





# General of the Army Omar N. Bradley – Colonel L. Thaxton Hanson Chapter (186) (PROUDLY HOSTED THE 2019 CENTENNIAL NATIONAL CONVENTION)

### Our Chapter's Mission: Veterans Support, Patriotic Education, and Honoring Our Fellow Veterans

Founded in 1919 by officers who served during World War One under General of the Armies John "Blackjack" Pershing, the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) is a premier patriotic Veterans Service Organization (VSO) "Serving Youth, Community, and Nation" that is centered on the idea embodied in its motto that "It Is Nobler To Serve Than To Be Served." MOWW's founding over one hundred years ago resulted from General Pershing's request that his officers continue serving America after their military service ended. MOWW promotes and encourages military and public service, good citizenship, and patriotic education nationwide.

Serving the Greater Los Angeles and Orange Counties, the *General of the Army Omar N. Bradley – Colonel L. Thaxton Hanson Chapter (186)* proudly promotes a *Youth Leadership and Patriotic Education Program* as a cornerstone of our Chapter's community outreach: this is in addition to supporting fellow Veterans and recognizing those we have served with, past and present.

# 2021 – 2022 Quarterly Situation Report (SITREP) \_\_\_\_ July – September, 2021

### Lieutenant Colonel David J. Worley, United States Air Force (Retired), Commander

Commander's Report – As our Order begins moving back to a sense of normalcy, our Chapter is well on track to not only get back to 100% "Operations Normal" but also embark on a coming year of significant growth. Over the last three months, we had two inperson lunch meetings plus our Annual BBQ, all of which were extremely well attended by our Companions and guests. We are now moving to monthly meetings, something we haven't been able to do for years. We are implementing an expanded community outreach program, and most importantly, we are moving forward with tools to not only benefit our Companions but also better promote the MOWW brand throughout our community: this includes an enhanced Chapter website, a Chapter coin which is being produced as we speak, and an informational brochure that will come to fruition before the end of the year. Yes, our Chapter is unquestionably on-track towards filling a vital niche in our community.

On June 26<sup>th</sup>, we had our first in-person meeting since last November. We had 47 attendees at the Odyssey *Restaurant* to hear **Douglas V. Gibb** speak about *The Privilege of Citizenship and Liberty*. Mr. Gibb is the President of the Constitution Association,

and his words did not disappoint. It was a much needed presentation during these troubling times for our country, and everyone walked away with a sense of pride and patriotism. Renowned singer and entertainer **Rebecca Holden** captivated the audience when she sang the *National Anthem* and closed our meeting with the singing of *God Bless America*. **CPT Richard Henderson** received his much-deserved *National Citation* for his extraordinary work as our Chapter's Chaplain, **Lt Col Ed Reynolds** was inducted as a perpetual member of the Chapter (formally a Regular Member), and those who were instrumental in our *Operation Gratitude* outreach mission were collectively recognized for their hard work and selfless dedication (see *Chapter-In-Action* section). Great food and camaraderie, an excellent way to jump start our Chapter as we moved out of the throws of the pandemic.

Also at the June meeting, we proudly announced a partnership with World War Two Veteran and Honored Friend of the Chapter Sergeant Jimmy Weldon for our Chapter's Youth Leadership Conferences and Seminars. Jimmy was present at our meeting, and has been a stalwart throughout the community for many, many years, always speaking to today's youth on patriotism, Americanism, as well as Character and Ethics. Jimmy was one of the honorees at the 2019 Centennial National Convention held in Simi Valley, and also opens nearly all public meetings he attends with a heartfelt rendition of the Pledge of Allegiance. A shining role model and inspiration for our youth, our future Chapter-sponsored conferences will be appropriately named the Jimmy Weldon Youth Leadership Conference or Jimmy Weldon Youth Leadership Seminar. We are grateful to Jimmy for allowing us to name our Youth Conferences in his honor appropriately setting the tone at each of these events. We are indeed most grateful and honored:



On August 28<sup>th</sup>, our well-attended Annual BBQ was held at the Worley Mansion. Due to the pandemic, we chose not to have a pot-luck but rather the BBQ meal was catered instead: all enjoyed the food and company. After the meal, yours truly was formally presented a *Gold Patrick Henry Medallion* by Brig Gen Dan Pemberton (Conejo-Valley Chapter): the award was announced at the 2021 National Convention (Detroit) on behalf of VCINC LT John S. McConnel, USNR (Former). Then, **HPM Gayle E. Worley** was presented her *Silver Patrick Henry Medallion and Certificate* that was announced at a June Region XIV Meeting by **VCINC LT John S. McConnel, USNR (Former)**. Gayle was formally presented her award by a most-proud yours truly for her *Significant Patriotic Contributions* to the cause of patriotism through her years of selfless service to not only MOWW, but to the community as an active member of the *National Society Daughters of the American Revolution* (see *Chapter-In-Action*). Chapter business then ensued with a wrap-up of a birthday cake celebration for our very own **LTC Ángel M. Ortiz**.

On September 14<sup>th</sup> we held our first Luncheon Meeting at *Victorio's Ristorante*. The theme of the well-attended meeting was Constitution Day (September 17<sup>th</sup>), POW-MIA Recognition Day (September 17<sup>th</sup>), and celebrating the USAF's 74<sup>th</sup> Birthday (September 18<sup>th</sup>). Lt Lynn McGinnis, a retired school teacher and American Legion member, talked about *The Constitution:*Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow; HPM Gayle E. Worley also talked about a 1:00 PM "Ringing of the Bells" on Constitution Day plus her perspective as a member of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Each attendee received a copy of the United States Constitution plus a card containing both the Pledge of Allegiance and The American's Creed. Sergeant Robert

Donovan, a supervisor for Operation Gratitude and Honored Friend of the Chapter, then gave an Operation Gratitude overview as

Companions began preparation for our November care-package drive. Needless to say, the Luncheon was a huge success and with a most delicious cuisine: the membership overwhelmingly agreed to return to *Victorio's* for next month's meeting.

A special "Thanks!" needs to go to our photographer Lt JG Ken Mayer for the fantastic photos included in this SITREP.

Three gatherings in three months, clearly indicating that our Chapter is regaining its momentum towards "normal" operations. At our October Business Luncheon, your *Executive Staff* will present our community outreach roadmap for the 2021-2022 operating year, and it will clearly show that the future is indeed promising.

In closing, I want to say once again "Thank You!" for the support I've received from our Executive Staff. With the new Bylaws we approved in October of last year, your Executive Staff was given the responsibility as the governing body of our Chapter while acting as our Chapter's executive agency authority. The staff has had great deal on its plate and has skillfully navigated our Chapter through many challenges this past year. The Executive Staff has been energetic and enthusiastically administering Chapter business, and has effectively put in place a Chapter Action Plan that will move our Chapter forward over the forthcoming years. I look forward to working with all Chapter Companions as we embark together on this exciting journey of "Serving Youth, Nation, and Community Since 1919". As I have continually mentioned, our Chapter is living proof that, as President Ronald Reagan stated, "It CAN Be Done!"

Respectfully,



### SECTION 1 OF 4: CHAPTER NEWS AND NOTES

Calendar of Events - Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events and activities (See Chapter Website For Updates):

Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> – Noon to 3:00 PM (Doors Open @ 11:30 AM). Annual Bradley-Hanson Chapter (186) Business Luncheon. *Victorio's Ristorante*, 10901 Victory Boulevard, North Hollywood.

Closed Meeting Open Only to Companions and Spouses. Cost: \$25 per person (Payable at Door)

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Saturday, October 23rd – 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM. 2021 Region XIV Virtual Fall Conference.

Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 AM to Noon. Operation Gratitude Packing Day. Assembly of 1000 Care Packages for MOWW Distribution. Operation Gratitude, 9409 Owensmouth Avenue, Chatsworth. Volunteers Requested. POC is Chapter Adjutant.

Saturday, December 18th – 9:00 AM – 11:00 PM. Wreaths Across America. Los Angeles National Cemetery. Placement of wreaths.

Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Tentative. 2022 Region XIV In-Person Spring Convention. Details forthcoming.

Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> through Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. 2022 Thousand Oaks Youth Leadership Conference (TOYLC). *California Lutheran University*, 60 West Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks. Volunteers and Sponsors Requested.

