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Hats off to the General Meade Chapter and the Companions who made the recent National Convention in Bozeman, Montana, a resounding success! Selecting a remote location was a gamble but the people who got involved transformed the Bozeman General Staff meeting into a memorable occasion. Beautiful Montana responded with enthusiasm. I want to congratulate Brig Gen Art Morrill, our Chief of Staff, on his first convention and for modernizing the convention book for the participants. The Convention book is on line for those who could not attend. The booklet has been redone and standardized for future use.

I especially want to thank Immediate Past CINC Col Cliff Way for leading the Order through a challenging year. Working with a new Chief of Staff and facing recurring issues was daunting, but Cliff responded with amazing vigor and effectiveness. Cliff and his wife Jackie visited a large number of chapters, attended YLCs, supported ROTC and JROTC units, participated in MOCs, presented Boy Scout and Girl Scout awards and presided at numerous military ceremonies—all while maintaining a difficult travel schedule. Cliff also managed to keep his efforts linked to the Strategic Plan 2015, which he helped develop the previous year. In the coming year your national leadership team will be building on this framework while we focus on modernization of services and simplification of some applications for the chapters.



Outgoing CINC Col Clifford D. Way Jr., USAF (Ret) and his wife Jackie at the National Convention.
Source: Bill Korhely

we will concentrate on improving communications to chapters through Region Commanders, General Staff Officers and VCINCs.

The Order has the unique honor this fall of sponsoring a reception immediately following the Veterans Day Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. Senior Vice CINC Hall Worthington is the Chair of the National Veterans Day Reception Committee, which is planning the event. Every Companion is invited to attend and participate. The EXCOM and Companions throughout our Order will be assisting Hall—along with the chapters in the Region. We have the opportunity to showcase the MOWW on a national stage. Please accept my cordial invitation to participate and attend.

Last...thank you for permitting me to serve as your CINC for the 2011-2012 Operating Year. I promise you Beverly and I will do all we can "for the good of the Order." ★



L-R: General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., USMC, MOWW's 2011 Distinguished Service Award Recipient with CINC Capt Russell C. Vowinkel, USN (Ret).
Source: Bill Korhely

In this issue of the *Officer Review*® and subsequent issues, I will share the collective thinking that has shaped our goals for this coming year. Without going into too much detail, the Mission Accomplishment Plan will focus on assisting chapters, and helping to restore the health of those chapters that seem to be struggling. We will note the risk factors and then intervene to offer guidance and whatever help they request. Specifically I would like to see more chapters send students to YLCs, sponsor MOCs, present medals to outstanding ROTC cadets and submit articles to be published in the *Officer Review*®. Predicated on these focus points,



CINC Capt Russell Vowinkel outdoors with his wife Beverly during a quiet moment at MOWW's 2011 National Convention.
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CINC Vowinkel was commissioned as an Ensign in the US Navy in 1962 after completing Aviation Officer Candidate School in Pensacola (FL). Captain Vowinkel served on active duty from 1962-1967 and served in the Viet Nam War Theater of Operations as a Naval Flight Officer. Captain Vowinkel completed 28 years on Active and Naval Reserve duty during which he successfully served three command tours. In MOWW, Captain Vowinkel served as a chapter commander, a department commander, the Region XIV Treasurer, the Region XIV Vice Commander, an elected General Staff Officer, and National Information and Publicity Chair. At the 2008 National Convention, he was elected Vice Commander-in-Chief (VCINC) and last year was elected the Senior VCINC of the Order. Captain Vowinkel is married to Perpetual Member, Companion Beverly Vowinkel, and they are the parents of two sons, both former Army officers and US Military Academy graduates. CINC Vowinkel resides part-time in Northern Virginia and part-time in Southern California. Son Brian is a Perpetual Member of the Puget Sound Chapter and son Kyle is a Perpetual Member of the Leigh Wade Chapter.

SVCINC COL M. HALL WORTHINGTON, USA (RET); GEN MEADE CHAPTER (MD)



SVCINC Worthington graduated from Baltimore Polytechnic Institute and the Johns Hopkins University. He also holds a master degree from Central Michigan University, and is a graduate of the US Army Command & General Staff College, and the National Defense University. He joined the National Guard in 1953 and was commissioned in 1957 through Officer Candidate School. During his 35-year Army career, he served in the National Guard, the Reserves and on Active Duty, primarily in the Military Police. He has been a MOWW member for over 17 years, and has served as MOWW's VCINC, its Treasurer General, its Assistant Treasurer General, a General Staff Officer, a Region, Department and Chapter Commander, and a Chapter Vice Commander, Treasurer and Adjutant. He and his wife Mary have three children and two grandchildren.

VCINC LTC GARY O. ENGEN, USA (RET); AUGUSTA CHAPTER (GA)



VCINC Engen has a Bachelor of Science degree (Math) from North Georgia College and advanced degrees (Education/Computer Science) from Northern Illinois University. He was commissioned from Army ROTC in the Field Artillery in 1965 and enjoyed artillery and joint assignments during his 28 year career. His last assignment was as a Professor of Military Science at the University of Mississippi. After retiring, he headed the Lakeside High School JROTC (Evans, GA). He joined MOWW in 1994 at the Augusta Chapter where he was the Chapter Commander and is currently the chapter chairman of the Membership and Patriotic Education Committees, and the Director, Augusta YLC. He was a General Staff Officer at-large, and is the Chair, MOWW ROTC Committee.

VCINC CAPT JOHN M. HAYES, USAF (FORMER); DALLAS CHAPTER (TX)



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VCINC CAPT DEBORAH A. KASH, USAF (RET); SAN DIEGO CHAPTER (CA)



VCINC Kash is a graduate of the Texas Christian University's Harris College of Nursing and the AFROTC program there. She served at March AFB (CA) as the Infection Control Officer, and at the 609th Contingency Hospital, Zweibrücken (Germany) during OPERATION Desert Storm. VCINC Kash has been a Chapter Commander, the Commander, Department of Southern California, a General Staff Officer, the Chair, MOWW Chapter Activities and Awards Committee, and the Chair, MOWW Membership Committee. She is currently the Vice Chair, MOWW Membership Committee, and serves on the San Diego YLC Board of Directors.

VCINC JENNIE MCINTOSH, HPM; CPT GREVENBERG CHAPTER (LA)



VCINC McIntosh has held a variety of positions in the LTG Walker Chapter (MS), e.g., Chapter Public Relations, a Chapter Staff Officer, the Vice Commander and Commander of the LTG Walker Chapter (MS). She also served as Commander, CPT Grevenberg Chapter (LA), the Commander, Region VII, and the Region VII Treasurer. She is a member of the Homeland Defense Committee, and the Board of Directors, Youth Enrichment Foundation. She has served as a General Staff Officer and is an EXCOM member. She has participated in seven Youth Leadership Conferences in the past six years. Her Department of Defense experience includes service as a member of the Defense Orientation Conference Association, an organization sponsored by the US State Department and DoD.

Raising the Bar

The 2011 National Convention was held in Bozeman, Montana, and it was a great success by every measure—whether that measure was conducting business of the Order, providing educational forums, networking with Companions or just enjoying the very relaxed social atmosphere. With the support of the EXCOM, Past CINC's Bert Rice and Sam Wetzel, and the Gen Meade Chapter team, did an absolutely brilliant job in organizing a simply extraordinary national convention.



The approach to this year's convention schedule was different than was the case in past years, i.e., this enhanced approach and schedule has established the approach for future conventions. For one, the "work" hours of the convention were generally from 0800-1700. That gave attendees informal off-time to spend with family and guests attending the convention and seeing the local sights. Additionally, social activities (tours, dinners, etc.) were scheduled in a way that didn't cause them to overlap (conflict with) business sessions. The enhanced schedule also permitted conference attendees to hold spontaneous meetings on various issues concerning the business of the Order.

Importantly, for the first time in MOWW's history, the 2011 National Convention Book contained the annual reports of every National Officer, Region Commander, Committee and Council Chair, and more. This greatly facilitated programs and issues being understood and addressed in various meetings and seminars, but also in general session. Equally significant, for the first time the 2011 National Convention Book is available on MOWW's national website for every Companion in the Order.

