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**MAJOR GENERAL
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United States Army (Retired)



Mesothelioma & Military Veterans

While serving this country, many veterans were exposed to asbestos – a dangerous mineral that can cause the rare cancer mesothelioma.

\$30B in court-ordered asbestos trust funds has been established to help victims and their families

4 Facts You Need to Know About Asbestos Exposure

1 – HISTORY

Widely used across every military branch

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2 – IMPACT

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3 – TIMELINE

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2026 MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY



(L-R): Companions SVCINC Lt Col Marlon Ruiz, USAF (Ret), and COL Vincent C. Ogilvie, USA (Ret), place the MOWW Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown on the 158th National Memorial Day Observance at Arlington National Cemetery,



Members from the Joint Armed Forces Color Guard stand next to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during a wreath-laying ceremony in Arlington National Cemetery
U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Antony J. Martinez



A Humble “Thank You!” to My Fellow Companions

To say it has been a privilege and honor to serve as your 93rd Commander in Chief is unquestionably an understatement. Great people doing great selfless community outreach has been the benchmark for our Order, efforts I have seen not only throughout my travels but at the Executive Level as well. We are blessed with an extraordinary Chief of Staff and his tireless Headquarters Staff of only three, a decisive and forward-thinking EXCOM, and VCINCs who have not only provided dedicated and comprehensive oversight but have been instrumental in shaping our policies and efforts moving forward. Our Region and Department Commanders are providing the necessary tools and guidance to our Chapters and Cadres, with National Committees also leaning forward in their support. Our Chapters and Cadres, the engines of our Order, are expanding an impactful community outreach footprint that allows our Order to thrive, all with obvious pride and selflessness. To each and every one of our Companions, “Thank You!” is not enough.

As we complete our fifth year since the pandemic, we continue modernizing and transforming our Order to better suit the needs of our communities and our fellow veterans, I want to applaud the willingness and tenacity of my fellow Companions who have selflessly facilitated what has resulted in increased membership and more comprehensive Companion involvement in this proud Order’s outreach mission: we had the courage to change our membership requirements to allow all veterans to become Companions; we exponentially established numerous partnerships critical to our mission’s success; we have taken much needed action towards recognizing, supporting, and working with veteran families such as American Gold Star Mothers; we have streamlined our Order’s bureaucracy and administrative functions thus becoming more effective and efficient; smart financial decisions have been implemented resulting from our comprehensive analysis of the Order’s financial strategy; we expanded our Youth Character Development Program allowing our Chapters, Cadres, and Conference/Seminar Directors to better serve our Nation’s youth; and finally, we have shifted to a much needed focus towards attracting our younger generation of veterans who are the lifeblood and future of our Order. Through our rich heritage and a focus rooted in our beloved Preamble, which defines our core values, our service reflects the honor, patriotism, and values we have fought for in two World Wars and every other conflict in our 250-year history, proudly represented by our most cherished American Flag.

In short, I truly believe we are meeting G/A John J. “Blackjack” Pershing’s mandate... to serve. And we have done so in a way I know that, as he looks down upon us, he is unquestionably proud of ...

Lt Col David J. Worley, USAF (Retired)
Commander in Chief and CEO, MOWW, Inc.

Lieutenant Colonel David J. Worley, USAF (Ret), Commander-in-Chief of MOWW, and Mrs. Worley at the 2025 Military Order of the World Wars National Convention in Tucson, Arizona.

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ON THE COVER

Major General Patrick Henry Brady, USA (Ret), was chosen by CINC Lt Col David J. Worley, USAF (Ret), as the Order's 2026 Distinguished Service Award Recipient.





Major General Patrick Henry Brady

United States Army (Retired)

“ I cannot emphasize enough the role my faith played in any success I have had. It was the source of whatever courage I had, a constant source of comfort, of calm and of the confidence that allowed me to do things that for me would have otherwise been impossible. For reasons that escape me, the Good Lord has seen fit to bless my life in so many ways, not the least of which was saving lives.



MAJOR GENERAL BRADY spent over 34 years in the United States Army, serving in duty stations around the world. He was in Berlin before and after the building of the Wall. He served in the Dominican Republic during that conflict, in Korea as commander of troops at the Joint Security Area of the DMZ, and for two years in Vietnam as a helicopter ambulance pilot. He has eight years' service with America's citizen soldiers, our Reserve Components, and is a former Chief of Army Public Affairs.

While in Vietnam, he was awarded the Medal of Honor for a series of helicopter rescues which began at sunrise and ended after dark. Repeatedly, he was warned by competent advisors that the missions were impossible due to weather, the enemy situation and mines. Major Brady convinced them it had been and could be done. On three different missions and six tasks, Major Brady helped rescue wounded soldiers from areas where other aircraft failed, including 7 times on one mission. On two different occasions, his aircraft were hit by automatic weapons fire. On a third, his aircraft was severely damaged by a mine. Major Brady's aircraft were so severely damaged that three aircraft were required to complete the missions, and at the day's end, the aircraft he flew had over 400 holes in them. In the process, two crew members were wounded. That day, Major Brady evacuated over 70 patients, many of whom would have died without expeditious medical care.

In two tours in Vietnam, he flew over 2,500 combat missions and helped rescue over 5,000 wounded men, women and children, enemy as well as friendly. He developed foul-weather and tactical techniques for air-ambulance rescues never before executed in combat, for which he is identified in the Encyclopedia of the Vietnam War and other books as the top helicopter pilot in that war.

General Brady is the only living veteran to hold both the Medal of Honor and the Distinguished Service Cross, our nation's second-highest award, and one of the very few soldiers ever to hold four awards of the Army's three highest awards: The MOH, the DSC, and the DSM (2). He earned over 85 medals, 65 combat-related, 12 for valor. His other awards include: the Defense Superior Service





Then Major Brady in Vietnam. When he returned to the United States, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his valor. This was upgraded to the Medal of Honor. On 9 October 1969, in a White House ceremony, President Richard M. Nixon presented the medal to Major Brady. It was the first Medal of Honor for a Dust Off pilot. Source: Congressional Medal of Honor Society

Medal; the Legion of Merit; six Distinguished Flying Crosses; two Bronze Stars, one for valor; the Purple Heart; the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with palm and silver star and 53 Air Medals, one for valor.

MG Brady is widely recognized as the most highly decorated living veteran and the top helicopter pilot in Vietnam. His civilian awards include the Distinguished Citizen Award from the American Legion, their highest award, and the Daughters of the American Revolution's Medal of Honor.

General Brady is a Master Army Aviator and member of both the Army Aviation and Dust Off Halls of Fame. He is the first and only Army Aviator in the National Aviation Hall of Fame. He is also the only Army Aviator to receive the Bob Hoover Freedom of Flight Award and was recently inducted into the Living Legends of Aviation.

General Brady is a past President of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society. He has a bachelor's degree in psychology from Seattle University and an MBA from Notre Dame University. He is a former Commissioner of the Battle Monuments Commission at the time it completed the World War II Memorial.

