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Article 1.

Section 1. All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

Section 2. The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People in each State. The Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature. No Person shall be a Representative who shall not have attained to the Age of twenty five Years, and been seven Years and who shall not, when elected, be an Inhabitant of that State in which he shall be chosen.

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Why We Are Companions ...

Why We Are Companions ... The Military Order of the World Wars is one of our nation's oldest Congressionally Chartered Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) founded by officers who served under General John J. "Blackjack" Pershing during the "Great War."

When one serves in the military, there is a special bond that develops with our fellow comrades like no other, with those we served with, fought with, and shared the same core values of promoting and ensuring "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" through protecting and defending our revered *Constitution of the United States*, as well as that very special *American Flag* which will always be the enduring banner of this great nation. Those that founded our Order in 1919 understood that, and firmly believed it was not only their calling to continue serving as General Pershing requested, but to retain that same bond of camaraderie and purpose which was so dear to them and represented who they were as Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines.

Throughout the country, there are over 100 VA-recognized, national VSOs: so what makes MOWW so different? It's people; their bonds; their kinship; their lifelong commitment to service and to each other; and being part of something greater than ourselves. We are truly lifetime brothers and sisters, which is why we are *Companions* in our *Order*, reflecting a sense that as MOWW members committed to our mission, we are part of a special relationship in a special organization that provides a seamless overlap with our military service and roots. This is what those who founded MOWW set out to create, and for 106 years our Companions have perpetuated this storied heritage.

I was honored when I was asked back in 2011 to become a Companion of the Order: as a JROTC instructor, I was specifically drawn to the Order's *Youth Leadership and Patriotic Education* mission. My sponsor, HPM Tom Hansen, along with co-sponsor PM COL Fred Darley, educated me on the rich heritage of the Order and what it meant to be a Companion; consequently, MOWW became a significant component of who I was as a person, embracing the value-proposition that the Order represented which preserved the core values those in two World Wars fought for, values I was imparting to my students, values our Order continues to articulate to the youth of today.

When you ask a veteran to become a Companion of our Order, emphasize the values that are so eloquently stated in our beloved *Preamble*: it defines how we serve as Companions and what we represent, underlying that *It Is Nobler To Serve Than To Be Served*. It is through this inspiration that our fellow veterans will want to become a part of our organization; consequently, it is essential we embrace our *Preamble*, articulate it, live it, and enthusiastically promote it.

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Originalism: Protecting the Founding Father's Constitution

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"I will appoint . . . justices who will interpret the Constitution the way the founders wanted it interpreted."¹

—Donald J. Trump

Great nations are neither created nor sustained by accident. With the 250th anniversary of the United States of America a mere year away, it is entirely appropriate to not only celebrate the republic but to recall to mind the genius of the Founding Fathers who drafted and set out in writing the core blessings of our freedoms in the Constitution and the critical role played by the many originalist judges in protecting those freedoms. While the American story is far from perfect, the vision of living in a country where individuals can exercise their God given rights to life, liberty, and property has successfully passed from one generation of Americans to the next due in large measure to the commitment of originalist judges using their lawful Article III powers to interpret the Constitution based on what the Founder's meant, disregarding the siren song of "reimagining" the text to suit various political or social agendas. In direct contrast to originalist judges, progressive judges believe that the Constitution is a living, breathing document that should evolve with the so-called modern times.

Because the Supreme Court wields such tremendous power to shape (or reshape) the nation and the culture simply by defining the language of the Constitution, particularly the Bill of Rights, there exists a never-ending fight for securing an ideological majority on the Supreme Court by both political parties. Accordingly, it is entirely appropriate to define the differences between the two types of judges. In short, only originalist judges are dedicated to preserving the intent of the Founding Fathers.

On the face of things, everyone would agree with Chief Justice John Roberts's remarks given at the University of Minnesota—just after Justice Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation in 2018—that judges "are to interpret the Constitution and laws of the United States . . . [with] independence from the political branches."² Still, it is blatantly obvious to even the most casual observer that judges do in fact have distinct ideological positions that influence them.

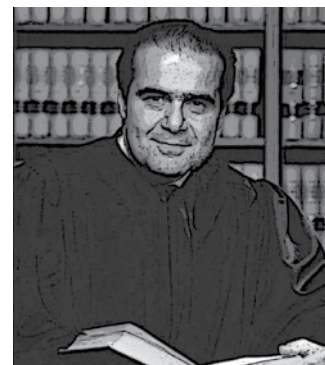
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“What secret knowledge, one must wonder, is breathed into lawyers when they become Justices of this Court, that enables them to discern that a practice which the text of the Constitution does not clearly proscribe, and which our people have regarded as constitutional for 200 years, is in fact unconstitutional?”³

—Supreme Court Justice Antonin G. Scalia



THE IDEOLOGICAL SPLIT ON THE SUPREME COURT

With rare exceptions, most Supreme Court justices will adamantly assert that their reasoned legal opinions are rendered solely as a consequence of following “the law.” Still, everyone understands that the “law they follow” is often dictated by their positions set along an ideological spectrum, which ranges from the conservative “originalist” interpretation of the Constitution to the liberal “living constitutionalist,” i.e., a “living, breathing document” view of the Constitution. The historical evidence for this phenomenon is obvious. Clearly, if judges were supposed to follow the “law in rendering neutral decisions from the bench,” why do so many Supreme Court opinions not only fail to achieve unanimity but seem to easily fall into fixed ideological camps? In other words, however one wishes to label it, the existence of two distinct judicial *weltanschauungs* most certainly exists, allowing commentators in many instances to easily prognosticate exactly how, for example, the nine justices on the Supreme Court will split—the conservative vs the liberal wing.

Appreciating all that has been written or spoken about the two competing judicial philosophies, boiling the matter down to its base essentials reveals a bright line distinction. On the one hand there are the originalists who assert that “the Constitution is supposed to represent a consensus

among we the people in the states [sic], not a national democratic vote or poll and not the policy preferences of unelected judges.”⁵ While on the other hand, the living constitutionalist asserts that judges must consider that “rights come not from ancient sources alone,” but also rise “from a better-informed understanding of how constitutional imperatives define a liberty that remains urgent in our own times.”⁶

THE LIVING CONSTITUTIONALIST

While the living constitutionalist may disdain other descriptive terms such as *progressive* or *activist*, such labels are actually more fitting designations simply for the fact that living constitutionalists passionately believe that the Constitution, as originally written by the Founding Fathers, is horribly outdated. They are frustrated. For them the Constitution is “frozen in amber” because in the main it does not address the concerns of those who advocate for the adoption of a whole realm of “modern” agendas, such as the so-called emerging third-generation human rights which obligate a government to provide or guarantee for its people such things as standardized jobs, clean air, clean energy, health care, education, housing, etc. Thus, in order to rectify the unacceptable rigidity, the Founders breathed into the Constitution, the liberal judge has no

3. *Bd. of Cty. Comm’rs v. Umbehr*, 518 U.S. 668, 688–89, 711 (1996) (Scalia, J., dissenting).

4. See Mark W. Hendrickson, *The U.S. Constitution: Living, Breathing Document or Dead Letter?*, CTR. FOR VISION & VALUES (May 28, 2009), <http://www.visionandvalues.org/2009/05/the-us-constitution-living-breathing-document-or-dead-letter/>

5. Richard F. Duncan, *Justice Scalia and the Rule of Law: Originalism vs. The Living Constitution* 29 REGENT U. L. REV. 9, 14 (2016).