The Order elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief CAPT Russell C. Vowinkel (San Diego Chapter, CA) as the Order's 81st Commander-in-Chief (CINC). The Order also elected VCINC COL M. Hall Worthington (Gen Meade Chapter, MD), as

the Senior Vice CINC. Additionally, the Order re-elected three Vice CINC's and elected one new Vice CINC. [Information about these Officers is elsewhere in this issue.]

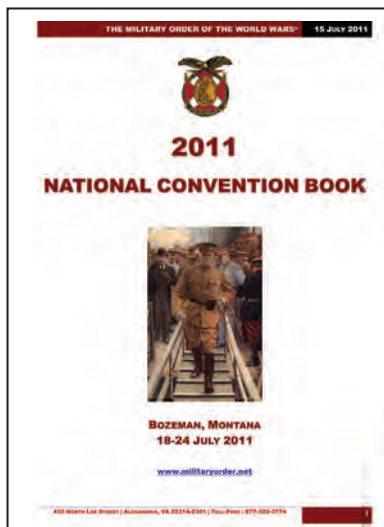
Outgoing CINC Col Clifford Way, Jr. (Dallas Chapter, TX), nominated and the General Staff (GS) approved, Colonel Frederick J. Graves (Bradenton-Sarasota Chapter, FL) as General Staff *Emeritus*. A complete list of the Order's new National Officers, the CINC's allocation of VCINC and GSO oversight roles, the Chairs and

Vice Chairs of the Order's standing and *ad hoc* national committees, and the Order's two councils are listed elsewhere in this issue. A full and updated national directory is on the streamlined national MOWW website.

Pre-convention activities began on Monday, 18 July 2011 with an enthusiastically-supported golf outing at the Cottonwood Golf Club and guided fly-fishing trips in Montana's beautiful streams. Throughout the day, final preparations for the National Convention kept many from the Gen Meade Chapter quite busy.

Tuesday, 19 July 2011, was a pre-convention day of increased activity. In addition to more fly fishing, attendees really got down to business. The day began with an EXCOM meeting, followed by meetings of the Budget, Chapter Activity & Awards and the National Security Committees, the Board of Trustees, the Youth Enrichment Foundation (YEF) Board meeting, and a very productive Council of Region Commanders meeting.

Wednesday, 20 July 2011, was a day of tours and fun. In addition to more fly fishing, the majority of Companions filled two large to tour buses and traveled to Yellowstone National Park where they saw "Old Faithful" and the stunning "Old Faithful Inn," but also gorgeous scenery at places such as Lake Yellowstone, the Hayden Valley, the upper and



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moose, buffalo and more. Other Companions participated in a tour of Bozeman, Montana, which included visiting the town itself, the Museum of the Rockies, the Pioneer Museum and the campus of Montana State University. The end of the day concluded with an exceptional CINC Welcome Reception, which was a casual dress chuck wagon buffet—and which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



lower falls of the Yellowstone River, the Norris Geyser Basin and Mammoth Hot Springs. Impressive wildlife abounded—including deer, elk,

On Thursday, 21 July 2011, the focus of the day was the business of the Order. The Council of Past CINCs Breakfast began the day, immediately

followed by the Law & Order and Homeland Security seminar. Next was the important Chapter Officers & New Attendees Orientation session. This vital session will be enhanced this coming year and will ultimately be put on the MOWW website for use by Companions throughout the year. Next came the Patriotic Education Committee (PEC) meeting. Of particular note is Committee Chair COL Dick Minor linked the committee's objectives to those in the MOWW Strategic Plan—something CINC Vowinkel asks that every committee, council and board chair do. This session was followed by the Financial Development and Chapter Activities & Awards seminars, and by a very productive Scouting workshop.

After a Hann-Buswell Chapter meeting, the afternoon's activities were focused on the national officer nominating process organized and led by PCINC LTG Sam Wetzel,



and followed by excellent candidate presentations by those running for national officer positions.

That evening Companions thoroughly enjoyed a dinner buffet and the performance of “The Ringling 5,” a group of ranchers who write their own songs perform them with western panache! A highlight during that performance was PCINC LTC David Titus getting up on stage and performing with the group!



Friday, 22 July 2011, marked the formal opening of the 2011 National Convention. Conference attendees were welcomed by the Mayor of Bozeman, Montana. After approving the 2010 Convention minutes,



CINC Way presented the National Membership Awards and Citations. These presentations were followed by end-of-year reports by CINC Col Way, CS Brig Gen Morrill, SVCINC CAPT Vowinkel, and VCINC COL Worthington, LTC Engen, Capt Hayes and HPM McIntosh. These were followed by reports from Board of Trustees and the Treasurer General.

President of the Board of Trustees CDR Art Judson reported on a very good year investment-wise, and Treasurer General LTC John Hollywood reported the Order operated in the black for the past year.

Next were the Budget, Policy-Planning, Membership, Patriotic Education, ROTC, Scouting, National Security, and Homeland Security Committee reports.

LTC Ruth Hamilton (Chair, Legislative & Resolutions Committee) then presented four proposed resolutions (i.e., “Ensuring National Security,” “100th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America,” “USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67) Relocation to Portland, Maine,” and “Cold War Service Medal.” All resolutions were approved, and are presented elsewhere in this issue. Next, the Youth Enrichment Foundation (YEF), Patriotic Education Foundation (PEF) and Nominating Committee reports were presented.



After approving the 2011-2012 MOWW Budget and all committee reports (see the 2011 National Convention Book), the National Convention and General Staff

Meeting was followed by the MOWW Awards Luncheon and National Security Seminar. The many awards recognized excellence in MOWW programs, newsletters, and key activity areas such as recruiting. The national security speaker, LTC Jeffrey F. Addicott, USA (Ret), presented his views on various terrorism issues. He is the Director of the Center for Terrorism Law at St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, Texas. That afternoon the

conference attendees departed for Virginia City Visit, the West's best-preserved 1860s gold mining town, where they



viewed the town's historic buildings and furnishings, and attended a melodrama and a vaudeville show in the town's Opera House.

Saturday, 23 July 2011, began with a heartfelt Memorial Service honoring departed Companions. Immediately following, the convention reconvened and the General Staff meeting was held. CINC-elect Vowinkel guided the session by announcing his Assistant National Officers, GSO, and committee appointments—including three *ad hoc* committees. These assignments are listed elsewhere in this issue.

That afternoon, while some convention attendees enjoyed a tour of Bozeman, Montana, others attended a number of very productive sessions. First was the ROTC/JROTC seminar, which provided a great deal of useful information for the coming year. Next was the Information & Publicity seminar, which was oriented to helping chapters market themselves during the coming year. The third was the very interactive Membership Seminar, during which Companions were highly engaged and shared many helpful suggestions with each other. The Policy-Planning and the Marketing Committees also met, providing much-needed information in these two vital areas.

That evening featured the CINC's Reception and MOWW's

Formal Banquet. During the reception, Gen and Mrs. Dunford met numerous attendees, who were struck by their easy-going manner.

During the banquet, the Phoenixian Essay Award winner, Ms. Ciara N. Ryan Todd, from the Texas Wesleyan University Youth Leadership Conference (TWU-YLC) was presented her award and a check for \$2,000. Her essay is elsewhere in this issue.

Gen Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., Assistant Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, was this year's Distinguished Service Award winner. [See the July 2011 issue of the *Officer Review* for his biography.] He provided a wide-ranging and candid presentation to banquet attendees, addressing Department of Defense, United States Marine Corps, and national security and budget issues. In doing so, he outlined their impacts on the Department of Defense in general and the United States Marine Corps in particular. He also provided very insightful thoughts on the way ahead. Finally, his praise of today's Marines and servicemen and service-women everywhere was both motivating and heartwarming. Equally heartwarming was his obvious respect of the role Veteran Service Organizations (VSO) play, highlighting MOWW in particular. The audience was clearly captivated.

The last portion of the Formal Banquet was the investiture of the 81st Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the World Wars, CAPT Russell C. Vowinkel, USN (Ret), and the newly-elected National Officers of the Order. PCINC LTC Alfred H. M. Shehab, USA (Ret) and PCINC CAPT R. M. "Rollie" Stevens, USN (Ret), presided.