Along with his daughter, Meghan, he published *Dead Men Flying*, which covers his experiences with the origin and execution of Aeromedical evacuation in Vietnam (called Dust Off), the greatest battlefield lifesaver in history.

Despite his numerous awards, General Brady is convinced that it is not what you did to earn the medals, but what you do as a result that defines a person. He believes he was saved to serve. Accordingly, he has dedicated his life to our youth, the elderly, and veterans. ★

Bedford's Sacrifice Remembered Forever

C/1SG JOSEPH V. PAYNE
ROANOKE CHAPTER, VA

Squeezed between the cities of Lynchburg and Roanoke, the “World’s Best Little Town” is often overlooked, but Bedford is a hidden gem in the State of Virginia. This small town’s pride resides in the National D-Day Memorial, a massive monument to the Allied invasion of Nazi-occupied France on June 6, 1944. Right about now, you may find yourself asking, “What does Bedford, Virginia, have to do with an invasion launched from England into Normandy, France?” The reason this strange location was chosen for the National D-Day Memorial is Bedford’s heavy losses. This small, tight-knit community suffered the highest loss per capita during the invasion, more than any other in the nation. When the telegrams of casualties came into the local drugstore nearly a month after the invasion took place, the town was brought to its knees with grief, and was permanently crippled by the loss of a whole generation of young men, known as the “Bedford Boys.”

The existence of the National D-Day Memorial is largely thanks to the initiative of an Army and D-Day veteran, Mr. Bob Slaughter. Slaughter was born in Bristol, Tennessee, but grew up in Roanoke after his family moved there when he was a boy. On June 6, 1944, he participated in the D-Day

landing on the portion of the beach named Omaha, leading a machine gun squad at just nineteen years old. Forty-five years later, in 1989, he formed a committee of fellow veterans and supporters to memorialize the actions of Allied servicemembers on D-Day. The committee originally proposed constructing the memorial in Roanoke, with potential locations including Mill Mountain; however, due to logistical challenges and the discovery of Bedford’s unique sacrifice, the project was moved to the memorial’s current location. In 1996, the United States Congress recognized the National D-Day Memorial as the Nation’s Monument to D-Day, and in 2001, on the 57th anniversary of the invasion, the D-Day memorial was officially completed and dedicated during a ceremony presided over by President George W. Bush.

During the twenty-five years since the dedication of the Memorial, and even today, the community in Bedford continues to honor the Valor, Fidelity, and Sacrifice of our Bedford Boys. In 2019, the 75th anniversary of D-Day was observed with one of the largest gatherings the town has seen, featuring over 10,000 guests, including United States Vice President Mike Pence and representatives

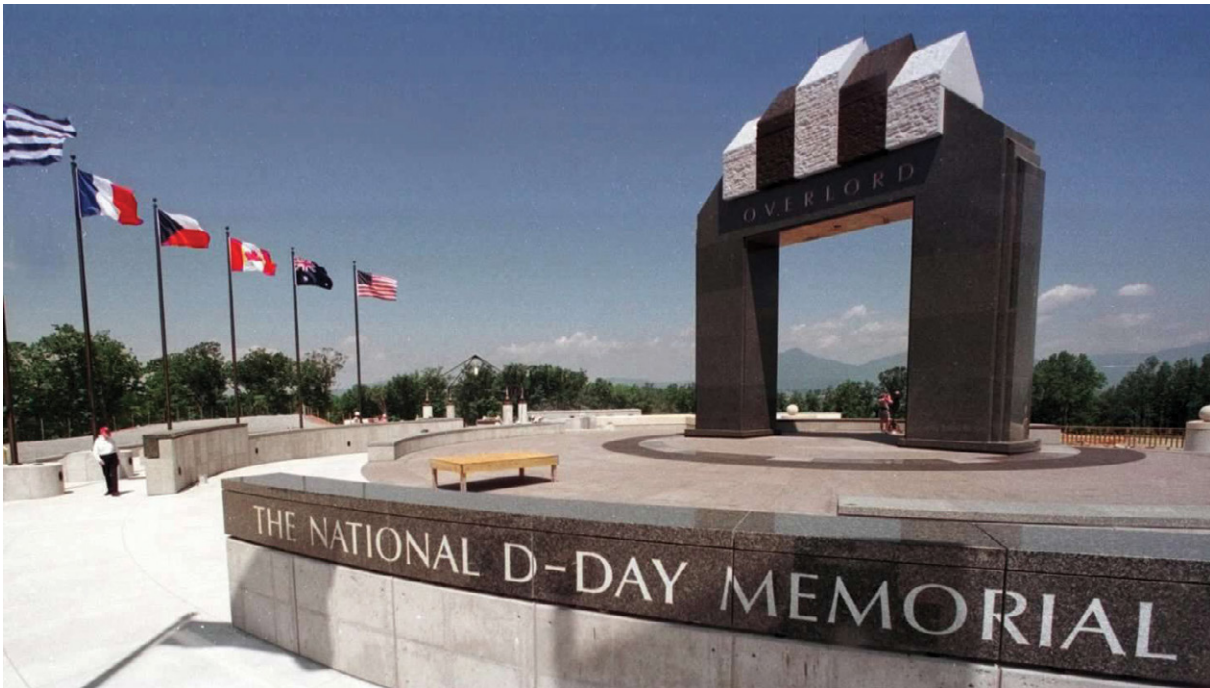


The 29th Division arrives at Fort Meade, Maryland, in February 1940. Among them are the National Guard infantry unit, Company A of the 116th Infantry Regiment—“The Bedford Boys”—with 35 men from Bedford, Virginia, population 3,200. Source: US Army/ National Guard Bureau



from sixteen Allied nations. Just five days prior, the Bedford Boys Tribute Center opened in the building which was formerly Greene's Drug Store, where the casualty report telegrams were received. The Bedford Boys focuses not only on the valor and sacrifice but also on the personal lives and characters of each of the boys as sons, brothers, fathers, friends, classmates, teammates, coworkers, and so much more! The former drug store, which used to be a popular hangout, still reflects the boys' individual personality and character, as it is home to many of their personal effects. The handwritten letters, clothing, ball gloves, playing cards, bibles and other belongings, often donated by the family of each boy, give visitors from around the world a deeper grasp of who these men were, and the futures they gave up.