6. *Id.* In the 2015 landmark case of *Obergefell v. Hodges*, a 5–4 ruling by the Supreme Court, Justice Kennedy provided the tie breaking swing vote to require States to perform and recognize the marriages of same-sex couples. In finding this right under the Due Process Clause and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, Kennedy embraced the view of the living constitutionalist. *Id.*





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—Supreme Court Justice Ruth Ginsburg

problem viewing the U.S. Constitution as simply a “living, breathing document,”⁷ allowing them to employ interpretations in accordance with whatever set of alternative norms or mores that they wish to promote. Clearly, this methodology of interpretation is fueled by and embraces a broader social movement of the “enlightened class” consisting of the progressive elites and their allies. Again, the living constitutionalist feels that the Constitution should not be viewed as a collection of fixed mandates and laws. For them, because the Constitution only envisions a government that “promote[s] the general Welfare,” instead of “providing” for the general Welfare, it is not to be praised as the oldest written national constitution on the planet. It is to be viewed simply as an open invitation to apply contemporary meanings.

In the words of the late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Ginsburg—who was widely celebrated by the living constitutionalists as the central head of the liberal wing of the Supreme Court—the United States Constitution does not provide the necessary flexibility when it comes to addressing these new social “imperatives.” For instance, in a 2012 interview given to an Egyptian television station, Justice Ginsburg admitted that she would “not look to the U.S. Constitution”⁸ for guidance in drafting a new Egyptian constitution:

You [those tasked with drafting the anticipated new Egyptian constitution] should certainly be aided by all the constitution-writing that has gone on since

the end of World War II. I would not look to the U.S. Constitution if I were drafting a constitution in 2012. I might look to the constitution of South Africa. That was a deliberate attempt to have a fundamental instrument of government that embraced basic human rights, had an independent judiciary... It really is I think, a great piece of work that was done. Much more recent than the U.S. Constitution—Canada has a Charter of Rights and Freedoms. It dates from 1982. You would almost certainly look at the European Convention on Human Rights.

THE ORIGINALIST

In contrast to the living constitutionalist, the originalist is primarily concerned with what the original writers meant when they drafted the Constitution and the attendant amendments. Greatly valuing the genius of the Founders, the originalist seeks to comprehend, with as much precision as possible, the original intent of the author and does not agree with the idea that the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights are now outmoded, or will ever be outmoded, in terms of providing prosperity and liberty to the American people.

Understanding the flaws inherent in human nature, a central commonality of all major religions, the originalist celebrates the fact that the U.S. Constitution constructively addresses the challenge of sustaining a ruling system that both

7. See Joe Carter, *Justice Scalia Explains Why the ‘Living Constitution’ is a Threat to America*, ACTON INST. (May 14, 2018), <http://blog.acton.org/archives/101616-justice-scalia-explains-why-the-living-constitution-is-a-threat-to-america.html>.

8. See Joshua Keating, *Why Does Ruth Bader Ginsburg Like the South African Constitution So Much?*, FP (Feb. 6, 2012, 6:07 PM), <https://foreignpolicy.com/2012/02/06/why-does-ruth-bader-ginsburg-like-the-south-african-constitution-so-much/>.



In 1787, delegates from 12 of the 13 original states (Rhode Island did not send delegates) convened in Philadelphia to address the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation and create a stronger federal government. Some of the most prominent framers include George Washington, James Madison, Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, and John Adams.

On 17 September 1787, 39 of 55 delegates to the Constitutional Convention signed the newly written Constitution amending the 1777 Articles of Confederation.



promotes individual privacy rights while providing basic protections from an overreaching central government. An originalist then, is best defined as one who believes that the text within the United States Constitution should be interpreted based on the context surrounding the creation of the Constitution and the intent of the Framers. Former Supreme Court Justice Scalia said it best:

[T]he notion that the advocates of the Living Constitution want to bring us flexibility and openness to change is a fraud and a delusion. All one needs for flexibility and change is a ballot box and a legislature. The advocates of the Living Constitution want to bring us what constitutions are designed to impart: rigidity and difficulty of change.... Living Constitution: It is the whole purpose that this fictitious construct is designed to serve. Persuading five Justices is so much easier than persuading Congress or 50 state legislatures—and what the Justices enshrine in the Constitution lasts forever. In practice, the Living Constitution would better be called the Dead Democracy.

While the living constitutionalist often laments that the written Constitution is a roadblock to imposing progressive agendas, the truth is that the Constitution, as drafted, contains the means for change through an amendment process that provides a flexible system of government

where laws can be passed to meet the needs and challenges of contemporary society. The originalist does not disavow the actual written Constitution because within its inherent flexibility, the Constitution remains dedicated to protecting basic freedoms.

While those who advocate for a living Constitution spurn the actual written Constitution, the originalist embraces the written Constitution as the supreme law of the land in accordance with Article VI, clause 2:

This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in pursuance thereof; and all Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the authority of the United States, shall be the supreme Law of the Land; and the judges in every State shall be bound thereby, any Thing in the Constitution or laws of any State to the Contrary notwithstanding.¹¹

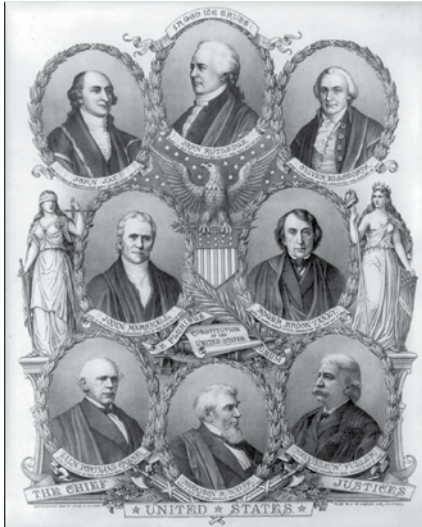
Free men and women should never reject governance by the “decrees of an unelected body of judges” dreamed up outside the parameters of the written Constitution. This is most certainly not the rule of law; it is the rule of man, a notion that would have been anathema to the Founding Fathers.

9. Yvonne Tew, *Originalism at Home and Abroad*, 52 COLUM. J. TRANSNAT'L L. 780, 789 (2014); see also Steven G. Calabresi, On Originalism in Constitutional Interpretation, <https://constitutioncenter.org/interactive-constitution/white-pages/on-originalism-in-constitutional-interpretation>.

10. ANTONIN SCALIA & BRYAN A. GARNER, *READING LAW: THE INTERPRETATION OF LEGAL TEXTS* 410 (2012).

11. U.S. CONST. art. VI, cl. 2.





The original six Justices were appointed by President George Washington and confirmed by the Senate. The first session began on 1 February 1790. Portraits of U.S. Chief Justices (from top, L-R): John Jay, John Rutledge, Oliver Ellsworth, John Marshall, Roger B. Taney, Salmon P. Chase, Morrison R. Waite, and Melville W. Fuller.