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This dignified transfer of Order leadership was in keeping with the highest MOWW traditions.

The ceremony celebrated the leadership of PCINC Col Cliff Way while heralding the new leadership team led by CINC CAPT Russ Vowinkel. It was an uplifting conclusion to the 2011 MOWW National Convention and ushered in the new MOWW operating year on an extremely high note.

On Sunday, 24 July 2011, as most of the Companions prepared to head home, CINC CAPT Vowinkel and his senior leadership team got immediately to business during the Post-Convention EXCOM meeting. During that meeting, he

emphasized the team approach, highlighting key leadership challenges and motivating all to build on past successes and accomplishments by raising the bar throughout our great Order. At the same time, CINC CAPT Vowinkel was meeting with the EXCOM, his wife Beverly graciously hosted a California breakfast for the spouses and guests of the EXCOM members. All in all, it was an extraordinary convention.

As I close my first National Convention report, I must thank all Companions and family members who were so gracious to me as I served all of you as your Chief of Staff this past year. I look forward to seeing all of you in San Diego, California, for the 2012 National Convention (30 July to 6 August 2012)!



PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE 2011 NATIONAL CONVENTION

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Roadrunner Photo was proud to be your official photographer for the 2011 National Convention. Many Companions reviewed the beautiful display of photos in the hotel taken by Mr. Bill Korhely, "The Photo Guy." If you would like to order a specific photo or a compact disc of numerous photos from the 2011 National Convention, please contact Mr. Bill Korhely by email at roadrunnerphoto@cox.net or roadrunnerphoto@yahoo.com; by telephone at (480) 655-1115, or write him at 1836 N. Stapley Drive, Lot #1, Mesa, Arizona 85203-2671

MOWW || Phoenician Award Winner

Phoenician Award Essay Question

Should youth in the United States between the ages of 18 and 24 be required to perform either public/community service or military service for a minimum of two years? Why? Why not?



CIARA N. RYAN-TODD attends Rockwall-Heath High School.

She is on the varsity volleyball team and track team, earned Second-Team All-District Offensive Player of the Year, and was Academic All-District. During her senior year she was the All-Around Outstanding Player at the Lewisville Tournament and won the All-State Academic Achievement Award.

She is active in other school activities: Key Club, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Honor Society, National Society of High School Scholars. She also earned dual college credit at Eastfield College and earned the honor of graduating in the Distinguished Achievement Program. She has a 4.0 GPA.

PHOENICIAN AWARD-WINNING ESSAY

By Ciara N. Ryan-Todd

YLC-TWU (Texas Wesleyan University)

In the United States of America (USA); a land with so many rights and freedoms; no citizen should be required to take part in any activities outside their civic duty to follow the laws of the land.

The use of a constitutional federal republic style government is part of what makes the USA so strong and unique. This form of government was developed by those who believed that unalienable rights come from God, that everyone is free to pursue their own happiness, and that the citizens control the government; not vice versa. This is something that citizens in many other countries are denied and the reason why people emigrate to the USA every day.

The founding fathers knew too well the ways in which the state could tyrannize its people, and forcing its citizens to serve the government would be infringing on a basic liberty. Americans have the right to pursue happiness and if they do not want to participate in the military or in community service, they should not be required. Making such a commitment is a decision best left to the individual and it should be a decision made from the heart-- not from fear of punishment.

Forcing citizens to serve others can cause feelings of resentment in those opposed to serving. If serving others is not a person's own decision, it will show in their work. For example, in a recent human resources market research survey it was shown that people who were forced into community service did the absolute minimum required; however, those who had volunteered reported significantly higher levels of effort put in their service (United Way Campaign). I often hear the phrase, "There is nothing stronger than a volunteer." To me, this means that volunteers serve because they are passionate and dedicated to helping others. This passion is a large factor in the quality of work being done. Would it be better to have a few soldiers who possess the passion to serve versus having many soldiers with little or no desire to serve?

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MOWW || Adopted National Resolutions

☆ RESOLUTION ☆

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GIRL SCOUTS OF THE USA

WHEREAS, The Military Order of the World Wars, since its founding in 1919, has long regarded the Girl Scouts of the USA organization as supporting the Preamble of the Constitution of our Order; specifically, the Girl Scouts of the USA has exemplified several tenets of the Preamble, which states that we uphold to “inculcate and stimulate love of our Country and the Flag” and “promote and further patriotic education in our Nation;” and

WHEREAS, we regard our “Resolution of Cooperation” with the Girl Scouts of the USA and great opportunity to promote traditional family values to America’s youth, and continue to bring stability and strength to Scouting endeavors through assistance to Troops, Groups, and Councils in community projects, badge programs, and special recognition of Girl Scout Gold Award recipients; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts of the USA, founded in 1912, stands as a leader of our Nation’s heritage, wherein it has provided a youth movement based on principles of character, citizenship and fitness. The year, 2012, is an historic year for the Girl Scouts of the USA with its 100 years of achievement with our Nation’s youth;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that The Military Order of the World Wars in convention in Bozeman, Montana, 18-24 July 2011, recognizes the great and significant contributions the Girl Scouts of the USA have made to our Nation’s youth. We also congratulate them on this centennial anniversary, and we look forward to continuing a mutually beneficial relationship.

☆ RESOLUTION ☆

USS JFK (CV-67) RELOCATION TO PORTLAND, MAINE

WHEREAS, the Joshua L. Chamberlain Maine Chapter of The Military Order of the World Wars in a regular meeting, on 19 March 2011, voted to register its support for the relocation of the USS JFK (CV-67) aircraft carrier to Portland, Maine. (Casco Bay in Maine, on which Portland is located, was the home of the North Atlantic Fleet during World War II.) Acquiring this permanent berth would provide a floating museum for Northern New England honoring Military, Naval and Air Science, and those who served aboard the carrier; and

WHEREAS, this support would not incur any financial demands, directly or indirectly, on the part of The Military Order of the World Wars or the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, support of this action would foster the patriotic education of our Nation and would recognize past Military, Naval and Air Science, which would be in harmony with the Preamble of the Constitution of The Military Order of the World Wars, and would provide a Naval/Military Museum for the Northeast United States and the Atlantic Provinces of Canada. This concept will likely be supported by the Congressional Delegation and it would serve to bolster a political as well as an historical and economic benefit to the area;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that The Military Order of the World Wars, in convention, in Bozeman, Montana, 18-24 July 2011, supports this resolution to seek a permanent relocation of the USS JFK (CV-67) aircraft carrier to Portland, Maine, for use as a floating museum.

☆ RESOLUTION ☆

COLD WAR SERVICE MEDAL

WHEREAS, the Armed Forces of the United States of America were involved in a worldwide conflict recognized as “The Cold War” from 2 September 1945 until 26 December 1991, a period of time when United States service members and their families endured hardship, sacrifice, and perseverance, with some giving all. The individual and collective actions of the men and women of our Armed Forces resulted in the defeat of threats such as international communism and nuclear holocaust by the former Soviet Union and its allies; and

WHEREAS, these service members have never been recognized by a grateful Nation with a service medal decoration for their military sacrifices, yet the United States Senate has desired such recognition of these service members, with a medal decoration, beginning with the 105th Congress, and introduced bills eight times; and

WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives has likewise called for the recognition of these service members with a service medal decoration, since the 106th Congress, and introduced bills five times with a vote “for” in the House version of the Defense Act of Fiscal Year 2008; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Ms. Olympia Snowe, Senator from Maine, has introduced a Bill in the United States Senate, S. 402, “Cold War Service Medal Act of 2011,” which now rests in the Senate Committee on Armed Services;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that The Military Order of the World Wars, in convention in Bozeman, Montana, 18-24 July 2011, endorses these separate, complementary, and continual actions of the United States Senate and House of Representatives reflecting a strong will by the Members of Congress and fully supports S. 402 for favorable consideration, and that the Secretary of Defense direct the Services to design, authorize, and supervise the issuance of the “Cold War Service Medal” to the aforementioned members of our Armed Forces recognizing their honorable service and sacrifice.

