Companions in areas where they would have limited or no opportunity for association otherwise.
- 10. Encourage, through edification and direction, MOWW Companions and PR Alumni to provide support for local ROTC, JROTC, PR, Black Jacks, and PA.
- 11. Provide support for local Booster Clubs, organizations, or associations that already engage in similar support (e.g., JROTC Booster Club).
- 12. Provide leadership training, mentoring, and speakers.
- 13. Encourage, through edification and direction, MOWW Companions and PR/PA Alumni to work with ROTC Programs which do not have Pershing Rifles/Angels Companies on their campus to establish a new PR/PA Company for the leadership development (leadership lab) it offers.
- 14. Encourage, through edification and direction, MOWW Companions and PR/PA Alumni to work with JROTC Programs which do not have Blackjack Companies on their campus to establish a new BJ Company for the leadership development (leadership lab) it offers.

<u>Initials:</u>

MOWW: MAR

PRG: OMA

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