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Finally, although conservatives embrace the appointment of originalist-minded men and women to the federal bench, originalism should not be confused with “literalism,” and it should not be assumed that the originalist views himself as intellectually locked into the physical *historical* conditions of a bygone age. Indeed, since the writer of any document might employ a variety of literary techniques to enshrine his thoughts on paper, the originalist is apt to shun the literalist as much as he does the living constitutionalist. Because the overarching desire of the originalist is to capture the exact thought of the drafter, they consider the rule of law in question under the rubric of isagogical, categorical, and exegetical (ICE) thinking, whereas the literalist might simply attach a literal reading to the text in question. Without fully understanding and applying the ICE factors to arrive at a true interpretation, the literalist, who only narrowly views the words as written, can often arrive at bizarre conclusions. For example, many are familiar with the words Jesus of Nazareth spoke at the Sermon on the Mount (*The Beatitudes*), calling on a man to cut off his hand if it “makes him stumble.”¹² Obviously, this verse should not be taken literally. In the gospel of Matthew, Jesus said:

If your right hand makes you stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to go into hell.¹³

Without too much intellectual effort, the ICE scholar understands that Jesus, who repeatedly claimed to be the promised Messiah¹⁴—the lamb of God who would take away the sin of the world¹⁵—was vividly providing a warning that nothing in this world should stand in the way of a person accepting His offer of salvation by grace, as the alternative was to spend eternity in separation from their Creator.

In summary, while the word “freedom” rolls off the lips with ease, without the Constitution and the specific protections of the Bill of Rights, it is doubtful that America could have developed into the greatest nation the world has ever seen. The men and women of the Revolutionary generation shed their blood to set the train called the United States of America in motion and while the long ride has been fraught with injustices and hardships along the way, the nation has grown up quite well. Nevertheless, it is doubtful that America would have become the greatest nation in the world without subsequent generations of Americans adopting and protecting the exact same norms and values set out in the Constitution. ★

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12. Matthew 5:30 (New American Standard Version).

13. *Id.*

14. The Greek word *christos* is the exact equivalent of the Hebrew word *messiah*. The English translation for *christos* is Christ.

15. See John 1:29 (“The next day he [John, the Baptist] saw Jesus coming to him and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!’”).





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“Article II of the U. S. Constitution speaks to the Electoral College process in electing the President and Vice President. Why did the Founders prefer this method compared with a simple majority vote from all the states?” Provide adequate justification and reasoning for your response.

ESSAYIST RECOGNITION

MOWW’s Phoenixian Awards provide national recognition to three Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) students who are judged as the “The Military Order of the World Wars Outstanding Student of the Year.” Candidates are chosen from among students who were selected by their multi-day Youth Leadership Conference. The national recipients are determined by the outcome of the essay contest, including a review of comments by the Conference Director.

All award recipients receive their awards during local MOWW ceremonies attended by family, fellow students, friends and local media. In addition, MOWW features the winning essay in *The Officer Review®* magazine, and in its annual MOWW Convention Book.

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- The First Runner Up receives a \$1,000 scholarship, a Phoenixian Award Certificate, and a congratulatory letter and a Coin from the CINC.
- The Second Runner Up receives a \$500 scholarship, a Phoenixian Award Certificate, and a congratulatory letter and a Coin from the CINC.



The Electoral College; the Conductor of Our Nation's Political Symphony

BY MR. MASON BRADLEY MEREDITH

2024 MOWW PHOENICIAN AWARD WINNER
ROCKY MOUNTAIN YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Democracy, is like a symphony orchestra, where each instrument plays its part. From the quaint ring of the triangle to the powerful sounds of the piano, all instruments must be in balance, or the music will falter. The conductor of this orchestra in the United States of America is the Electoral College. In 1787, the Founding Fathers met in Philadelphia to create The Constitution, which included the Electoral College, a new system of electing the president. The Electoral College allocates a certain number of electors to each state matching its representation in the House of Representatives and Senate. The electors are state-chosen representatives who vote for a given presidential candidate, typically based on the popular vote of the state. The Electoral College was chosen over a nationwide popular vote because it carefully considers state interests, avoids majority tyranny, and ensures the delicate balance of power critical to a representative democracy.

The Electoral College was specifically designed to ensure that all states remained relevant in the voting process. The number of electors in each state is based on state representation. Each state gets at least three electors, regardless of population. This ensures that sparsely populated states still have an effect on the election. A majority-based voting system, on the other hand, would coax candidates into putting their efforts into highly populated states, making less-populated states irrelevant. As James Madison expressed in *The Federalist Papers No.39*, "The government is to be a republic, which consists of a union of the states." This was only made possible by ensuring each state had a stake in the democratic process, thus making the Electoral College necessary.

A fear among the founding fathers regarding democracy was the "Tyranny of the Majority." To

counter this, the Electoral College was established to ensure that the needs of all groups were addressed. Since a candidate must focus on a state as a whole to influence the electors, they are forced to appeal to rural and urban populations. In contrast, a majority vote influences potential candidates to suit their policies to the majority of urban populations. In effect, the majority would likely have total control over minority voters' rights, as James Madison warned of in his arguments in *The Federalist Papers No. 10*. The Electoral College ensures that all groups have a say and that the majority doesn't infringe upon the rights of the minority.

The Electoral College was also created as a compromise between the majority and legislative voting systems. The Electoral College allows states to decide how voting commences based on its popular vote, ensuring that the people receive their representation without consolidating too much power. Allowing the legislative branch to conduct voting would grant it excessive control over the executive branch. The electors serve as the legislative compromise. Gordon S. Wood, in *The Creation of the American Republic, 1776-1787*, stressed how the founding fathers aimed to balance the power of the people and the need for an executive independent of all other branches. The Electoral College was the best middle ground between the two powers.

The equality of the political landscape in the US is only made possible by creating the Electoral College. It is responsible for ensuring that any voter in any state, in a rural or urban area, has an equal opportunity to express their opinion in the government. The Electoral College is the backbone of democracy and the balance of power. Without it, tyranny would ensue. Like a conductor, it ensures that the diverse voices of our nation's symphony are heard. ★



Winner 2024 MOWW Phoenician Award Mason Bradley Meredith



MOWW SVCINC Lt Col Marlon Ruiz, USAF (Ret), presented Mason B. Meredith his scholarship award.

BIOGRAPHY

My name is Mason Bradley Meredith. I am a Junior at Liberty High School. Some of my hobbies include powerlifting, mountain biking, and skiing. I have always had a passion for leadership and look for opportunities to improve my leadership skills.

My love for the outdoors has led me to many leadership opportunities outside. I am the captain of my mountain bike team and volunteer at a nonprofit called Kids on Bikes. I've also been a counselor at High Trails Outdoor Education several times. This led me to attend the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference this past summer, which was an amazing experience. It inspired me to get involved in more leadership programs at my school, including NHS and Link Crew.

Aside from leadership, I have a big passion for academics, mainly the sciences, and I hope to become a genetic engineer one day.



The 2024 Phoenician Award First-Runner Up was Vaughn Aleksander Slivka from Lewis-Palmer High School in Colorado Springs, CO. His essay was entitled "The Genius of the Electoral College." Vaughn commented: "The process pushed me to think critically and organize my thoughts effectively, ensuring my essay was both compelling and concise. Although it was demanding, I found the experience deeply fulfilling, as it allowed me to engage with meaningful topics and sharpen my skills in persuasive writing."

Rocky Mountains Department Commander COL Stephen A. Shambach, USA (Ret), made the presentation.



The 2024 Phoenician Award Second-Runner Up was Zane Michael Pryor. He attended the Texas Wesleyan University YLC. Presenting the Award is LTC Paul S. Faidley, Jr., USAR (Ret), on behalf of the Ft. Worth Chapter, TX.