☆ RESOLUTION ☆

ENSURING HOMELAND SECURITY

WHEREAS, our Nation remains vulnerable to major terrorist attacks by individuals and groups that have made public threats against the United States and are known to possess the means and have the resolve to carry out attacks; and

WHEREAS, secure borders, coastal areas, and ports are vital to protecting our citizenry, our commercial and economic livelihood, and indeed our way of life; and

WHEREAS, the current national economic situation will likely require across-the-board funding cuts that potentially can be detrimental to Homeland Security programs essential to defending our Nation from terrorism;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that The Military Order of the World Wars in convention in Bozeman, Montana, 18-24 July 2011, strongly supports programs that maximize protection and minimize vulnerabilities to our borders, ports, cargo, commerce, and population and urges Congress to have the political will to fully fund Homeland Security programs relating to border security.



2011 NATIONAL CONVENTION: *For the good of the Order, educational and fun*



Hann-Buswell Chapter provided the western buffet



The food was plentiful and appreciated



Camaraderie was enjoyed by all



National Security Speaker Companion LTC Addicott



Individuals, chapters and programs were honored



Col Hastings briefs on "Warriors & Quiet Waters"



The entertaining "Ringling 5" serenades the crowd



The famous "Singing Companions" join in



PCINC LTC David Titus adds to the fun



Gen Dunford, USMC, presented candid views



Ms. Ciara N. Ryan-Todd, Phoenixian Winner



CS Brig Gen Morrill receives the CINC's Award



PCINC Col Way receives MOWW award



CINC CAPT Vowinkel invested as the 81st CINC



Passing of the CINC leadership baton

MOWW || National Citation Recipients

Every Companion named has made a major contribution to the advancement of the patriotic ideals of MOWW. On recommendation of Region, Department and Chapter Commanders, each individual has been 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.

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MOWW || National Award Winners

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.

- **Winner:** General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., USMC; Assistant Commandant, United States Marine Corps (Washington, DC).

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 his responsibilities.

- **Winner:** Brig Gen Arthur B. Morrill III; BG Bultman Chapter (VA).

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. This year, the subject for the essay was "Should youth in the United States between the ages of 18 and 24 be required to perform either public/community service or military service for a minimum of 2 years? Why? Why not?"

- **2nd Runner-up: (\$500):** Hannah Hunt; Plano Senior High School, Plano, TX. YLC-TAMU (Texas A&M Univ); College Station, TX.
 - TAMU-YLC Director: LTC Don Munson, USA (Ret); Dallas Chapter, (TX).
 - Sponsor: National Sojourners, Inc., (North TX area).
- **1st Runner-Up (\$1,000):** Shelbi Smith; Garland High School, Garland, TX. YLC-LEX (USS Lexington); Corpus Christi, TX.
 - LEX-YLC Director: PCINC CAPT Rollie Stevens, USN (Ret); Corpus Christi Chapter, (TX).
 - Sponsor: Dallas Chapter, (TX).
- **Winner (\$2,000):** Ciara N. Ryan-Todd; Rockwall-Heath High School, Rockwall, TX. YLC-TWU (Texas Wesleyan Univ); Fort Worth, TX.
 - TWU-YLC Director: Maj David E. Wirsig, USMC (Ret); Pinson Memorial Chapter, (TX).
 - Sponsor: North Texas Chapter, (TX).

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION



Certificate of Appreciation for exceptional performance in organizing and executing the 2011 National MOWW Convention.

- General George G. Meade Chapter (MD).

CHAPTER ACTIVITY AWARDS

The Chapter Activity Awards are presented to the outstanding chapters in small, intermediate and large chapter categories. Small chapters have ≤49 current members. Intermediate chapters have 50-99 current members. Large chapters have 100+ current members.

- **Small Chapter:**
 - Winner: Fort Knox Chapter (KY).
- **Intermediate Chapter:**
 - 1st Runner-up: Topeka Chapter (KS).
 - Winner: Sun City Center Chapter (FL).
- **Large Chapter:**
 - 2nd Runner-up: Augusta Chapter (GA).
 - 1st Runner-up: El Paso Chapter (TX).
 - Winner: Dallas Chapter (TX).

CHAPTER COMMANDER & ADJUTANT AWARD

The Chapter Commander and Adjutant Award is presented to the Region with the highest percentage of chapter commanders and adjutants attending the annual National Convention. (The host region is excluded from this competition.)

- **Winner:** Region XIII (AZ, CO, NM, UT, WY, El Paso)

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.

- **Large Chapter:**
 - 1st Runner-Up: Dallas Chapter (TX).
 - Winner: Columbus Chapter (GA).

MOWW || National Award Winners

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.

- **Winner:** *El Paso Chapter (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:**
 - **Winner:** *Pinson Memorial Chapter, (TX).*
- **Large Chapter:**
 - **2nd Runner-up:** *General Critz Chapter (OK)*
 - **1st Runner-up:** *Augusta Chapter (GA)*
 - **Winner:** *El Paso Chapter (TX)*

INDIVIDUAL LAW & ORDER PROGRAM AWARDS

The Individual Law & Order Program Award recognizes outstanding individual performance in the public safety in the public safety field.

- **2nd Runner-Up:** *Sun City Security Patrol; Sun City Center Chapter (FL).*
- **1st Runner-Up:** *Patrol Officer Thomas Norman; Central Arkansas Chapter (AR).*
- **Winner:** *Firefighter Cameron Hutcherson; Augusta Chapter (GA).*

LAW & ORDER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

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

- **Winner:** *Supervisory Agent Bobby Garcia; Santa Cruz Chapter (AZ).*

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.

- **Winner:** *Firefighter Cameron Hutcherson; Augusta Chapter (GA).*

Note 1: This award's presentation is made at an appropriate local ceremony by the sponsoring chapter.

Note 2: All entrants will receive a certificate for their heroic and distinguished service.

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.

Awards are given in three Chapter Categories: Small (<50 current members), Intermediate (50-99 current members) and Large (100+ current members).

- **Small Chapter:**
 - **1st Runner-Up:** *North Texas Chapter (TX).*
 - **Winner:** *Harvey Latham Chapter (OR).*
- **Large Chapter:**
 - **2nd Runner-Up:** *Dallas Chapter (TX).*
 - **1st Runner-Up:** *El Paso Chapter (TX).*
 - **Winner:** *Augusta Chapter (GA).*

ROTC ANNUAL 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**
 - **1st Runner-Up:** *Mesilla Valley Chapter (AZ).*
 - **Winner:** *Gen Critz Chapter (OK).*
- **Category 2: Chapters supporting 13-23 ROTC units:**
 - **2nd Runner-Up:** *Apache Trail Chapter (AZ).*
 - **1st Runner-Up:** *Phoenix Chapter (AZ).*
 - **Winner:** *San Diego Chapter (CA).*
- **Category 3: Chapters supporting 24-31 ROTC units:**
 - **2nd Runner-Up:** *Central Arkansas Chapter (AR).*
 - **1st Runner-Up:** *El Paso Chapter (TX).*
 - **Winner:** *Augusta Chapter (GA).*
- **Category 4: Chapters supporting 32-50 ROTC units:**
 - **2nd Runner-Up:** *Richmond Chapter (VA).*
 - **1st Runner-Up:** *Denver Chapter (CO).*
 - **Winner:** *Puget Sound Chapter (WA).*
- **Category 5: Chapters supporting 50-64 ROTC units:**
 - **2nd Runner-Up:** *Memphis Chapter (TN).*
 - **1st Runner-Up:** *San Antonio Chapter (TX).*
 - **Winner:** *Dallas Chapter (TX).*
- **Category 6: Chapters supporting 65+ ROTC units:**
 - **2nd Runner-Up:** *Troy Middleton Chapter*
 - **1st Runner-Up:** *Columbia Chapter*
 - **Winner:** *Philadelphia Chapter*

MOWW || National Award Winners

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA “SQUARE KNOT” AWARD

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

- *Captain John M. Hayes;*
Dallas Chapter (TX).
- *Major Robert J. Williams;*
Fort Worth Chapter (TX).
- *LCDR Richard K. Belmore;*
North Texas Chapter (TX).
- *Lt Colonel Oren Lee Peters;*
Col Woods-Oklahoma City Chapter (OK).
- *Colonel Robert F. Schlegel, Jr.;*
Col Theodore Roosevelt Chapter (NY).
- *Companion James C. Baird, HPM;*
Joseph H. Pendleton Chapter (CA).