To quote one of the D-Day Memorial's best posters, "On June 6, 1944, 4,414 men died so that freedom wouldn't." While the confirmed number of Allied troops killed in action on that day has actually gone up to 4,415, due to recent discoveries, this phrase sums up the attitude of Bedford's community. In laying down their lives, the Bedford Boys followed in the footsteps of the great American Patriots who came before them. They continued the endeavors of those who laid down their lives at Valley Forge, Gettysburg, and Cantigny, France, seeking to preserve liberty and destroy tyranny. May monuments like the National D-Day Memorial aid us in remembering the fallen, welcoming home those who have served, and supporting those who continue to serve in harm's way. ★



Bedford, Virginia suffered the highest per-capita loss of any US town on D-Day, with 20 soldiers killed during the invasion. Photos this page: Richmond Times-Dispatch

MOWW Honors Young Leaders

CDR RALPH D. LEWIS, USCG (RET)
NW FLORIDA CHAPTER, FL

The NW Florida Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) has quickly established itself as a committed supporter of youth leadership development through its engagement with ROTC and JROTC programs. Many MOWW companions, including those in our chapter, are drawn to the organization by its dedication to fostering leadership among young people. Programs such as Youth Leadership Conferences, Youth Leadership Seminars, and ROTC/JROTC outreach are central to this mission, and our chapter is actively involved in these efforts.

SUPPORT FOR ROTC AND JROTC UNITS



Though the NW Florida Chapter is relatively new, it has made significant progress in supporting local ROTC and JROTC units. This support is central to our youth outreach and offers an accessible way to get involved. We primarily provide MOWW JROTC Achievement medals, ribbon sets, and certificates to area high school JROTC programs. JROTC instructors at each school carefully select award recipients to ensure deserving cadets are recognized.



Beyond the high school level, the chapter also extends its support to the ROTC programs at Florida State University and Florida A&M University in Tallahassee. Here, we provide ROTC Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals, along with certificates, to honor outstanding cadets in these university programs.

PARTICIPATION IN AWARDS CEREMONIES

Whenever possible, the chapter attends ROTC and JROTC award ceremonies with the support of companions. Presenting awards in person allows us to congratulate recipients directly and recognize their achievements. This experience is rewarding for companions and encourages others to volunteer. If no ceremony is held or companions

cannot attend, the chapter mails medals and certificates to the schools to ensure cadets are recognized.

MEANING AND IMPACT OF THE AWARDS

It is important to emphasize that these awards are not simply “participation trophies.” The ROTC and JROTC instructors take great care in selecting cadets who have demonstrated exceptional merit. Many recipients proudly include these honors on their résumés when applying to universities or for scholarships. The students consistently express enthusiasm and gratitude for being chosen to receive the MOWW award, highlighting the positive impact of this recognition on their educational and personal journeys.

While the NW Florida Chapter was still operating as a cadre, our dedication to ROTC and JROTC activities was recognized at the national level. The Chapter was honored in Tucson, AZ, at the 2025 MOWW National Convention with a first-place award in the small chapter category for our outstanding ROTC/JROTC program, underscoring the effectiveness and commitment of our early efforts.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

As the school year draws to a close, the season for ROTC and JROTC award ceremonies is rapidly approaching. The chapter relies on Companions to carry out its youth outreach mission by volunteering to present awards at these events. Participation requires only a brief commitment: attending the ceremony and presenting the award to students on stage. There are no speeches or formalities, just a handshake, a smile, and the satisfaction of supporting the next generation of leaders. Companions are encouraged to reflect on the reasons they joined the Order and to consider seizing this opportunity to give back to both the chapter and the community. So, if you are approached by one of the Chapter officers and asked to go to a JROTC awards ceremony...say YES! ★



The 2026 Major Gervais Raoul Lufbery Award

COL STEPHEN A. SHAMBACH, USA (RET)
COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER, CO

On 26 May 2026, COL Steve A. Shambach, Commander of the Colorado Springs Chapter, had the distinct honor of presenting the MOWW Major Gervais Raoul Lufbery Award to Cadet First Class (now Second Lieutenant) Hudson Thomas Baese during the Air Force Academy (USAFA) Awards Ceremony in the Department of Foreign Languages.

The Outstanding Cadet in a Western Language Minor Award is a prestigious national honor, bestowed in memory of Major Gervais Raoul Victor Lufbery (14 March 1885–19 May 1918), a distinguished French and American fighter pilot and flying ace of World War I.

Lufbery, who served in both the French Air Force and later the United States Army Air Service, is alternately celebrated as a French or American ace. Of his 17 confirmed combat victories, all but one were achieved while flying with French units. This esteemed award is presented annually to the United States Air Force Academy cadet who, above all others, demonstrates exceptional achievement in Western languages. The recipient is selected by the USAFA faculty on behalf of the Order. ★



(Above): COL Shambach presents the Raoul Lufbery MOWW Award statue to now Second Lieutenant Hudson Baese, USAF.



(Left): Additionally, Lieutenant Baese was awarded a MOWW Lufbery Award Certificate and a MOWW America 250 Coin at the US Air Force Academy.



Major Gervais Raoul Victor Lufbery
(14 March 1885–19 May 1918)



JROTC & ROTC: Recognition and Affirmation

MAJ WILLIAM M. TARPLEY, USA (RET)
GREATER EL PASO CHAPTER, TX

Each spring, the JROTC and ROTC units in our area conduct awards ceremonies for their top cadets. The Greater El Paso Chapter provides MOWW Medals of Merit and Certificates to 36 JROTC units and 4 ROTC units. These units represent the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps cadets. We have chapter members participate in as many ceremonies as possible.

This year, Chapter Companions will present medals and certificates at 22 JROTC and 3 ROTC units. The ceremonies are as varied as their instructor and students' creativity. Some are simple gatherings in the classroom, others in a cafeteria or auditorium. Often, parents organize a potluck meal for all who attend. The cadets always appreciate the recognition of their instructors and affirmation of their peers.

Two award ceremonies stick out in my mind. The first was a Navy JROTC ceremony that included the cadet change of command. The senior cadets were called individually to the NCOIC, where they relinquished their white service hats and were presented with a graduation sash in school colors. Each senior then walked through crossed sabers while being "piped out," symbolizing their final departure from the program.

An Army JROTC unit combined its Awards Ceremony with its annual Military Ball. The evening was modeled after a traditional Army Dining Out. Starting with a formal receiving line, the Senior Cadets were escorted through crossed

sabers by their parents and the announcement of the official party. Presentation of the Colors by the cadet Color Guard was followed by the National Anthem, Invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance, and Cadet Creed, each led by cadets. Traditional toasts (non-alcoholic) were presented to the President of the United States, the United States of America, and the United States Army, Army Cadet Command, the High School, the Cadet Battalion, and the guests.

A senior cadet explained the meaning of a small table set for one with a rose and a lit candle, representing an absent service member who had given his/her life for our country. A toast was then proposed in honor of the fallen comrades and those missing in action.

The cadets had participated in fundraisers during the year to pay for the dinner.

After the guest speaker, representatives of the veteran organizations presented medals to selected cadets as a photographer took pictures. The night continued with a dance for the cadets and their dates.

It is a true joy and privilege to take part in these vibrant celebrations with our cadets, witnessing firsthand their remarkable enthusiasm, maturity, and growth as young citizens of our country. The heritage and love of the country that their instructors are teaching them about are inspiring. ★



Cadet recognition by their instructors and affirmation from their peers contribute to their success.