Keynote Speaker

Special Guest LTC Scott Mann, USA (Ret)

“The Power of Storytelling and Building Human Connections to Achieve Organizational Goals”



Thursday 7 August · 1330-1500, Conf A

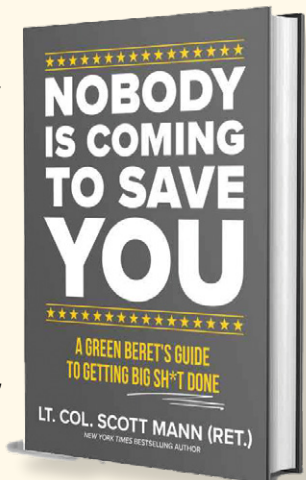
Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Scott Mann is a former U.S. Army Green Beret with tours all over the world including Colombia, Iraq, and multiple tours in Afghanistan. He is a warrior storyteller and the founder of [Rooftop Leadership](#) where he shares the rapport-building skills he learned in Special Forces to help today's leaders make better human connections in high-stakes, low-trust engagements. Scott helps organizations gain a better understanding of their internal culture while exposing the potential for conflict that exists when trust has deteriorated. In the same way he empowered local tribes in Iraq and Afghanistan to make transformative decisions using very few resources, Scott teaches corporate leaders and their teams the relationship-building techniques that drove so many of his successful combat operations.

Scott is the author of the instant New York Times Best-Seller, *Operation Pineapple Express*, a third-person narrative detailing the harrowing stories of the Veterans, volunteers, and Afghan Allies who navigated the US abandonment of Afghanistan in August of 2021. He has since founded [Operation Pineapple Express Relief](#), a 501(c)(3) to help support the emergency needs of our Afghan Allies such as safe passage out of Afghanistan, plus addressing the moral injuries of our own veterans. He regularly advocates in Congress and on national media outlets, such as CNN, FOX, and MSNBC, for the safe passage and resettlement of our abandoned Afghan Allies as well as U.S. Veteran Mental Health.

Scott has spoken on three TEDx stages and is also a playwright and actor in his recent play brought to film about the Afghan War and the unforeseen toll on our Veterans called *Last Out*. The Gary Sinise Foundation partnered up with Scott to bring the play, *Last Out*, to the legendary theater Steppenwolf, as well as to stages across the country in an effort provide healing to our Veterans and Families of the Fallen, as well as providing insight to our citizens on the personal cost of the longest war in our Nation's history.

Scott's greatest accomplishments are his family; he has three grown sons which now gives him the newfound opportunity to chase Monty, his wife of 27 years, around their Tampa home as often as possible. To learn more about Scott's full body of work, visit [ScottMann.com](#).

Get your exclusive hard cover edition of *'Nobody is Coming to Save You'* signed by author Scott Mann, available for sale at this event.





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Tuesday, 5 August 2025 Dress: Casual			
TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	ATTENDEES
0800-1600	GOLF OUTING: Canoa Ranch Golf Club		
Wednesday, 6 August 2025 Dress: Casual			
0800-1000	Pre-Convention EXCOM Meeting	Boardroom	EXCOM Members
0815-1530	TOUR 1: Historic Tombstone, AZ		
1000-1600	TOUR 1B: Pima Air & Space Museum (See Hotel Concierge)		
1200-1330	LUNCH AS DESIRED		
1600-1700	Hann-Buswell Chapter Meeting	Hotel 4	H-B Chap Members
1700-1730	National Candidate Orientation	Hotel 1,2,3	National Candidates
1800-2100	CINC Welcome Buffet	Conf B & C	All Attendees
Thursday, 7 August 2025 Dress: Casual (Hann-Buswell Memorial Chapter Dinner: Mess Dress)			
0630-0800	Breakfast Buffet	Conf B & C	All Attendees
0800-0900	CINC Opening Remarks	Conf A	All Attendees
0915-1015	Chapter Outreach Program Seminar	Conf A	All Attendees
1030-1200	America 250 Presentation	Conf A	All Attendees
1200-1330	Council of Past CINCs Luncheon	Boardroom	CPC/CINC/SVCINC/CS
1200-1330	LUNCH AS DESIRED		
1330-1500	Keynote Speaker	Conf A	All Attendees
1515-1600	Promoting the Order	Conf A	All Attendees
1615-1730	Commander's Call	Conf A	All Attendees
1800-2100	Hann-Buswell Chapter Dinner	Hotel 1-3	H-B Chap Members
DINNER AS DESIRED			
Friday, 8 August 2025 Business Casual			
0630-0800	Breakfast Buffet	Conf B & C	All Attendees
0800-1030	National Candidate Presentations	Conf A	All Attendees
0900-1030	Nominating Committee Voting	Conf A	Committee Members
0930-1030	Teller Meeting	Boardroom	Tellers
1100-1330	MOWW Awards Luncheon	Conf B & C	All Attendees
1400-1700	Convention Business Session I	Conf A	All Attendees
1730-2100	Dinner Show – Gaslight Theater		
DINNER AS DESIRED			
Saturday, 9 August 2025 Business Casual (CINC Banquet: Mess Dress/Tuxedo)			
0630-0730	Breakfast Buffet	Conf B & C	All Attendees
0800-0900	MOWW Memorial Service	Conf B & C	All Attendees
0900-1600	TOUR 2: Downtown Tucson Self-Guided Tour		
0930-1200	Convention Business Session II	Conf A	All Attendees
1200-1330	LUNCH AS DESIRED		
1330-1445	Council of Area Commanders (CAC)	Hotel 4	CAC Members
1500-1545	Website Seminar	Conf A	All Attendees
1600-1645	Planned Giving Seminar	Conf A	All Attendees
1730-1800	National Officer Photos	Foyer	CPC/CINC/VCINCS/CS
1800-1850	CINC Reception	Foyer	All Attendees
1900-2100	CINC Banquet	Conf B & C	All Attendees
Sunday, 10 August 2025 Dress Casual			
0800-1000	Post–Convention EXCOM Breakfast	Hotel 1-3	EXCOM Members
0800-1000	EXCOM Spouse/Partner Breakfast	Hotel 4	Spouses/Partners



Proposed Constitution & Bylaws Amendments

COL KENNETH O. MCCREEDY, USA (RET)
CHAIR, CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS COMMITTEE

In keeping with the MOWW Constitution (Article VIII, Section 3) and MOWW Bylaws (Article 8, Section 3), the MOWW Constitution and Bylaws Committee presents the following proposed amendments for consideration by all Companions of the Order. The Committee recommends their adoption and expressly presents them for consideration by, and the vote of, the Delegates to the MOWW Convention to be held in Tucson, AZ, in August 2025.

Due to the length of the Proposed Amendments submitted this year, only a list of the proposed amendments is published here. The full text of all amendments submitted to the MOWW Constitution and Bylaws Committee is available online at the following website link:

https://moww.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/MOWW_Proposed_Constitution_and_Bylaws_Amendments-4-April-2025.pdf

The full text of all amendments will also be published in the MOWW Almanac.

PROPOSED MOWW BYLAWS AMENDMENTS.

1. Proposed Bylaws Amendment to Article 4, Section C, The Chief of Staff (CS).

This amendment aligns the duties of the Chief of staff with current practices.