NATIONAL SCOUTING AWARD

The newly-established “National Scouting 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.

- *Winner: Major Robert J. Williams;*
Fort Worth Chapter (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 Place: Pinson Memorial Chapter (TX).*
 - *Winner: Fort Knox Chapter (KY).*
- *Intermediate Chapter: (50-100 current members).*
 - *2nd Place: Topeka Chapter (KS).*
 - *Winner: Sun City Center Chapter (FL).*
- *Large Chapter: (100+current members).*
 - *2nd Place: El Paso Chapter (TX).*
 - *Winner: Dallas Chapter (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 Place: Fort Knox Chapter (KY).*
 - *Winner: Pinson Memorial Chapter (TX).*
- *Intermediate Chapter: (50-100 current members)*
 - *3rd Place: Topeka Chapter (KS).*
 - *2nd Place: Sun City, Arizona, Chapter.*
 - *Winner: Sun City Center Chapter (FL).*
- *Large Chapter: (100+current members).*
 - *3rd Place: San Diego Chapter (CA).*
 - *2nd Place: Augusta Chapter (GA).*
 - *Winner: Dallas Chapter (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.

- *Honorable Mentions*
 - *3rd Honorable Mention: Capt W. Bruce Woody,*
Dallas Chapter (TX), December 2010 issue,
“Linebacker II.”
 - *2nd Honorable Mention: CAPT Richard H. Miller,*
Santa Fe Chapter (NM), November 2010 issue,
“Atomic Annie.”
 - *1st Honorable Mention: PCINC COL Jack B. Jones,*
Gen Vandenberg Chapter (CA), May 2011 issue,
“SSG Leo A. Dumouchelle, AUS: An Unforgettable Soldier.”
- *Writing Prizes*
 - *2nd Prize Award (\$1,000): Lt Col Thomas Gorham,*
BG Bultman Chapter (VA), May 2011 issue,
“Soldiers or Lumberjacks?”
 - *1st Prize Award (\$2,000): LTC Jeffrey F. Addicott,*
San Antonio Chapter (TX), April 2010 issue,
“Chronology and Legality of America Interrogation Techniques Against Al-Qúeda Detainees.”

MOWW || National Award Winners

SPECIAL RECOGNITION, OFFICER REVIEW®

This award recognizes continuing excellence in writing in the *Officer Review*®.

- **Winner:** *Surgeon General CPT (Dr) Robert F. Mallin, Phoenix Chapter (AZ), for:*
 - *His outstanding recurring monthly column, "Surgeon's Tent," and*
 - *His two feature articles, "Heavy-Duty Doctor" (January-February 2011 issue) and "We Stand on the Shoulders of Giants" (April 2011 issue).*

BRIG GEN HORACE W. PORT AWARD

The Brig Gen Horace W. Port Award is presented annually to the Region with the highest percentage of its National Staff Officers registered and in attendance at the annual National Convention.

- **Winner:** *Region XIII (AZ, CO, NM, UT, WY, El Paso)*

UNIT MEMBERSHIP AWARD

The National Unit Membership Award is awarded to promote recruiting and retention of membership within the Order by recognizing the chapter, department and region with the greatest percentage increase in current members. [Note: Chapters are excluded from competing for two years following their chartering date.]

- **Chapter Winner:** *Fort Huachuca (AZ), with an increase of 25 percent.*
- **Department Winner:** *Oklahoma Department, with an increase of 8 percent.*
- **Region Winner:** *Region XI (KS, MO, NE), with an increase of 3 percent.*

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING AWARD

The National Total Membership Recruitment Award is given to individual Companions who personally recruit the greatest number of new members of all membership categories during each operating year.

- **2nd Runner-Up (Tie):** *Col James D. Elmer (Central Arkansas AR) and COL Jack B. Jones (Gen Vandenberg Chapter CA), both with 15 new Companions recruited.*
- **1st Runner-Up:** *Brig Gen Arthur B. Morrill III (BG Bultman Chapter VA), with 16 new Companions recruited.*
- **Winner:** *COL Billie L. Stephens (Apache Trail Chapter AZ), with 24 new Companions recruited.*

PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING AWARD

The newly-established Perpetual Membership Recruitment Award is given to the individual Companions who personally recruit the greatest number of new Perpetual Members during each operating year.

- **2nd Runner-Up:** *CWO4 Allan R. Peschek (Puget Sound Chapter WA), with 4 new Perpetual Members recruited.*
- **1st Runner-Up:** *Maj Ryland Bailey (Richmond Chapter VA), with 6 new Perpetual Members recruited.*
- **Winner:** *Brig Gen Arthur B. Morrill III (BG Bultman Chapter VA), with 10 new Perpetual Members recruited.*





2011 NATIONAL CONVENTION: *For the good of the Order, educational and fun*





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COL VINCENT A. GEIGER, USA (RET), AWARDED THE *“Ordre national de la Légion d’honneur”*

BY COL ROBERT L. REESE, USA (RET)
 GEN RIDGWAY-PITTSBURGH (018), PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER



During a 13 August 2011 ceremony, Colonel Vincent A. Geiger, USA (Ret), former commander of the General Matthew B. Ridgway-Pittsburgh Chapter of MOWW was named a *Chevalier* (Knight) of the French Legion of Honor.

The Legion of Honor was created by Napoleon in 1802 to acknowledge services rendered to France by

persons of great merit and is the highest award France bestows. Jean-Dominique Le Garrec, Honorary Consul of France in Pittsburgh, presented the medal.

The President of the French Republic, Nicholas Sarkozy, signed the decree on 16 May 2011. The award testifies to President Sarkozy’s high esteem for COL Geiger’s merits and accomplishments during World War II. In particular, it is a sign of France’s true and unforgettable gratitude and appreciation for COL Geiger’s and others’ personal contributions to the United States’ decisive role in the liberation of France during World War II.



COL Geiger is also the recipient of the Silver Star for gallantry in action when an element of Company “I,” 377th, 95th Infantry Division was halted by heavy German machine gun fire near Maizures-les-Metz. Captain Geiger unhesitatingly moved to within pistol range of the German emplacement. Ignoring the sweeping enemy fire, he killed one German with small arms fire

and took nine prisoners. Later during the attack at Metz he assumed command of Company “I” at a time when fanatical opposition had caused heavy casualties. Reorganizing the company, he pressed the assault vigorously, personally leading his company in the seizure of 150 prisoners.

Sharing in his honor were members of his MOWW chapter and members of his American Legion Post, together with family members and friends. ★

National Order of the Legion of Honor (Ordre national de la Légion d’honneur)

The Legion of Honour, i.e., the National Order of the Legion of Honour (French: *Ordre national de la Légion d’honneur*) is a French order established by Napoleon Bonaparte, First Consul of the First Republic, on 19 May 1802. The Order is the highest decoration in France and is divided into five various degrees: *Chevalier* (Knight), *Officier* (Officer), *Commandeur* (Commander), *Grand Officier* (Grand Officer) and *Grand Croix* (Grand Cross).

In the French Revolution all French orders of chivalry were abolished. It was the wish of Napoleon Bonaparte, the First Consul and *de facto* sole ruler, to create a reward to commend civilians and soldiers and from this wish was instituted a *Légion d’Honneur*, which was a recognition of merit.

Napoleon, as emperor, always wore the cross and Grand Eagle of the *Légion d’Honneur*. The *Légion* was loosely patterned after a Roman Legion, with legionaries, officers, commanders, regional “cohorts” and a grand council.

The order was the first modern order of merit. The orders of the monarchy were often limited to Roman Catholics and all knights had to be noblemen. The military decorations were the perks of the officers. The *Légion*, however, was open to men of all ranks and professions. Only merit or bravery counted. The new legionnaire had to be sworn in the *Légion*.