New IRS Reporting Requirements for MOWW Chapters

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 NATIONAL TREASURER GENERAL, MOWW

COL MICHAEL FARRELL, USMC (RET)
 CHIEF OF STAFF, & COO, MOWW, INC



The Internal Revenue Service recently issued Revenue Procedure 2026-8, which establishes updated requirements for organizations operating under a group exemption letter. MOWW, as a 501(c)(19) veterans' organization, maintains IRS Group Exemption Letter 1300 on behalf of its chapters and subordinate units. To preserve our collective tax-exempt status, MOWW must demonstrate annual oversight of its chapters and provide the IRS with updated information. These changes are designed to improve accountability while ensuring continued compliance across the Order.

What Is Changing?

Beginning with the 2026 reporting cycle, MOWW will implement a **three-step** annual compliance process:

1. Each Chapter Files Its Required IRS Return

Every chapter must continue to file the appropriate IRS Form 990 series return based on its financial activity: Form 990-N (e-Postcard), Form 990-EZ, or Form 990. Chapters must file no later than 60 days after the end of their respective tax year.

2. Each Chapter Submits MOWW Form 9

After filing with the IRS, the chapter must then submit MOWW Form 9 (IRS Compliance Certification) to the MOWW Treasurer General and MOWW Headquarters NLT 30 September annually. The form provides information required for MOWW's annual group exemption reporting, including gross receipts, assets, filing status, and authorization to remain under the MOWW group exemption. Chapters filing Form 990 or 990-EZ must also provide a copy of that

return. MOWW form 9 is available online at <https://moww.org/members/moww-forms/>

3. MOWW Files the Annual IRS Group Exemption Update

Using information received from chapters, the Treasurer General will submit the required Supplemental Group Ruling Information (SGRI) to the IRS to maintain MOWW's Group Exemption Letter prior to 31 December annually.

What Chapter Commanders Need to Do

Chapter commanders remain responsible for ensuring their chapter complies with IRS filing requirements.

To meet the new standards:

- Ensure your chapter files the appropriate IRS Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-N on time.
- Complete and submit MOWW Form 9 annually. Ensure the form is signed by a Chapter Officer.
- Provide a copy of Form 990 or Form 990-EZ to the Treasurer General, if applicable.
- Maintain chapter records supporting the filing.
- All MOWW Chapters must update their bylaws to include the below standard purpose statement. This purpose statement is now included in Appendix C, Chapter Bylaws Template of the MOWW Policy Manual:
"This chapter is organized and shall be operated exclusively for purposes described in Section 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code and in furtherance of the mission of the Military Order of the World Wars, Inc., to which it is subordinate and subject to the general supervision."

These procedures will help protect MOWW's tax-exempt status, simplify annual reporting, and ensure continued compliance with federal requirements. Chapter Treasurers should contact the MOWW Treasurer General, CW4 Gary L. Smith, Sr., USA (Ret), treasurergeneral@moww.org for any questions or additional guidance. ★





MOWW NATIONAL CONVENTION 2026

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER & SPECIAL GUEST

Ryan Holiday

*#1 New York Times Bestselling Author
& Founder of The Daily Stoic*

AUGUST 13, 2026 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
NAVARRO BALLROOM | WESTIN RIVERWALK

Join us for a week of fellowship, professional development, and leadership engagement as we conduct the important business of our Order.



FEATURED TOURS

TOUR 1: FREDRICKSBURG

Explore historic downtown Fredericksburg in the heart of Texas Wine Country. Visit the National Museum of the Pacific War, LBJ State Park, and enjoy shopping, wineries, distilleries, and farm-to-table dining.



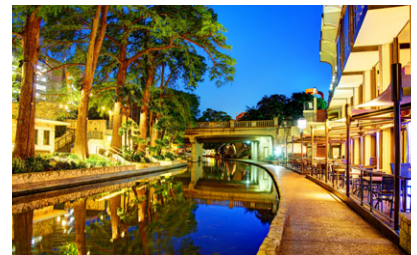
TOUR 2: TOUR OF SAN ANTONIO

Discover the rich culture and history of downtown San Antonio —from The Pearl and Market Square to the Texas Ranger Museum, Japanese Tea Garden, and the iconic Alamo, on a guided Old Town Trolley.



DINNER & RIVERWALK CRUISE

Friday evening offers a memorable River Walk experience, featuring dinner at Boudro's Texas Bistro followed by a scenic Go Rio boat cruise through downtown San Antonio.



YOUTH LEADERSHIP PANEL

MOWW's veteran-led panel will share best practices and insights from our youth leadership conferences and seminars, highlighting the program's impact on developing the next generation of leaders.

AUGUST 13, 2026 | 1:00 PM | NAVARRO BALLROOM | WESTIN RIVERWALK



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2026 MOWW NATIONAL CONVENTION



“FIESTA SAN ANTONIO - PROMOTING OUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH MISSION”