2. Proposed Bylaws Amendment to Article 4, Section D, The Treasurer General (TG).

This amendment aligns the duties of the Treasurer General with current practices.

3. Proposed Bylaws Amendment to Article 6, Section 1, Standing National Committees.

This amendment adds “National Youth Civics Summit” to the list of Standing Committees and modifies the name of the “National Convention and Seminars Committee” to just “National Convention.”

4. Proposed Bylaws Amendment to Article 6, Section 1, Standing National Committees.

This amendment eliminates the Homeland Security Committee and combines its functions with the National Security Committee.

PROPOSED MOWW CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS.

1. Proposed Constitutional Amendment to Article III, Section 2, Supreme Authority.

This amendment changes the definition of “in convention” to allow for both virtual and in-person participation in the business of the Order.

2. Proposed Constitutional Amendment to Article V, Section 2, Paragraph C.

This amendment adds the Treasurer to the Board of Trustees as a non-voting member.

3. Proposed Constitutional Amendment to Article V, Section 2, Paragraph A.

This amendment allows two Companions from a single Region to be elected as Vice Commander-in-Chief.



AMENDMENTS CONSIDERED BUT NOT RECOMMENDED

1. Proposed Constitutional Amendments to Article IV, Section 1, Legislative Body.

This amendment is duplicative of the first amendment recommended for adoption, as it allows for virtual and in-person attendance and voting at National Conventions.

2. Proposed Constitutional Amendments to Article II, Section 1, Paragraph A. Regular Membership.

This amendment and its supporting amendments propose making all US veterans eligible for MOWW regular membership and their descendants eligible for hereditary membership.

3. Proposed Constitutional Amendment to Article IV, Section 1, Legislative Body.

This amendment and its supporting amendments open voting to all members in good standing of the Order, not just delegates meeting in Convention.

4. Proposed Constitutional Amendment to Article VIII, Section 3.

This amendment changes the threshold for approving amendments to the Constitution from three-fourths of the delegates voting to two-thirds.

5. Proposed Bylaws Amendment to Article 4, Section C, 6.

This amendment proposes giving voting privileges to the Chief of Staff when the Order is meeting in convention.

6. Proposed Constitutional Amendment to Article II, Section 1. Membership.

This amendment is duplicative of another amendment seeking to open membership to all veterans.

7. Proposed Constitutional Amendment to Article IV, Section 1. Legislative Body.

This amendment is duplicative of another amendment seeking to allow virtual attendance and voting at National Conventions.

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee has provided a detailed rationale for not recommending these amendments at the website link provided below. For duplicative amendments, the committee considered the first one submitted, since Roberts Rules of Order does not allow for multiple amendments to be proposed from the floor that accomplish the same purpose.

Please visit the [MOWW.ORG](https://moww.org) website to view and download the full text of all proposed amendments submitted to the MOWW Constitution and Bylaws Committee. A copy of the full text of all proposed amendments will also be published in the MOWW Almanac. ★





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FOUNDATION

The MOWW Foundation: Advancing a Shared Mission

The Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) has a proud legacy of fostering patriotism, civic responsibility, and leadership in America's youth. To expand this mission, MOWW established the MOWW Foundation, an independent, 501(c)(3) charitable organization, dedicated to funding programs that develop future leaders and engaged citizens.

The MOWW Foundation currently supports the National Youth Civics Summit (NYCS), an immersive educational experience in Washington, D.C., that empowers young leaders with a deeper understanding of government, civic responsibility, and ethical leadership. Looking ahead, the Foundation plans to broaden its impact by supporting JROTC/ROTC programs, scouting, youth leadership events, and other civic education initiatives.

While the MOWW Foundation shares MOWW's commitment to service and leadership, it operates separately, with a distinct focus on philanthropic efforts. By securing funding and forging partnerships, the MOWW Foundation works to strengthen civic education and leadership development nationwide.

Join Us in Making a Difference

The success of the MOWW Foundation depends on the generosity of individuals, businesses, and organizations who believe in the importance of civic education and leadership training. Whether through donations, sponsorships, or volunteer support, you can play a crucial role in shaping the future of engaged citizens.

**Together, we can build a
stronger future through
education and service!**

CONTACT US!

Make a contribution or get involved.

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Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida Honor Local Heroes

MS JESSICA MIANO

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATE WITH GIRL SCOUTS OF GULFCOAST FLORIDA



In recognition of the Month of the Military Child, Girl Scout Troop 508 of Bonita Springs, FL, recently joined hundreds of community members to welcome home the veterans of Collier-Lee Honor Flight Mission #28.

The troop, which is part of the Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida council, lined the airport procession route with flags, posters, and warm smiles to cheer on the returning veterans as they arrived back at Southwest Florida International Airport after a full day of honor and remembrance in Washington, DC.

The girls greeted each veteran with applause, handshakes, and heartfelt thanks. One memorable moment came when a veteran asked to be wheeled over to the troop and shared, “We did it for you.” That simple statement reminded everyone present that the sacrifices of our service

members continue to shape the freedoms of future generations.

Girl Scouts regularly participate in service projects and community events that honor those who serve, and many troops across the region attend Honor Flight homecomings each year. For Girl Scouts who participate in these Honor Flight Homecomings, it is a powerful reminder that honoring veterans isn’t just about remembering the past—it’s about teaching the next generation to value service, freedom, and community.

Girl Scouts create the world they want to live in and strive to make it better every single day. They explore their strengths, take on new challenges, and can always be themselves, regardless of background or ability. Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida council has a membership of nearly 3,500 girls in grades K-12 and more than 1,500 adult members. They are chartered by Girl Scouts of the USA and serve girls in ten counties. For more information about Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida visit www.gsgcf.org. ★



Reaching Out in Support of Our Youth—Scouting

COL ROBERT F. SCHLEGEL, JR., USA (RET)
MOWW NATIONAL SCOUTING COMMITTEE CHAIR

The MOWW Scouting Program: Supporting the Future Through Scouting

For over 70 years, I have proudly worn a uniform—not just in service to my country but also in service to our youth through Scouting. My journey began as a Cub Scout in Yonkers, NY’s Pack 125, and in 1962, I donned an Army uniform upon joining ROTC at New York University in the Bronx. Scouting is in my blood, making my role as MOWW’s National Scouting Committee Chairman a natural fit. I’d like to share some thoughts on how our Companions can help fulfill MOWW’s mission by supporting Scouting programs.



Congratulations to the 38 Eagle Scouts recognized by the Bartram Trails District of the North Florida Council. COL Robert Schlegel, (far right), MOWW Scouting Chair and Eagle Scout, delivered the keynote and, alongside Eagle Scout Michael Freeman, MD, presented MOWW Certificates and patches.

The Ongoing Need for Scouting Support

Scouting requires year-round support, and while my focus here is on Scouting America (formerly Boy Scouts of America), Girl Scouting operates similarly. Since its inception in the US in 1910, Scouting America has remained relevant. As author David Louv remarked at a recent BSA Annual Meeting: “I commend what you do and have done since 1910—you get the youth out from behind their screens and into nature!”

A study by Tufts University highlights the positive impact of Cub Scouting on youth, validating the dedication of adult volunteers. Scouting’s core goals—citizenship training, mental and physical fitness, and character development—are foundational to every chartering organization that sponsors a Scouting unit.