Above left: COL Vincent Geiger and Christy Fier after being made knights of the Legion of Honor. Center: Jean-Dominique Le Garrec, honorary consul of France in Pittsburgh pins the medal on COL Geiger. Right: Chapter Companions and friends gather around COL Geiger to congratulate him.

MOWW || Chief's Notes

By Brig Gen Arthur B. Morrill III, USAF (Ret)
MOWW Chief of Staff, and Editor-in-Chief, *Officer Review*®



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MOWW Tax Certification

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VICE CINCS AND COMMANDERS AT ALL LEVELS

CINC Vowinkel asks that all Companions ensure timely compliance with the US tax filing and MOWW tax certification deadlines above.

Chapter Commanders & Adjutants



Please review the chapter transaction report that Headquarters MOWW individually sends to you each month.

Please also share it with other Companions of the chapter as needed, e.g., chapter committee chairs.

This is an invaluable tool to be used every month to keep chapter Companions abreast of the current status of chapter members.

EXCOM & Region Commanders



In the future, monthly Region Reports will be emailed to all EXCOM members and Region Commanders. This change becomes effective with the 31 July 2011 report. This will allow HQ MOWW to quickly get key information out to Region Commanders, but will not result in internal MOWW information being hosted on the public MOWW website.

Terminology Changes

"Current Members" replaces the term "Living Members." This change will reduce confusion that current terminology creates in minds of potential members, etc. Future MOWW reports, etc., will reflect this new terminology.

"National Chartering Partners" are what result from Resolutions of Cooperation. For example, the Girls Scouts of the USA are "national chartering partners" due to the Resolution of Cooperation between MOWW and GS-USA. This terminology is important, for example, in that it signals to the local GS-USA councils that partnering with the local MOWW chapter is the intent of the Girl Scout's national headquarters.

Thanks

For A Great National Convention!

MOWW's Major General George Gordon Meade Chapter outdid itself in hosting a terrific 2011 National Convention. Beautiful locale, terrific speakers, comprehensive agenda, fun social activities, a great educational experience, a friendly local population and a wonderful opportunity for Companions to reconnect.

Next year, the 2012 National Convention will be held in San Diego, California, from 30 July–6 August 2012. *Be there!*



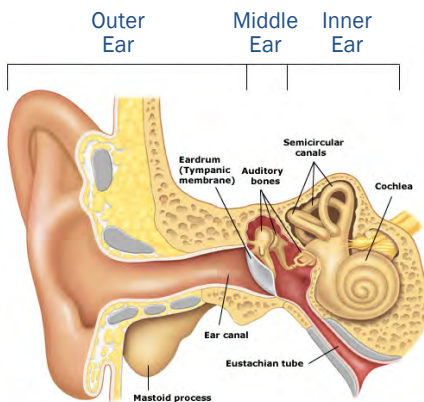
MOWW || Surgeon's Tent



"What'd You Say?"

BY CPT (DR) ROBERT E. MALLIN, USA (FORMER)
COL WILLIAM E. FIELDS (209), NEW MEXICO CHAPTER

One in 10 Americans has a hearing loss that affects their ability to understand normal speech. Age-related hearing loss, the most common cause of this condition, is more prevalent than hearing loss caused by excessive noise exposure. High fevers (e.g., the really high ones such as those that accompany meningitis) can result in permanent hearing loss. In fact, high fevers account for about 1,200-1,800 cases of hearing loss in the US each year.



To better avoid hearing loss, one needs to know a bit about the ear. The ear actually has three main parts: the outer, middle, and inner ears. The outer ear (the part you can see) opens into the ear canal. The eardrum separates the ear canal from the middle ear. Small bones in the middle ear help transfer sound vibrations to the inner ear. Here, the vibrations become nerve impulses, which the brain interprets as music, a slamming door, a voice, etc.

When noise is too loud, it begins to kill the nerve endings in the inner ear. As the number of nerve endings decreases, so does your hearing. There is no way to restore life to dead nerve endings. The damage is permanent. The longer you are exposed to a loud noise, the more damaging

it may be. Also, the closer you are to the source of intense noise, the more damaging it is.

Exposure to "everyday noises" can damage hearing, e.g., high-decibel noises from traffic, power lawn motors, hair dryers (85-90) and loud music (110). In fact, ambulance sirens (at 120 decibels) can cause injury, while watching jets take off and being near rocket launches without hearing protection (140-180) can cause pain. The good news is such hearing loss is avoidable. Check the industrial noises levels to which you are exposed. Testing can show the kind of damage that is present, e.g., nerve damage, and vibrating or bone conduction damage. Treatment varies with causes and degree of loss.

Some medications may contribute to hearing loss (or equilibrium issues). Ask your doctor about the antibiotics you are taking. (Gentamicin and certain chemotherapeutic agents are culprits. These aminoglycosides are toxic to the sensory cells of the ear, but they vary greatly in their relative effects on hearing versus balance.) Tinnitus (i.e., ringing in the ears) can be caused by aspirin and anti-inflammatory drugs, or just getting older. Recently, I asked an ENT doctor about the over-the-counter Tinnitus "cures." He said, "Don't you think we'd let you know if any of them worked and if there was an easy way to cure this annoyance?" Good point.

Doctors believe that heredity and chronic exposure to loud noises are the main factors that contribute to hearing loss over time. Other factors, such as earwax blockage, can also prevent your ears from conducting sounds as well as they should. Hearing loss treatments range from removing wax build-up or middle ear fluid collections in so-called conductive loss to various kinds of hearing aids to amplify sounds. An

implant to the Cochlear for severe hearing loss is also possible. Ear plugs, other ear protection and sound-dampening headphones may help as well.

While ten percent of Americans experience hearing loss, the gradual hearing loss that occurs as a person ages (presbycusis) is common. According to the National Institutes of Health, approximately one-third of Americans between the ages of 65 and 75, and close to one-half of those older than 75, have some degree of hearing loss.

The key to protecting your hearing is having regular examinations and testing by your medical practitioners, and avoiding loud or prolonged noise. Early detection of a minor hearing loss is more easily treated. As a rule of thumb, if you can carry on a normal conversation without difficulty your hearing is likely adequate. Where noise cannot be avoided, use hearing protection. Additionally, there are a number tips to enhance hearing, e.g., look at the speaker, choose a quiet place to talk and have a one-on-one conversations. Looking at the speaker positions the Pinna (collecting outer ear shell) in a better position to hear and enables you to lip read at the same time.

The bottom line: See your doctor as soon as you notice any loss in hearing—and ask questions and read labels! ★



CPT (Dr.) Robert E. Mallin, USA (Former) is a graduate of Adelphi University and New York Medical College. He is certified with the American Board of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. In private practice from 1975-94, he was the Alaskan State Physician of the Year. While in the US Army (1966-1968) he earned a Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Air Medal, and a Combat Medical Badge.

MOWW || Chapters in Action



|| GENERAL LEIGH WADE (020), WASHINGTON, DC

DC Chapter Helps Kick-off the 2011 National Memorial Day Parade

BY COL STANLEY J. WHIDDEN, USA (RET)

The 2011 National Memorial Day Parade paid tribute to the pride, sacrifice and service of America's veterans with a lineup of veterans units, marching bands and patriotic floats. The time-honored procession travelled down the center of Constitution Avenue in Washington, DC, on Monday, May 30.

The parade opened with a 300-voice Memorial Day Festival Chorus singing "God Bless America" followed by the Metropolitan Police Lead Car and Motor "V," followed by parade sponsors, Chesapeake Caledonian Pipes and Drums, a Riderless Horse (in honor of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice), the United States Joint Service Color Guard, the Quantico Marine Corps Band, marching units from the United States Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard, 3rd US Infantry Regiment ("Old Guard") Fife And Drum Corps, and this year's Grand Marshal, Pat Sajak (US Army 1968-1970).