Tuesday, 11 August 2026 Dress: Casual				
TIME	EVENT	SET-UP	LOCATION	ATTENDEES
0800-1600	GOLF OUTING & LUNCH	<i>Fort Sam Houston Golf Club</i>		<i>ALL Golfers</i>
Wednesday, 12 August 2026 Dress: Casual				
0800-1000	Pre-Convention EXCOM Meeting	(Conference, 15)	Villa	EXCOM Members
0800-1530	TOUR 1: Hill Country Tour – Fredericksburg, TX			ALL AVAILABLE
1200-1330	LUNCH AS DESIRED			
1600-1730	Hann-Buswell Chapter Meeting	(Classroom, 60)	Navarro B	H-B Chap Members
1800-2100	CINC Welcome Buffet	(Banquet, 175)	Navarro A	All Attendees
Thursday, 13 August 2026 Dress: Casual (Hann-Buswell Memorial Chapter Dinner: Mess Dress)				
0700-0830	Breakfast Buffet	Rounds, 125	Olivares	All Attendees
0800-0845	CINC Opening Remarks	(Classroom, 140)	Navarro B	All Attendees
0900-0945	“Why are we Here” – MOWW Programs Seminar	(Classroom, 140)	Navarro B	All Attendees
0900-1530	Tour 2: Downtown San Antonio			ALL AVAILABLE
1000-1130	Keynote Speaker: Ryan Holiday	(Classroom, 140)	Navarro B	All Attendees
1130-1300	Council of Past CINC's Luncheon	(Conference, 15)	TBD	CPC/CINC/SVCINC/CS
1130-1300	LUNCH AS DESIRED			
1300-1415	YLC, YLS Panel Discussion	(Classroom, 140)	Navarro B	All Attendees
1430-1515	ROTC/JROTC Seminar	(Classroom, 140)	Navarro B	All Attendees
1530-1600	Scouting Seminar	(Classroom, 140)	Navarro B	All Attendees
1600-1700	Recruiting & Retention Seminar	(Classroom, 140)	Navarro B	All Attendees
1800-2100	Hann-Buswell Chapter Dinner	(Banquet, 60)	Olivares	H-B Chap Members
	DINNER AS DESIRED			
Friday, 14 August 2026 Business Casual				
0700-0830	Breakfast Buffet	Rounds, 125	Olivares	All Attendees
0800-0900	MOWW Chapter Marketing Toolkit	(Classroom, 140)	Navarro B	All Available
0915-1000	NYCS Program Update	(Classroom, 140)	Navarro B	All Available
1015-1100	National Security Program Seminar	(Classroom, 140)	Navarro B	All Available
1130-1330	MOWW Awards Luncheon	(Banquet, 175)	Navarro A	All Attendees
1400-1630	Convention Business Session I	(Classroom, 140)	Navarro B	All Available
1645-1730	Veteran Affairs Program Seminar	(Classroom, 140)	Navarro B	All Available
1800-2100	TOUR 3: Dinner Followed by Riverboat Cruise			ALL AVAILABLE
	DINNER AS DESIRED			
Saturday, 15 August 2026 Business Casual (CINC Banquet: Mess Dress/Tuxedo)				
0700-0830	Breakfast Buffet	Rounds, 125	Olivares	All Attendees
0800-0900	MOWW Memorial Service	(Banquet, 140)	Navarro B	All Attendees
0930-1130	Convention Business Session II	(Banquet, 140)	Navarro B	All Attendees
1130-1300	LUNCH AS DESIRED			
1200-1300	YEF Board Meeting	(U-shape, 10)	Latania	Board Members
1300-1430	Council of Area Commanders (CAC)	(Classroom, 60)	Navarro B	CAC Members
1445-1530	PS/L&O Seminar	(Classroom, 140)	Navarro B	
1545-1630	Non-Denominational Worship Service	(Classroom, 50)	Navarro B	All Attendees
1730-1800	National Officer Photos		Pre-Function	CPC/CINC/VCINC/CS
1800-1850	CINC Reception	(Reception, 175)	Pre-Function	All Attendees
1900-2100	CINC Banquet	(Banquet, 175)	Navarro A	All Attendees
Sunday, 16 August 2026 Dress Casual				
0800-1000	Post-Convention EXCOM Breakfast	(Conference 15)	Villa	EXCOM Members
0800-1000	EXCOM Spouse/Partner Breakfast	(Oval 15)	Zapata	Spouses/Partners





2026-27 Candidates for Elected Office

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COL Joseph P. Kirlin III, USA (Ret)
Region III

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Region VI

COL Vicente C. Ogilvie, USA (Ret)
Region IV

Note: Note: the MOWW Constitution [Article V, Section 2, Paragraph A.3]], states, "Four each, with no more than two coming from any one region."

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A Reminder to MOWW Leaders and Companions

COL MICHAEL FARRELL, USMC (RET)
CHIEF OF STAFF, & COO, MOWW, INC

The strength of the Military Order of the World Wars lies in our shared commitment to our mission, patriotism, leadership, and service—not in our political views. Our Constitution is very clear on this important point.

MOWW Constitution—Article VII, Section 1.A.

“The introduction or discussion of sectarian matters or partisan politics is prohibited in any meeting, assembly, convention, or publication of the Order, its Regions, Departments, or Chapters.”

Recently, we have observed that political discussions during chapter meetings and other MOWW forums have made members feel uncomfortable and, in a few instances, have led to disengagement or leaving our Order. This is a serious concern. Maintaining a professional, respectful, and mission-focused environment is essential to the strength and unity of our Order.

WHY THIS MATTERS

MOWW brings together members from all ranks, all branches of service, from all corners of the country, and from a wide range of perspectives. What unites us is far more important than what may divide us. Our shared values of duty, honor, and country transcend politics. Political discussions can distract from our mission and erode the fellowship built during our meetings and activities. An inclusive, respectful, and cordial environment strengthens Companion engagement and retention. In short, adherence to our Constitution protects the integrity and reputation of our Order and is one of our greatest strengths.

Practical Ways to Avoid Political Discussions

Leaders at every level play a critical role in setting the tone and maintaining our mission focus. It’s not just the responsibility of the region, department and chapter commander or committee chairs. We all play a role. The following practices may help:

1. **Plan Ahead.** Prepare yourself by avoiding the consumption of partisan political material prior to the meeting or event. Ensure your guest speakers are briefed on MOWW’s Constitutional prohibition prior to the speaking event.
2. **Set the Tone Early.** Open meetings with a brief reminder that partisan political discussions are not appropriate within all MOWW forums.
3. **Stay on Agenda.** Ensure meetings are structured and focused on official business, our outreach programs, and mission-related team-building activities.
4. **Redirect Respectfully.** If the conversation drifts into political territory, gently steer it back: *“Let’s bring the discussion back to our mission and the business at hand,”* or *“Kindly refrain from political conversations during our meeting.”*
5. **Lead by Example.** Commanders and senior members should model appropriate conduct by avoiding political topics in both formal and informal settings.
6. **Educate Members.** Periodically, politely remind other Companions of the Constitutional prohibition and the rationale behind it.
7. **Reinforce Expectations.** Include a short statement on meeting etiquette in agendas, newsletters, or opening remarks.

MOWW is strongest when we remain united in purpose—service, leadership, and patriotism. By keeping our meetings focused and free from partisan discourse, we ensure a welcoming environment for all members and preserve the integrity of our mission. ★



Inspiring Future Civic Leaders

National Youth Civics Summit

INTRODUCTION BY CAPT ED GANTT, USN (RET)
NYCS COMMITTEE CHAIR
MAJ GEN WADE CHAPTER DC

MOWW's third annual National Youth Civics Summit is rapidly approaching. The students will arrive on Sunday, 12 July.

As you know, this is a one-week residential civic education experience held in Washington DC, where the twenty high school students live on campus at The American University and spend most of the week on Capitol Hill.

To underscore our commitment to education from the outset, each student received a copy of David McCullough's acclaimed book, *1776*, prior to the summit. In addition to our time on Capitol Hill, one day will be spent at the National Constitution Center and the Museum of the American Revolution, both in Philadelphia—where the events of 1776 took place.

In our effort to make this an even more effective learning experience, we added a second essay requirement to this year's application. We wanted to highlight the significance of this year: America's Semiquincentennial. Thus, the students' essays focused some of their attention on our country's upcoming 250 years, while encouraging them to imagine themselves contributing to advancing us along that journey. Three of those essays follow.

Each student addressed the question:

What do you hope the United States will achieve in the next 250 years, and what role can you play in making that a reality?



America, 250 Years and Beyond

BY BRENT D. SMITH

I propose to you, a question.