How MOWW Companions Can Support Scouting

While some MOWW chapters sponsor Scouting units as Chartered Organizations, others may not have the necessary young leaders or meeting spaces. However, there are many other ways to support Scouting:

Become a Merit Badge Counselor—With over 135 merit badges, your expertise can benefit Scouts. After 30+ years in the Army, I used my knowledge to become an NRA/BSA-certified shooting instructor at BSA camp programs.

Support Youth in Your Family—Encourage children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews in their Scouting journeys. Many adult volunteers started this way and stayed on because they found it rewarding and fun.



Assist Active Volunteers—Scoutmasters and other leaders dedicate far more than the “one hour a week” we often joke about. Offer your support!

Encourage Religious Organizations to Sponsor Units—About 68% of Scouting units are chartered by faith-based organizations. If your church, temple, mosque, or synagogue doesn’t have a unit, ask why not.

Help Establish an Exploring Post or Venturing Crew—Businesses, government agencies, and community groups can sponsor these career-focused programs.

Support Sea Scouts—If you or your friends are involved in boating or have a military naval background, consider engaging with a Sea Scout Ship.

Recognize Youth Achievements—Work with your local Scout Council or District to recognize Eagle Scouts, Venturer Summit recipients, and Sea Scout Quartermasters. MOWW offers certificates, patches, and the Bronze Patrick Henry Medal for projects with military, veteran, or patriotic themes.

Contribute Financially—Support local Scout fundraising efforts like car washes, popcorn sales, and American Values Dinners. Many Scouts come from families who struggle to afford uniforms and activities, and financial support can make a significant difference.

Promote Scouting in Your Network—Encourage friends, neighbors, veterans, and public officials to support Scouting in any way possible.

Participate in Local Scouting Fundraisers—Some councils hold unique events, such as the “Over the Edge” fundraiser in North Florida, where participants rappel down buildings for donations.

Scouting's Impact and the Importance of Continued Support

When my wife and I moved from New York to Florida, I was pleased to find a Scouting-themed license plate option—a small but meaningful way to support the movement. The words on that plate say it best: “Scouting Teaches Values.”



In conclusion, there are countless ways MOWW Companions can help shape the future by supporting BSA programs. The founder of Scouting, Lt Gen Sir Robert Baden-Powell, recognized in 1907 the need for programs that guide youth toward responsible adulthood. That need still exists today, and we can all play a part in fulfilling it. ★

Below is an overview of
Scouting's youth programs:

Program	Age Group	Structure	Highest Award
Cub Scouts BSA	5-11	Pack/Den	Arrow of Light
Scouts BSA	10-17	Troop/Patrol	Eagle Scout (Palms)
Venturing BSA (Co-Ed)	13-20	Crew	Summit
Exploring BSA (Co-Ed)	10-13	Club	None
Exploring BSA (Co-Ed)	13-20	Post	None
Sea Scouts BSA (Co-Ed)	13-20	Ship	Quartermaster
STEM (Co-Ed)	Grades 3-12	Lab	Nova/Supernova



Be a Growing Chapter

LT COL DICK MURI, USAF (RET)
PUGET SOUND CHAPTER, WA

Cultivating membership is a journey; it takes time and effort to be successful. Showing people the many facets of MOWW outreach programs will attract potential members. Most will gravitate to youth programs, so make sure there are youth at as many meetings as possible. Here are some suggestions to develop membership in your chapter.

1. Get to know a lot of people and, if they are eligible for MOWW membership, start a system of communication (face to face, phone, email, newsletters). Get to know them first before inviting them to a MOWW meeting and possible membership. Some of the people that you get to know will not be a good fit to become members. Better no member than a bad member.

2. Belong to other organizations that allow you to meet people. Through my church, my 28 years in various political offices, and my memberships in local organizations like Kiwanis, I have had the opportunity to meet a lot of people. Especially via politics. Being mayor of a small town helps! I keep an extensive contact list with good notes so I can keep track of everyone.

3. Become active on social media and have a dynamic social media presence. Dynamic presence means chapter members posting relevant pictures and messages on the site. A Facebook Group (not a page) is best for this. I have some knowledgeable site administrators to keep out any inappropriate postings or Spam. All of this is supported by an active website and webmaster. Our webmaster, Keith Snyder, Lt Col USAF (Ret) is awesome.

4. Develop a small group of companions (3 or 4) who work on membership in a strategic way. This should include the commander, the most



New Member: Puget Sound Chapter VCINC COL Bill McClary, USA (Ret), inducts Companion MAJ Tony Wilcher, USA (Ret).

gregarious companions, and one who knows “everybody”. Identify potential members by name and invite them to a meeting, buy them lunch, get pictures with the commander, and ask them to join while still at the meeting. Send the picture of them at the meeting by email when you get home and ask them to join again as needed. If unable to convince the individual to join right away, continue to send them invitations, newsletters, and personal notes to stay in regular contact. Sometimes it takes a year or two to complete the process of gaining a companion.

5. Remember that if you meet people who are enthusiastic about your outreach programs and you can envision them contributing to the Order, but they do not qualify for veteran or hereditary membership, you can welcome them to your chapter as Patriot members. These patriots are assets to your chapter and can be excellent workers and contributors to your mission. While they will not pay dues or be voting members, they will likely give generously in time and talent.

6. Once a new member has joined, they will receive monthly newsletters, regular email reminders, a phone call reminder from a board member about each upcoming meeting and we have a welcome committee at meetings to greet folks and make them feel at ease.

Membership is a year-round effort that is led by the commander, and the membership committee so that the chapter companions know it is a priority for their chapter. Make sure that conditions are right for potential new members’ first visits: friendly reception, free meal, interesting program, pictures, constant contact. Be diligent, work at it as a team, don’t give up and your chapter will grow. ★



Meeting The Youth Leadership Mission

LTC SUSANN KIRLIN, USAF (RET)
PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER, PA

As part of its mission of serving, the Military Order of the World Wars has several Youth Outreach programs that promote patriotism, civic responsibility, public service and leadership.

There are many options for conducting the youth programs, depending upon the availability of venues, interested students, funds, and effective marketing. The Philadelphia Chapter, founded in 1919, has been able to provide one YLC and a minimum of four YLS, this year five, annually.

We have just completed our annual YLC at Founding Forward, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. The students experienced a mock congressional debate, participated in a free enterprise challenge, visited historical sites and engaged in interactive educational opportunities. This experience allowed them to develop critical thinking skills while understanding their citizen responsibilities.

We are fortunate to be in close proximity to historic Philadelphia and the Founding Forward campus, both providing the perfect setting for the conference. Our partnership with an organization that promotes civics and leadership has been the force behind our YLCs for years. Founding Forward has 18 other chapters with similar programs across the country.

This year's class had 86 students, 65 of those were registered by MOWW. Four states (PA, NJ, NY & DE) and 21 high schools were represented. This mix of students was possible through supporting our JROTC with one-day YLSs, our awards program, participating in Massing of Colors, scouting programs, and our annual

luncheons honoring the different service branches. The mix of students from various programs provides a good class mix, offering them the opportunity to meet and mingle with students from other programs and diverse backgrounds.