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**VETERANS SUPPORT:** Operation Gratitude – During the month of November, our Chapter will be assisting *Operation Gratitude* in the distribution of 1000 care packages to many of our fellow Veterans residing in hospitals, care facilities, and senior homes. Last year, our Chapter successfully delivered 766 care packages to Veterans throughout Los Angeles County: these packages were delivered on behalf of *Operation Gratitude* to our three main VA facilities located throughout the county and to other Veterans Service Organizations who in-turn delivered these packages to fellow Veterans that were homebound or located in senior care facilities.

First, it is important that fellow Companions identify those locations we wish to deliver these packages to **NLT our Chapter** meeting on Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. It is important when identifying hospitals, facilities and homes for package delivery that we have a point of contact at the location as they need to arrange with our Chapter Companions for the actual delivery of the packages. We will be assembling the packages at *Operation Gratitude's* facility (in Chatsworth) on Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>: then during the first week in November we will deliver our packages. **POCs: Please coordinate all necessary details with the Commander or Adjutant.** 

Since 2003, Operation Gratitude has distributed nearly three million packages to active-duty personnel, Veterans, and first responders: we are most humbled that our Chapter is a part of this organization's extraordinary effort, whose mission is: "To forge strong bonds between Americans and their Military and First Responder Heroes through volunteer service projects, acts of gratitude, and meaningful engagements in communities". For information visit <a href="https://www.operationgratitude.com">www.operationgratitude.com</a> as well as our website at <a href="https://www.mowwlosangeles.com">www.mowwlosangeles.com</a>.

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Membership and Brochures – The future of the Chapter depends on our ability to bring new active members into the fold. Each and every Companion is on the *Membership Committee* with the goal for each-and-every Companion recruiting one new member this year. Companions can print the membership application located at the end of this newsletter.

Our new informational Chapter Brochure is still in the design stage and we hope to present a prototype at our October Business Luncheon. This brochure will be a most-needed tool for us to "get the word out" about our Chapter and provide greater opportunity for the Chapter to attract new members.

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HONORING OUR FELLOW VETERANS: Wreaths Across America – As you know, Wreaths Across America (WAA) is a national program that our Chapter annually embraces and is a key component of our Chapter's community outreach program. To date we now have sponsored 490 wreaths which is 81.7% of this year's goal of 600 wreaths! This outpouring of support from Companions and organizations has been nothing short of extraordinary, truly "Honoring Our Veterans Past and Present". Wreaths are \$15 each and for every two wreaths purchased we receive a third one at no additional charge. Wreaths can also be requested for and placed for a specific Veteran: if one wishes to have a wreath placed on a specific Veteran's gravesite at a separate nearby cemetery, one can pick that wreath up at the Los Angeles National Cemetery on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Over the next two months, each and every Companions needs to assist our Chapter in the raising of enough funds/purchases to meet our 600-wreath goal. Our fundraising drive ends on Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> (this date was selected as there needs to be enough lead time for the wreaths to be purchased, our Chapter given full credit for the purchases, and to give Wreaths Across America time to prepare for the shipment of the wreaths and subsequent delivery to the cemetery for the December 18<sup>th</sup> wreath placement).

Here are the two ways you can purchase a wreath: this Chapter's web link for the drive can be found at <a href="https://wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/163220">https://wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/163220</a>: through this link you can make an online credit card purchase. You can also access our web link on your mobile device by scanning the QRC code provided below. If you wish to purchase a wreath by check, please have a check made out to "Bradley-Hanson Chapter of MOWW" and mail to: CPT Gordon Fell, Attn: MOWW Wreaths, 2120 South Beverly Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90034.



Please help us honor and remember as many of these heroes as possible by sponsoring remembrance wreaths, and/or volunteering on Wreaths Day: please consider joining us at the cemetery on **Saturday, December 18**<sup>th</sup> at **9:00 AM** ... your family and friends to also invited to attend ... and please wear comfortable walking shoes!

POCS: Please coordinate all necessary details with the Commander, Adjutant, or Treasurer. For more information go to <a href="https://www.mowwlosangeles.com">www.mowwlosangeles.com</a>.