What does it mean for a country to be considered the strongest in the world? And what is the principle by which it is sustained? This is the question that America must ask of itself as it embarks on its next 250 years. The world has known a relative peace since the end of the Second World War, thanks to America's strength, an era that has been called the Pax Americana, in analogy to the Pax Romana. The difference, of course, is not that America is like Rome, but that, like Rome, it is at the height of its power and strength in its time. The question that America must ask of itself is not how it was originally obtained, but how it is maintained, and how America can continue to be worthy of it. I hope that America will continue to be a country of virtues in the next centuries. America has it in its power to lead the world into its next centuries. But it will be for nothing if it fails to remember the virtues that made America great in the first place. I hope it will continue to be a land of constitutional liberty, of equal justice under the law, of democratic self-government, of a people who understand their obligations to one another. I hope it will be a land in which its citizens trust one another, in which its citizens trust its government, in which its future citizens will understand their rights, as well as their obligations. America cannot continue as a republic in which its citizens want freedom but do not sustain it, in which it is divided.

Rome fell because it overextended itself, became corrupt, and forgot the people. All of these are lessons that we would do well to learn from. The next 250 years will be about leadership, not power. I hope that America seeks more freedom, praises those who are in service, and continues to uphold the law, proving that a republic can survive in an increasingly doubtful world. Patriotism and service to the country are noble endeavors.

My calling is to serve in whatever capacity I can. Being a citizen is not just an obligation; it is not spectator sport. Whether it is firefighting, law, or government, I hope that I can do my part in making America stronger, not simply inheriting what others have done for us. Citizenship is about service, discipline, and service and loyalty to something higher and greater than the individual. It is in these acts that we seek to trust each other and make our world a safer place. America is successful, not in spite of, but because of the service that its citizens provide with humility and conviction. I hope that I can be counted among those individuals. ★

REGION XIV-BRENT SMITH



The Duality of Liberty

BY ADRIAN SO

As the United States reaches its momentous 250th anniversary, the Military Order of the World Wars sponsors the National Youth Civics Summit program to educate and train the next generation of civil leaders on the importance of civic engagement. Through civic engagement, Americans around the nation are reminded that democracy is like a machine; it needs constant maintenance. Over the next quarter-millennium, I hope the United States will be a nation that has perfected the duality of Liberty. A nation that remains adaptive towards the new technological demands of the future and yet conforms to the timeless constitutional principles envisioned by our founding fathers.

My first vision of the United States is highlighted as the standard of efficiency, transparency, and representative governance. My role as an intern for California's 40th District has enlightened me with a visible representation of our democracy. I have experienced how local and state-level legislation can address local needs, but I have also seen the divide that a policy can create between communities. In the next 250 years, I hope the United States utilizes technology to create more direct communication between communities and their local government. I envision communities rising towards "human-centered policies", evolving, and connecting our nation.

My second vision of the United States would be the importance of civic engagement. Many may believe national power starts with military might and economic output, but national strength comes from the cohesion of its people. As discourse between two unique parties is inevitable, Americans can adapt to find common ground through compromise. I hope the United States would have created a national culture of civic service and bipartisanship. Even though we may all have different ways of reaching a goal, Americans can join to respect others' decisions; we understand the shared values and motivations behind them.

My role in America's future is to serve as an avatar between these two visions. As an Air Force JROTC Officer, I have learned that the "Service before Self" mentality is essential to leadership. As a legislative intern, I learned the nuances of a statesman. Whether serving in the military or in elected office, by carrying these dual perspectives, I can prioritize the long-term health of our nation over short-term wins.

For the next 250 years of our nation to be as successful, we need leaders who prioritize the public's trust, not a path to power. By participating in the 2026 NYCS, I am envisioning myself as one of these beacons. Committed to ensuring future generations look back to 2026, as they see the moment our nation's leaders committed themselves to providing freedom and liberty.

REGION XIV-ADRIAN SO



Ignition: America's Next 250 Years

BY JOHN HUMPREYS

“Ignition!” is one of the most important actions of the last 250 years. Igniting the fuses of cannons in the Revolutionary War and igniting the Saturn V rocket were momentous achievements in our nation’s history. It is truly awe-inspiring to consider the remarkable progress made in the last 250 years. Looking forward to what can be accomplished in the next 250 years will be incredible. The potential is sitting there, begging to be realized. From declaring independence to putting the first man on the moon, the US is trusted by the rest of the world to lead. Soon, the US will return to the moon with NASA’s Artemis Program. The Apollo missions showed that we could get there; Artemis will show we can stay.

Space exploration is not merely a scientific endeavor; it also provides an incredibly useful insight into the world of politics and diplomacy.

In the movie “First Man”, Neil Armstrong, played by Ryan Gosling, was asked why he wanted to participate in space exploration. He answered, “When you get a different vantage point, it changes your perspective.” I believe that a similar vantage point, now more than ever, is needed in the political environment. Putting the quote into my own words: reaching further outwards helps us grow inwards in our own understanding as we look back upon ourselves.

JFK mentioned many reasons for space exploration during his speech at Rice University, when he said, “We choose to go to the moon.” Many other aspects of his speech showed how important it was that America was first. This continues to be the case, even in modern day, and will remain so. Our jobs as Americans are to support the goals set forth and tackle the challenging tasks ahead. Another famous quote by JFK states, “Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country.”

Both the Space Race during the Cold War and the ongoing work aboard the International Space Station (ISS) present unique challenges that produce the best in us, not to mention the amount of trust and collaboration that happens between nations through diplomacy in space. I hope to be that person who can go far out, look back, and finally bring a unique viewpoint back to discussions taking place on a national and international level.

Space power holds a strong place in our civil and political efforts. Going beyond science and exploration, space exploration gives us new views, encourages diplomacy, and demands the best from us. I aspire to be a small part of that movement by becoming an astronaut and using that experience in the highest levels of public service. Space exploration, therefore, isn’t just about exploring new worlds, but also improving ours. If the past 250 years began with “Ignition”, then the next 250 should be focused on propelling us forward, faster than ever before.

REGION VI—JOHN HUMPREYS



Summer Health Reminders

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

Hello Companions,
As we enter summer, let's be mindful of our health. This article provides essential reminders concerning summer health awareness and safety protocols.

Seasonal Allergies

Watch out for pollen, grass, and mold spores, which are at their highest levels in summer.

Summer Bites

Warm weather brings out bees, mosquitoes, gnats, and other insects, as well as snakes and rodents. Protect yourself by using repellent or choosing protective clothing.

Staying Aware of the Summer Heat

Prevent heat illness with breathable clothing and regular shade and AC breaks. Exercise during cooler parts of the day, wear breathable clothing, and watch for signs of heat-related illness.

High temperatures can cause you to pass out, develop heat rash, experience cramps, become exhausted, or even suffer heatstroke. Stop right away if you feel any of the following: dizziness, nausea, unusual fatigue, headache, muscle cramps, clammy or very hot skin

Staying hydrated is very important because it helps control your blood pressure and body temperature. Heat makes your heart work harder, raising your heart rate and increasing the amount of blood it

needs to pump to keep you cool. If you become dehydrated and lose electrolytes, your blood can thicken, which may cause arrhythmias or worsen heart conditions. These problems can lead to dizziness, chest pain, fluid buildup, or even heart attacks.