Tuition was \$525 per student, which covered housing, meals, and transportation to and from Philadelphia. The majority of students are unable to obtain the tuition on their own. We encourage the funding of students by outside organizations. Pittsburgh is very successful in funding its students in this manner. Our Chapter, Founding Forward and the Powell Fund financed the rest of the students. We are grateful for the ongoing financial support from our Chapter's legacy funds, which have enabled us to pay the YLC tuition for 30 students annually. This highlights the importance

of Companions remembering their Chapters by way of legacy grants specific to a MOWW youth leadership program.

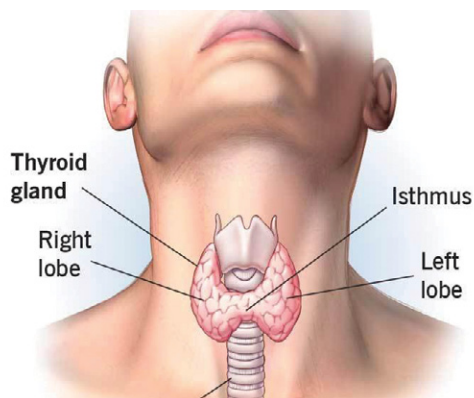
The class concluded on Sunday after a trip to historic Philadelphia and headed home. These future leaders and good citizens could feel more confident about themselves and their leadership capabilities with this immersive experience. Some have already begun to forge new friendships, and the future looks bright. It is hoped that they will fondly remember the unforgettable experience provided by MOWW.

At a recent veteran's fair, we ran into a retired US Air Force officer, now running his own company. Upon learning we were representing MOWW, he said "I remember MOWW...I was in JROTC and they sent me to that Leadership Conference at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania," music to our ears. ★



Thyroid Disease

CPT DAN L. CAMERON, JR., USA (FMR)
SURGEON GENERAL, MOWW



The thyroid is a small, butterfly-shaped gland located at the base of the neck. It plays a crucial role in regulating metabolism, energy production, and various bodily functions by producing hormones such as thyroxine (T4) and triiodothyronine (T3). Disorders of the thyroid can significantly impact overall health and well-being. Two of the most common conditions are hypothyroidism and hyperthyroidism, with Graves' disease and thyroid storm being severe manifestations of thyroid dysfunction.

Hypothyroidism

Hypothyroidism occurs when the thyroid gland does not produce enough hormones. This condition slows down the body's metabolism, leading to various symptoms, including:

- Fatigue
- Weight gain
- Cold intolerance
- Dry skin
- Depression
- Constipation
- Slow heart rate
- Puffy face

The most common cause of hypothyroidism is Hashimoto's thyroiditis, an autoimmune condition where the immune system attacks the thyroid. Other causes include iodine deficiency, certain medications, and thyroid surgery.

Hyperthyroidism

Hyperthyroidism is the opposite of hypothyroidism,

where the thyroid gland produces excessive hormones, leading to an accelerated metabolism. Symptoms of hyperthyroidism include:

- Weight loss despite normal or increased appetite
- Increased heart rate (tachycardia)
- Anxiety or nervousness
- Excessive sweating
- Tremors
- Difficulty sleeping (insomnia)
- Frequent bowel movements
- Heat intolerance

Graves' Disease

Graves' disease is an autoimmune disorder and the most common cause of hyperthyroidism.

The immune system mistakenly stimulates the thyroid gland, leading to excessive hormone production. Additional symptoms specific to Graves' disease include:

- Bulging eyes (exophthalmos)
- Thickened skin on the shins
- Swelling around the eyes

Thyroid Storm

Thyroid storm is a life-threatening condition that occurs when hyperthyroidism is left untreated or becomes exacerbated. It is characterized by a sudden worsening of symptoms, including:

- High fever
- Rapid heart rate (over 140 beats per minute)
- Confusion or agitation
- Severe sweating
- Vomiting and diarrhea
- Heart failure or shock

Thyroid storm requires immediate emergency medical intervention.

Follow-Up with Your Physician

If you experience symptoms of thyroid dysfunction, consult a healthcare provider promptly.

Regular monitoring and early intervention are crucial for effective management and to prevent complications. Proper diagnosis and treatment can help maintain a healthy thyroid function and improve overall quality of life. ★

Spiritual Support in Times of Crisis

LTC VICTOR W. BURNETTE, USA (RET)
CHAPLAIN GENERAL, MOWW



The stories in the Bible are a great testament to faith. Faith in God is often central to the narratives of the Bible.

My fellow Military Order of World Wars Companions have all seen a TV commercial where an elderly person falls and calls out for help. The infomercial provided alarming details, revealing that falls among adults aged sixty-five and older are common, costly, and preventable. Falls are the leading cause of fatal and nonfatal injuries among older adults. Over 14 million, or 1 in 4 older adults, fall yearly. The infomercial also contained information about an emergency calling device for the following concerns:

- You have fallen and need assistance.
- You are having unusual shortness of breath.
- You are having unusual chest pain or tingling in your arm.
- For any reason that requires medical attention.

These are only examples of physical issues. Let us look at four spiritual issues:

- You feel that after watching the nightly news, you have fallen into a deep state of hopelessness.
- You feel that your loved ones need aid, and you cannot assist them.

- You feel alone and are in a sad place at home or surrounded by others you know.
- You are in a hospital bed due to an emergency or are dealing with a prolonged medical problem facing life decisions.

We are fortunate that we can seek assistance when dealing with spiritual issues. I would like you to remember that God cannot fail. Here are four examples in the Bible of God not failing when man cried out for help:

Moses: Led the Israelites out of Egypt, crossing the Red Sea and receiving the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai.

Job: Endured immense suffering but remained faithful, and God restored his fortunes.

Esther: Risked her life to save her people from destruction, displaying great courage and faith.

David encountered numerous challenges, including battles and personal failures, yet he maintained his faith and ascended to become a respected king of Israel.

Each of their worlds was turned upside down during tough times, but their trust and faith in God persevered, and they overcame their troubles.

While our family, friends, Companions, and medical professionals are there for us, we must remember to call upon a higher power.

In moments of despair and uncertainty, let us reach out to the Lord, who is always there to guide and support us. Our faith and trust in Him will help us navigate life's challenges and find the strength to rise again.

Stay strong, Companions, and may you always find solace in the divine presence. ★

God bless America, and God bless the MOWW.





CAPT Dilworth Chapter, TX

Silver Patrick Henry to Jeanne Cox, PhD

BY LTC DON WILLHOUSE, USA (RET)

At the February luncheon of the Rotary Club the CAPT Robert Dilworth Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars presented the Silver Patrick Henry Award to Jeanne Cox, PhD in recognition of her eight years of leadership for the Field of Honor. The Silver Patrick Henry Award was awarded for significant service to the community. Chapter Commander CAPT Jim Robinson, USCG (Ret), made the presentation.

(L-R): CAPT Jim Robinson, USCG (Ret), Gary Brown, president of Rotary Club of Georgetown, Dr. Cox, MG Bob Halverson, USA (Ret), COL Joe Cerami, USA (Ret) and LTC Don Willhouse, USA (Ret). Photo by Michael Cox



Puget Sound Chapter, WA

CW4 Townsend, USA (Ret), Takes the Oath

BY BY PCINC COL DAVID B. GIBSON, USAF (RET)

CW4 James W. Townsend, USA (Ret), is the newest member of the Puget Sound Chapter, sponsored by CDR Allan Mandigo, USN (Ret), at Steilacoom Town Hall at the 9 March Bronze Patrick Henry meeting.