The theme of the 2011 National Memorial Day Parade was "A Very Special Tribute in Memory of the Fallen of September 11, 2001, As We Approach the 10th Anniversary of the Attacks." This contingent included first responders, rescue workers and family members from: New York City, NY (The World Trade Center); Shanksville, PA (Flight 93); Arlington, VA (The Pentagon); and members of the pre-commissioning crew of the USS Arlington (LPD-24). "We Will Not Forget—A tribute to the United States Special Operations Community" featured MOWW Companion and Honorary Marshal Major General Victor J. Hugo, USA (Ret), with an honor guard and float featuring Chapter Companions.



Top: Companions of the Leigh-Wade Chapter wave from the float. Left: Honorary Marshal MG Victor J. Hugo, Jr., USA (Ret), accompanied by Mrs. Thuy Hugo, at the 2011 National Memorial Day Parade.

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|| REGION X (IL, IN, IA, MI, MO, WI)

Silver Patrick Henry Awarded

MAJ RONALD W. JONES, USA (RET)

In December, Region X Commander MAJ Ronald W. Jones, USA (Ret), recognized CMSgt Thomas Williams, USAF (Ret), by presenting him with an MOWW Silver Patrick Henry Medallion and Citation. CMSgt Thomas Williams is a Senior Enlisted Air Science Instructor, AFJROTC/MO-851, Gateway Institute of Technology. He has been an athletic coach, military science educator and role model for thousands of young men and women over the past 22-years.

Additionally, he also found time to coordinate the many details involved in presenting the Massing of the Colors.

L-R: MAJ Jones, Region XI Commander presented CMSgt Thomas Williams with MOWW's Silver Patrick Henry.



|| SUN CITY CENTER (226), FLORIDA

ROTC Recognition

LT COL FRANK ZAHROBSKY, USAF (RET)

MOWW Companion Lt Col James Warchol presented MOWW ROTC medals to University of Tampa ROTC students. The presentation was held at the Department of the Army Headquarters, Sixth Brigade, US Army Cadet Command, at the Spartan Battalion Awards ceremony.

L-R: Cadet Nicolas Pine, a sophomore, who received the Silver MS-II medal; Lt Col Warchol; Cadet Timothy Coe, a junior, who received the Gold MS-III medal; and Cadet Melanie Hindley, a freshman, who received the Bronze MS-I medal.



|| WILMINGTON (137), DELAWARE

MOWW Plaque Presentation

BY MG JOSEPH LANK, USA (RET)



On Flag Day, 14 June 2011, the "Bicentennial Chapter," Wilmington, Delaware presented a plaque with the Order's crest to the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Millsboro, Delaware. The plaque joins those of other veterans organizations represented on the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs. The presentation was part of a patriotic ceremony honoring the flag and all veterans. This placement of the MOWW plaque was the culmination of a project to honor our veterans at the Delaware Veterans Home in Milford, Delaware, and the two state Veterans cemeteries.

Photo Top: Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Millsboro, DE; Photo Center (L-R): JR Vice Chapter Commander Maj Tom Kelly, USMC (Ret) and Mr. Gregory Bee, Cemetery Administrator; Inset: MOWW plaque in place at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

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|| APACHE TRAIL (207), ARIZONA

Arizona Governor Inducts Companion into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame

BY CW3 MARVIN MURRAY, JR., USA (RET)

Arizona Governor Janice K. Brewer presented the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Medal and Certificate to inductee COL H. Webb Ellis, USA (Ret), at a ceremony held on October 29, 2010. Director Joey Strickland, head the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services, looks on.



|| ROANOKE (032), VIRGINIA

Chapter Dedicates Vinton Veterans Monument

BY CDR JOHN A. BAUMGARTEN, USN (RET)

On 14 June 2011, the Vinton Vision Committee and the Roanoke Chapter held a dedication ceremony for the recently-completed Vinton Veterans Monument. Capt Norman J. Jasper Jr., USMC (Former), Commander of the Roanoke Chapter, has been a driving force behind the creation of this memorial. The inscription encircling the lintels overhead reads: *"Here Pause Awhile, To Bless Their Sleep, Who Fell In War, To Save Our Peace, Then Go Renewed, And Build The Lives, They Lost For You, In God We Trust."* For more information see www.vrcveteransmonument.org



|| CLEARWATER (136), FLORIDA

JROTC Awards Night at Dixie Hollins High School, St. Petersburg, FL

BY LTC DAVID MASON, USA (RET)

Former Chapter Commander LTC Currie Patton, USA (Ret) represented the Clearwater Chapter in a presentation of MOWW Medals and JROTC Certificates to cadets attending Dixie Hollins High School. Their Army JROTC Awards Night was held on April 29, 2011,

L-R: Luis Santiago (Medal and Certificate), Alisha Marrero (Patrick Henry Medal), LTC Patton, USA (Ret), Adam Lovell (Certificate), Quinn Reed (Certificate), Isabel Schweinsberg (Certificate).

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COLUMBUS (052), GEORGIA

District JROTC Recipient

BY CPT LEO GOODSSELL, USA (RET)

1stLt Don Dakin, USMC, presented the Chapter's District JROTC Award to Cadet CPL Maria Mills. CPL Mills attends William Henry Shaw High School, in Columbus, GA. Cadet Mills received her award at a ceremony held on April 29, 2011.



GREATER KANSAS CITY (087), MISSOURI

Companions Focus on the Order

BY COL JIM TOBIN, USA (RES)

Companions Pat and Colonel Jim Snyder hosted a Region X meeting at their home on June 18, 2011, where they also hosted an overnight visit from then-CINC Col Clifford Way, Jr., USAF (Ret) and his wife, Jackie. This was a very comprehensive meeting, sprinkled with generous helpings of guidance from the CINC.



SAN DIEGO (100), CALIFORNIA

JROTC Cadets Have Outstanding Trip to Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge and Washington, DC

BY CAPT DEBBIE KASH, USAF (RET)

Eight cadets were selected by the San Diego Chapter to attend the Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) at Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, PA. During the three-day conference high school students interact with experts on citizenship, democracy, the free enterprise system, the judicial system, and the American political process. The entire group of cadets from San Diego distinguished themselves in the program at Freedoms Foundation. The annual program includes a return stop in Washington, DC. In Washington, the group was able to get a personal tour of the Pentagon and meet with their legislators on Capitol Hill. While visiting the Army Chief of Staff office, they met Army Vice Chief of Staff, General Peter Chiarelli, who presented each cadet a Vice Chief 4-star coin. The cadets also met the Sergeant Major of the Army Raymond Chandler.

Top: San Diego cadets at the US Capitol, and below, with Senator Feinstein of California. L-R: Christopher Reyes, Thang Hin, Samantha Nguyen, Jennifer Doan, Senator Feinstein, Joanna Ibay, Jenny Chan, Bryan Salinas, and Darius Pinckney.

2011 || Companion Update

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LTC Mitchell C. Sivas (A) *
(Long III, H. LTC)
2LT Lorrena Roeder (A) *
(Engen, G. LTC)

BG BULTMAN VA

CPT Al Boyce Harley (A)
(Morrill, A. Brig Gen)
BG Gustave F. Perna (A) *
(Morrill, A. Brig Gen)
BG Kenneth D. Jones (A)
(Morrill, A. Brig Gen)

CENTRAL AR

2nd Lt Ty J. Hunton (AF)
(Elmer, J. Col)
2LT Douglas Raymond (A)
(Elmer, J. Col)
2LT Elise Raymond (A)
(Elmer, J. Col)
2LT Alex K. Turpin (A)
(Elmer, J. Col)
2LT David L. Beavers
(Elmer, J. Col)
2LT Joshua H. Gillum (A)
(Elmer, J. Col)

2LT James E. Harlin (A)
(Elmer, J. Col)
2LT Kyle W. Jaques (A)
(Elmer, J. Col)
2LT Stephen U. Mouton (AF)
(Elmer, J. Col)
2LT Christopher L. Siebert (A)
(Elmer, J. Col)
Lt Col Terry R. Miller (AF)
(Elmer, J. Col)

COL GEORGE C. WOOLSEY CA

1LT Larry Crandell (A)
(Blankenship, J. LT)

CPT GREVEMBERG LA

CDR Walter T. Herrmann (N)
(Roberts, L. Maj)

DALLAS TX

1st Lt James E. Willis (AF)
(Hayes, J. CPT)