Water and Child Safety

Water and child safety come down to supervision because drowning happens quickly and silently. Young children should always be within arm's reach in pools, lakes, or even bathtubs. Make sure to secure small water hazards like buckets, kiddie pools, and toilets, and consider learning CPR so you can respond right away in an emergency.

- Practice water safety: constant supervision, life jackets, and swimming lessons.
- Use SPF 30-50, hats, sunglasses, and shade to prevent sunburn.
- Keep kids hydrated with frequent water breaks, especially during play.
- Protect against mosquitoes and ticks with child-safe repellent and daily tick checks.
- Ensure bike and playground safety with helmets, proper footwear, and cool equipment surfaces.

Never leave a child in a hot car, even briefly.

Eating Safely

Pay attention to what you eat this summer. Fruits, salads, light proteins, and vegetables are all good choices. Offer healthy snacks like fruits, yogurt, veggies, and whole-grain options.

You've experienced many summers and know the challenges. These are reminders—use common sense, stay safe, and enjoy summer.

This will be my final article as I intend to pass it down to MG (Dr.) George A. Alexander, USA, who served as the Deputy Surgeon General for the Army National Guard, and former Director for Medical and Public Health Security, Office of Homeland Security, the White House.

It has been a pleasure to have had this opportunity to serve as the Surgeon General of MOWW. As you know, it is better to serve than to be served. I enjoyed serving.

Thank you.

CPT Dan L. Cameron, Jr., USA (Fmr)



“He’s Got the Whole Wide World in His Hands” A Word of Steadfast Hope

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

As a young Army Captain, I deployed from Germany to Kuwait in December 1990 as the United States and our allied forces prepared to confront Iraqi aggression. Now, as a retired Lieutenant Colonel—with daughters serving as Army officers and former JROTC cadets now in uniform, I find myself watching our nation once again engaged in conflict. Since 28 February 2026, the United States and Israel have been fighting Iran in a war that has spread across neighboring regions and shaken global markets, even affecting the price we pay at the gas pump.

In moments like these, I find myself praying the same prayer I prayed more than three decades ago: *“Lord, see us through another war without massive loss of life.”* And I am reminded of a simple Sunday School song that carried profound truth then and still does today: “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands.”

Isaiah 41: 8-14 echoes that same assurance: *“Do not fear, for I am with you... I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”*

Sometimes life feels like we are falling with no one to catch us. The world seems chaotic, unpredictable, and out of control. Yet Scripture reminds us that God is not distant. Through the Holy Spirit, He dwells within us, guides us, strengthens us, and speaks through His Word.

When God spoke through the prophet Isaiah, Israel was in rebellion and facing hardship. Yet God still said, “Do not fear... I will help you.” What comfort it must have been for them to know that even in captivity, God had not forgotten them.

In our own lives—and in the lives of those we love—there are days when it feels like we are speeding down a crowded interstate, danger all around, and an accident seems inevitable. But even then, **God is present. God is steady. God is holding us up.**

So let us be encouraged. Let us stand firm in faith. Let us remember the truth that carried us as children and still carries us as adults, Service Members, Companions, parents, and believers:
He’s still got the whole wide world in His hands.





Sun City Center Chapter, FL

Honoring Service After Decades

BY COL LONNIE D. VONA, USA (RET)

On 19 February 2026, Chapter Companion 1LT Anthony F. Abbate, USA (Fmr), finally received the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal—56 years after his service in the Republic of Korea (August 1969–August 1970). Tony served as a Detachment Commander at a radar site.

Presenting the medal were (L-R): COL Lonnie D. Vona, USA (Ret), Chapter Commander, and LTC Paul S. Hodges, USA (Ret), Vice Commander of Region VI.



Greater El Paso Chapter, TX

Eagle Scout Court of Honor

BY CPT PAULA R. MITCHELL, ED.D., USAR (FMR)

The Eagle Court of Honor, celebrating Eagle Scout Matthew Enriquez from Troop 178, took place on 30 May 2026.

During this special milestone event, Matthew was honored for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. It is the highest rank attainable in the Scouts BSA program of Scouting America. Notably, he received a MOWW Certificate of Recognition from the Greater El Paso Chapter, presented by LTC Jesus Beltran, USAR (Ret).



Puerto Rico Chapter, PR

YLS Welcomes 85 Students

BY COL ADALBERTO RIVERA, USAF (RET)

On 16 May 2026, the Puerto Rico Chapter hosted a Youth Leadership Seminar at Salon Cordero, the Puerto Rico National Guard conference room in San Juan. The event hosted a total of 85 students from JROTC, Civil Air Patrol, and Scouting BSA, the largest group to date, according to Colonel Carlos Quiñones, PR Chapter Patriotic Education Program Coordinator. The seminar brought together civilians, law enforcement officers, and Companions. Topics included America 250, the Artemis program at NASA, ethics and civics, artificial intelligence, and leadership. This seminar also received support from 12 chapters in various capacities.

JROTC students pose along with their JROTC Instructors and MOWW PR Chapter Staff Members



Puget Sound Chapter, WA

Echoes of Freedom

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

The redcoats have arrived with cannon to be part of the America 250 celebration. On 21 March in DuPont, WA, they participated in the Washington State Patriotic Day, a play which depicted the occupation of Boston and the arrival of General Washington and his army. The First Corps Band set the tone with lively, toe-tapping selections. In the skit, the Sons of the American Revolution Fife and Drum Corps swoop onto the scene, triumphantly replacing the retreating British from Boston. This spirited reenactment delivered an unforgettable civic lesson, captivating both young and old alike.



Col Elmer Chapter, AR

Empowering Future Leaders

BY LTC SHAUN B. MCGARRY, USA (RET)

On May 9, the Col Jim Elmer Central Arkansas Chapter hosted its fourth annual Youth Leadership Seminar at The Arkansas National Guard Museum. JROTC student leaders from central Arkansas high schools participated in leadership and ethical problem-solving exercises. Chapter Commander COL Damon N. Cluck, USA (Ret), and Vice Commander LTC Shaun B. McGarry, USA (Ret), led sessions on the Bill of Rights, Free Enterprise, and US Presidents. After lunch, students toured the museum's exhibits. The seminar concluded with MOWW Certificate presentations, marking a successful day dedicated to developing future community leaders.



Pittsburgh Chapter, PA

Eagle Scout Honors During America's 250th

BY COL ROBERT L. REESE, USA (RET)

It was a major accomplishment for five Boy Scouts from Troop 215 when they were elevated to Eagle Scout. After completing 21 tasks and a community project, they were the principal awardees at a Court of Honor recognizing their achievements. Chapter members LTC Charles D. Chasler, USA (Ret), and COL Robert L. Reese, USA (Ret), presented a Certificate of Accomplishment and Eagle Patch to each scout. Each Scout's project varied. Boyd Alspach built storage closets for his school's Caring Closet. Zachary Bateman organized a school supply drive for Casey's Clubhouse. Connor Behr refurbished a footbridge at South Park. Conner Blacklin built an outdoor cooking area at Lions Park. Nathan Disori improved a walkway at St. Anne's Church. LTC Paul F. Farinella, USA (Ret), Region III Commander, also donated three anniversary flags, one presented to Troop 215.