Knoxville Chapter, TN

Chapter Inducts It's First NCO Member

BY MAJ TRENT D. LAVIANO, USA (RET)



The Chapter welcomed its first Senior Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) Companion at the November 2024 meeting. MSGT Ronald E. Adams, USAF (Ret) is a Perpetual Member. (L-R): MSGT Ronald E. Adams, USAF (Ret) and MAJ Trent D. Laviano, USA (Ret).

At the February 2025 meeting, the South-Doyle High School Army JROTC unit shared their experiences after completing physical training. MAJ Marcus Vartan, USA (Ret), their Senior Army Instructor, spoke about the program.

BG Holland Chapter, CA

Vietnam Veterans Day

BY BGEN PAUL K. LEBIDINE, USMCR (RET)

On 21 March 2025, in honor of Vietnam Veterans Day, MAJ Howard Lewis, USAR (Ret), a fellow Companion, shared his experiences in Vietnam during 1968, where he served as an artillery officer with the 1st Armored Division. His firsthand account of this pivotal time in the war emphasized the importance of recognizing the leadership and bravery of many remarkable Americans. In addition to his military service, MAJ Lewis spent 33 years serving his community with the Los Angeles Fire Department.



Sun City Center Chapter, FL

CINC Attends Chapter's 2025 Youth Leadership Seminar

BY COL LONNIE DALE VONA, USA (RET)

The Chapter hosted a Youth Leadership Seminar (YLS) on February 22, 2025, in Sun City Center, FL. The seminar was a tremendous success, with 52 students from eleven high schools in Hillsborough County participating, along with one enthusiastic cadet from the Civil Air Patrol. We featured four outstanding presenters: LTC/Dr. Chris Shannon from Alabama, who spoke on "Tap Tap, Are You Ready?"; Ms. Sherill Farrell, who discussed "The Impact YOU Have: Why Character Matters"; CAPT Deborah Dombeck, who presented "Lessons from 'Message to Garcia'"; and Mrs. Ashley Torres, who delivered a presentation on "A Study in Ethics."

We also had the honor of hosting a special guest, CINC LTC David Worley. The seminar took place at the SCC United Methodist Church. Feedback from the students was overwhelmingly positive; they remained enthusiastic and engaged throughout the day. After the YLS, each student received a certificate of completion. 1LT Thomas D. Hart, USA (Fmr), coordinated this year's exceptional youth development seminar through the 2025 YLS program.





SVCINC Lt Col Marlon Ruiz, USAF (Ret)



Rosie the Riveter and SGT George Cross



Rear Admiral Connie Mariano, MD, FACP USN (Ret)



The event featured 42 flags

West Valley Chapter, AZ

Massing of the Colors and Service of Remembrance

BY CPT LINDA R. HOWRY, USA (FMR)

The Chapter held its annual Massing of the Colors (MOC) on 11 February with a total of 413 attendees. The event featured 42 flags from veterans, patriotic organizations, and cadets. Among the participants were 72 JROTC cadets from our supported schools and four ROTC Army cadets from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Our speaker for the occasion was Rear Admiral Connie Mariano, MD, FACP USN (Ret). The 35-piece Desert Brass Band provided the musical entertainment. We were honored to have SVCINC Lt Col Marlon Ruiz, USAF (Ret) as a guest, along with MAJ Ken Coffman USA, (Ret), who organized the event.

In a special recognition segment, Rosie the Riveter and SGT George Cross were honored guests. SGT Cross is a D-Day veteran who jumped into Normandy, France, behind enemy lines on 6 June 1944, with Company C of the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division. He received a standing ovation from the audience. Notably, he celebrated his 100th birthday in January 2025.



MG Miles Chapter, NM

Silver Patrick Henry Plaque Awarded to Los Alamos Fire Chief Troy L. Hughes

BY LTC GREGG GIESLER, USA (RET)

On 16 April 2025, LTC Gregg Giesler, USA (Ret), presented a MOWW Silver Patrick Henry Plaque to Los Alamos Fire Chief Troy L. Hughes for his exceptional service to the Laboratory and the community. Chief Hughes oversees a department that protects national defense and industrial facilities from various hazards, including nuclear and chemical threats. He is one of fewer than 1,000 fire service professionals in the US with a Chief Fire Officer designation and led his department to be one of the first five to achieve international accreditation, earning the highest ISO 1 classification.

(L-R): Fire Chief Troy L. Hughes, LTC Gregg Giesler, USA (Ret).



Worcester Chapter, MA

The Worcester Chapter Completes A Century

BY 2LT JASON A. SOKOLOV, USA (FMR)

The Worcester Chapter of central Massachusetts, founded in 1925, is celebrating its 100th anniversary. Despite many changes, this group continues to conduct an active program of youth and ROTC/JROTC awards, participates in commemorative ceremonies, meets five times a year for comradery and to hear speakers, and is in all ways an active and faithful representative of MOWW values.

The credit for its survival and flourishing is largely due to its remarkable leaders over the past generation: Lieutenant Colonels Dennis Christo, shown above standing, and David Anderson, seated. Both have also been important to Region I; LTC Christo having been its commander for seven years, and LTC Anderson its Secretary and F/O for more than ten years. For their many contributions to the Order, both have been recipients of the Gold Patrick Henry Awards.



The Worcester Chapter is a model of what a small but skillfully led, chapter can do in its community. It also cooperates closely with other New England chapters, and in a time of transition about twenty-five years ago, MAJ Edmund J. Rainsford was called upon to serve as commander of both the Worcester and Greater Boston Chapters simultaneously. The history of this Chapter has yet to be written, and it has had many distinguished companions, perhaps none with a more interesting story to tell than ADM Husband Kimmel, the Navy commander at Pearl Harbor on the day of the Japanese attack on 7 December 1941.





Secretary Collins' Message to Veterans and VA employees

For immediate release
February 5, 2025

It is my life's honor to serve America's Veterans as secretary of Veterans Affairs, and I thank President Donald J. Trump as well as the U.S. Senate for their confidence in me.

America is the greatest nation on Earth precisely because of the Veterans willing to step forward and defend our freedom. I've witnessed this firsthand throughout my two decades in the military, as I've served with some of the finest men and women our nation has to offer.

In addition to being a Navy Veteran, I am an Air Force Reserve colonel and chaplain. During my time in the military, I've learned that leadership is about listening, serving, motivating and setting a good example for those around you. That is the approach I will bring to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

When President Trump offered me this job, he gave me simple instructions: take great care of America's Veterans. Here is how we're going to accomplish the task the president has set out for us:

- We're going to deliver timely access to care and benefits for every eligible Veteran, family member, caregiver and survivor.
- We're going to put Veterans at the center of everything VA does, focusing relentlessly on customer service and convenience.
- We're going to challenge the status quo in order to find new and better ways of helping VA beneficiaries.
- We're going to celebrate the vast majority of VA employees who do a great job every day and hold employees accountable when they fall short of the mission.
- We're going to provide Veterans with the health care choices they have earned while maintaining and improving VA's direct health care capabilities.
- And we're going to do a better job reaching Veterans at risk of homelessness or suicide – especially those who have had no contact with VA.

My commitment to my fellow servicemembers and Veterans will serve as my compass for the way ahead, and I am honored to be working with the men and women of VA to accomplish our noble and vital mission.

Together, we will strengthen VA so it works better for America's heroes. Let's get to work.





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