FORT KNOX KY

COL Wendell A. Robinson (A) *
(Herzog, L. COL)

GEN GEORGE G. MEADE MD

Lt Col George E. Matthews (AF)
(Rice, B. COL)
John S. Hollywood
(Hollywood, J. LTC)

GEN VANDENBERG CA

2LT Mark W. Anderson (A)
(Jones, J. COL)

2LT Connor Collins (A)
(Jones, J. COL)
2LT Dean DeSmet (A)
(Jones, J. COL)
2LT Christopher R. Downey (A)
(Jones, J. COL)
2LT Nick H. Estrada (A)
(Jones, J. COL)
2LT Christopher J. Gallagher (A)
(Jones, J. COL)
2LT Stuart Howard-Smith (A)
(Jones, J. COL)
2LT Nicholas B. Irwin (A)
(Jones, J. COL)
2LT Janet Trenton (A)
(Jones, J. COL)
2LT Timothy Nicluze (A)
(Jones, J. COL)

GEN WADE DC

CPT Kyle R. Vowinkel (A) *
(Vowinkel, R. CAPT)

GREATER BOSTON MA

LT Malcolm T. Hill, Jr. (N)
(Davenport, R. MajGen)
LTC Kevin M. Upton (A)
(Gillen, R. CDR)

HANN-BUSWELL MEMORIAL

CDR John A. Baumgarten (N) *
(Hollywood, J. LTC)

MG WHEELER-HUNTSVILLE AL

Maj Edward L. Morfenski (AF)
(Chabot, B. COL)
COL Michael W. Hodge (A)
(Roddy, M. COL)

NORTH TX

Deborah R. Thompson
(Lopez III, J. CDR)

PHILADELPHIA PA

CW4 Wayne Henderson (A)
(Magill, W. MAJ)

PUERTO RICO

COL Charles W. Hall (A)
(Figueroa, J. COL)
LTC Nelson Del Valle (A)
(Alvarez, J. COL)
Maj William Raimundi (AF)
(Alvarez, J. COL)
MAJ Eva Torres-Colon (A)
(Mas, J. LTC)
COL Gervasio Ortiz Lopez (A)
(Alvarez, J. COL)

SPACE COAST-INDIAN RIVER FL

CAPT William R. Riedel (CG)
(Adams, H. LTC)

TOPEKA KS

1LT James H. Allen Jr (A) *
(Jacka, D. MG)

Taps

RANK/NAME (SERVICE)

BG BULTMAN VA

CDR John J. Marchi (N) *

CHARLOTTE NC

LT Josephine H. Montucri (A) *

COL GEORGE C. WOOLSEY CA

CA LT Paul D. Fritz (CG) *
LTC Edwin D. Moore (A)

COLUMBIA SC

Lt Col Ruth K. Sidisin (AF) *
COL Paul W. Simpson (A) *

DALLAS TX

PCINC Col John L. Lawler (AF) *

FORT WORTH TX

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HANN-BUSWELL MEMORIAL

PCINC Col John L. Lawler (AF) *
LT Paul D. Fritz (CG) *

HILL COUNTRY TX

Maj O. Kepler Johnson Jr (MC) *

LTG JOHN M WRIGHT JR CA

Douglas C. Smith (H) *

PUERTO RICO

Irma C. Irizarry (H) *
COL Pedro J. Bras (A) *

REGION 8 HQS TX

PCINC Col John L. Lawler (AF) *

SAN ANTONIO TX

COL Donald T. Betz (A) *
COL James Braafladt (A) *
LTC Gregory B. Dickerson (A) *
MAJ Charles G. Orsinger (A) *
CPT Charles Scheffel (A) *

SAN DIEGO CA

Col Quentin C. Stokes (AF) *

SUN CITIES AZ

1LT Helen M. Brown (A) *

VIRGINIA PIEDMONT VA

COL Donald M. Boyd (A) *
CAPT William H. Barney (N)

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Remembering...



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The Preamble

To cherish the memories and associations of the World Wars waged for humanity;

To inculcate and stimulate love of our country and flag;

To promote and further patriotic education in our Nation;

Ever to maintain law and order, and to defend the honor, integrity, and supremacy of our National government and the Constitution of the United States;

To foster fraternal relations among all branches of the Armed Forces;

To promote the cultivation of military, naval, and air science and the adoption of a consistent and suitable policy of National security for the United States of America;

To acquire and preserve records of individual services;

To encourage and assist in the holding of commemorations and the establishment of memorials of the World Wars;

And to transmit all these ideals to posterity; under God and for our country, we unite to establish

The Military Order of the World Wars.

MOWW || VA: Have You Heard?



VA Approves Sarasota National Cemetery Enhancement

The Department of Veterans Affairs, National Cemetery Administration has approved the design of a \$5.5 million ceremonial enhancement area at Sarasota National Cemetery. The Patterson Foundation is funding the enhancement to be used for ceremonies and celebrations.



When complete, the nearly two-acre enhancement area will provide space for ceremonies and celebrations held at the Cemetery.

"This is the first time a private foundation is funding such a ceremonial enhancement," said Debra Jacobs, President and CEO of The Patterson Foundation. In January 2010, The Patterson Foundation announced a military initiative, benefiting Sarasota National cemetery. "This special gift will provide veterans and their families with a first-class facility and serve as a lasting legacy of the Patterson family's military heritage," added US Rep. Vern Buchanan, who spoke at the announcement event. "I applaud The Patterson Foundation and the VA for working together on this innovative project to honor area veterans."

Bill Introduced to Improve Security at VA Medical Centers

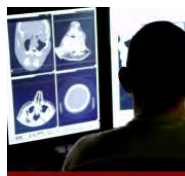


US Reps. Tom Rooney (FL-16) and Ted Deutch (FL-19) recently introduced legislation to enhance security at Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers by standardizing active shooter training for law enforcement personnel tasked with facility security.

The Rooney Bill directs the VA Secretary to develop policies to ensure that law enforcement officers at VA medical centers receive active shooter training consistent with the training programs established by civilian police agencies outside the centers. The legislation follows recommendations in the Department of Defense Document titled, "Protecting the Force: Lessons from Fort Hood."

"Right now, there are no standardized programs to train VA security personnel to deal with an active shooter situation. This bill addresses that security gap by requiring law enforcement officers at VA medical centers to be trained in an active shooter situation to find the shooter, engage them, and end the shooting," Rooney said. "Medical facilities, which are ill-equipped to deal with an attack, are especially vulnerable, and VA hospitals are a prime target for violence since they are dedicated to the care of our men and women who have served overseas."

DoD Re-evaluating Retirement Determinations for Some Veterans



The DoD Physical Disability Board of Review (PDBR) is re-evaluating Medical Evaluation Board (MEB) and Physical Evaluation Board (PEB) disability ratings

for some veterans medically separated between September 11, 2001, and December 31, 2009, to ensure a correct disability retirement determination was made.

Veterans who received a combined disability rating of 20 percent or less and were not found eligible for retirement can apply to have their MEB/PEB disability rating reviewed for fairness, consistency, and accuracy. Former reserve members with greater than 20 years of total federal military service but fewer than 20 years of active duty, who meet the above criteria, are also eligible to apply. In more than half of the cases reviewed by the PDBR (as of April 2011), the applicant's Military Service Department has found the applicant eligible for a disability retirement and has awarded this to the applicant. For more information about the PDBR and how to apply go to www.health.mil/About_MHS/Organizations/MHS_Offices_and_Programs/PDBR.aspx. Questions on the PDBR can be sent to PDBRPA@afncr.af.mil.

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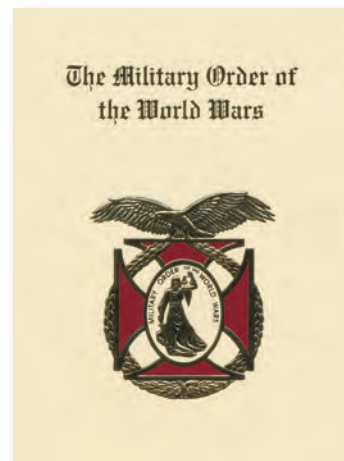


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