Colorado Springs Chapter, CO

Outstanding Cadets Honored

BY LTC MICHAEL D. BERENDT, USA (RET)

The Colorado Springs Chapter provided ROTC/JROTC Award of Merit Medals, Ribbons, and Certificates to 21 outstanding cadets in the Pikes Peak region. Eight Chapter Companions recognized 3 ROTC Cadets (University of Colorado, Colorado Springs) and 18 JROTC high school students at 18 awards ceremonies across Colorado Springs, Fountain, Pueblo, Widefield, and Canon City.

Lt Colonel Paul Willey presents a MOWW JROTC Medal to Cadet Eliana Burrs of Sand Creek High School, Colorado Springs, CO.



Northern Virginia Chapter, VA

Cadet Mueller Receives Pershing Leadership Award

BY COL VINCENTE C. OGILVIE, USA (RET)

Cadet Eliana Mueller receiving the NOVA MOWW Chapter's 2026 Annual General John J. Pershing Leadership Award from COL Vince Ogilvie, USA (Ret), at the Chantilly Academy Award Ceremony and Pass In Review, 11 April 2026.



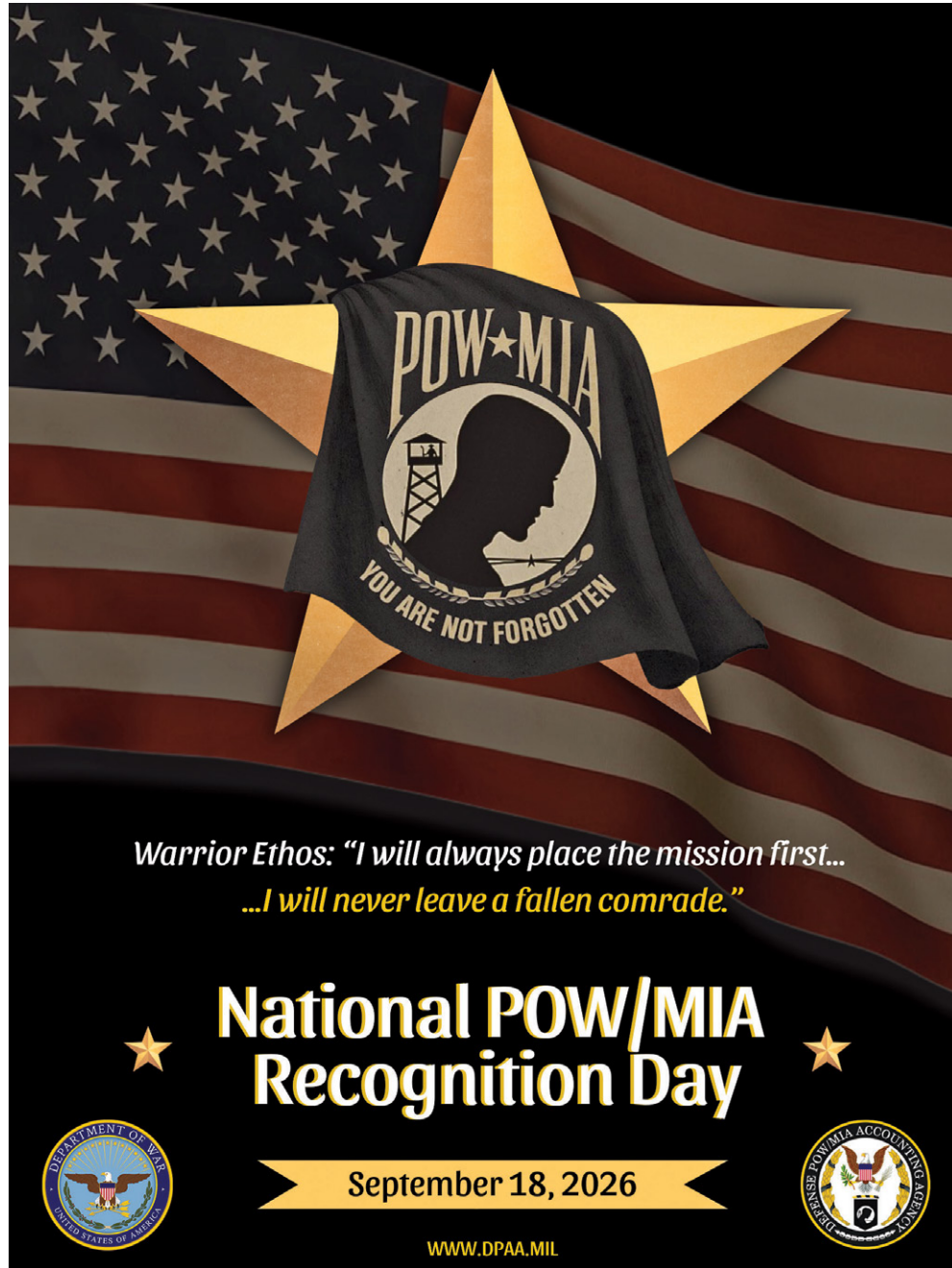
Augusta Chapter, GA

America 250 Memorial Day event

VCINC CPT JAMES A. BRADY, USA (FMR)

Memorial Day 2026 was special in Georgia as the Augusta Chapter hosted its "America 250" Memorial Day event, joining 45 partners to honor 250 years of American sacrifice. Mayor Garnett L. Johnson of Augusta and MG Ryan M. Janovic, Commanding General at Fort Gordon, were the keynote speakers. The ceremony included the National Sojourners Colonial Color Guard, Augusta Pipes & Drums, and over 300 community members who attended despite the rain.

[L-R] SGM Mike Culbertson, USA (Ret), Former Region V CDR and CPT (Dr.) James Brady III, USA (Fmr), Vice CINC for Regions IV & V and the Event Coordinator. CPT Brady has coordinated and executed 25 Memorial Day and Veterans Day Ceremonies for Augusta, Georgia, since 2013.



NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency's 2026 POW/MIA Recognition Day Poster. President Jimmy Carter established National POW/MIA Recognition Day in 1979. The day is observed annually on the 3rd Friday of September. The day was established to honor veterans who were held as POW's and those who remain missing in action. Each year the President issues a Presidential Proclamation to commemorate the day and every year a poster is designed to recognize the debt owed to those who sacrificed their freedom so that the nation might enjoy peace and liberty.

Currently, there are 71,783 U.S. personnel unaccounted for from World War II with approximately 10,000 missing in the Philippines, the largest total for any single country.

For more information visit <https://www.dpaa.mil/>





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