HONORING OUR FELLOW VETERANS: VFW Post 3834 World War I Memorial – Last year we were part of a rededication ceremony on Flag Day (June 14<sup>th</sup>) of a 100-year-old monument located at VFW Post 3834 (San Fernando). The monument was erected on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 1920 by the San Fernando Valley Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) in honor of those from the community who served during The Great War.

Our Chapter is sponsoring (as approved as part of the 2020-2021 Chapter Budget) a rededication plaque which will be placed in front of the current monument this Fall. The plaque will be installed next month. The plaque reads "THIS MEMORIAL REDEDICATED IN 2020 TO ALL MILITARY MEMBERS WHO SERVED FROM WORLD WAR ONE TO THE PRESENT ... DONATED BY THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER NSDAR, MILITARY ORDER OF THE WORLD WARS, AND VFW POST 3834". Further information about an installation ceremony and/or actual placement of the plaque will be forthcoming next month.

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Honored Friends Of The Chapter – There are many individuals, to include those who are from various other volunteer organizations, who also believe in our mission yet are not eligible for membership. Many non-commissioned officers are friends of our Chapter as well. These Honored Friends Of The Chapter (referred to as "Friends") are involved in nearly all aspects of our community outreach activities, they attend our meetings, and they assist where they can with our Chapter's overall mission. These friends are vital to success of our Chapter and are welcome with open arms. To learn how you can assist our Chapter, contact a fellow Chapter member and/or access our website <a href="https://www.mowwlosangeles.com">www.mowwlosangeles.com</a> to learn more.

### **SECTION 2 OF 4: ONGOING PROGRAMS**

Patriotic Education – This Chapter's Youth Leadership and Patriotic Education Program is our primary community outreach program, a program that sets the Military Order of the World Wars apart from other Veterans Service Organization (VSOs): Among its other National and community-focused outreach programs, the Order's overall Patriotic Education Program focuses on youth education, development, and recognition. Involvement with local Scouting, Senior ROTC, and Junior ROTC programs are a primary focus of every Chapter program nationwide. Additionally, Chapter companions routinely speak at schools and numerous youth groups on a variety of patriotic, historical, leadership, and character development topics. Also, Chapters nationwide annually sponsor, at no cost to high school juniors and seniors who are selected to attend, approximately 25 five-day in-residence Youth Leadership Conferences: the mission is to provide the opportunity for our youth to develop leadership skills, gain appreciation of patriotism, and stimulate awareness of our nation's free enterprise system. Numerous one, two, and three-day Youth Leadership Conferences/Seminars are

also conducted nationwide, sponsored by Chapters at no cost to students, focusing on specific subjects of interest promoting patriotism, leadership, civics, and community involvement. For more information go to www.mowwlosangeles.com.

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PATRIOTIC EDUCATION: Scouting, ROTC, and JROTC - We laud the achievements of our youth who have grown as leaders, embody the characteristics of good citizenship, and demonstrate outstanding character. Our Chapter proudly recognizes *Girl Scout Gold Award* and *Boy Scout Eagle Award* recipients with Certificates of Recognition through local councils; additionally, we sponsor ROTC and JROTC Awards of Merit certificates and medals to cadets enrolled in nearly 50 college and high school programs. We are presently coordinating with each of the ROTC and JROTC units we support for Spring 2022 award presentations to deserving cadets: presentation ceremonies will take place during the May-June timeframe, and we encourage all Companions to attend these ceremonies and present an award. Last operating year we sponsored 79 Boy Scout Eagle Award Certificates and 73 Girl Scout Gold Award Certificates. This past July, we also presented Eagle Scout Certificates to five ladies from Troop 258 (Palos Verdes Estates), and one of them was also presented her Girl Scout Gold Award Certificate as well (please see our *Chapter in Action*): simply amazing! For more information go to <a href="https://www.mowwlosangeles.com">www.mowwlosangeles.com</a>.

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PATRIOTIC EDUCATION: Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation's Character Development Program - Our Chapter proudly promotes this program sponsored by the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation (founded by the Congressional Medal of Honor Society) consisting exclusively of the living Recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor. The Foundation is dedicated to educating and inspiring Americans about the values embodied in the Congressional Medal of Honor: courage and sacrifice, commitment and integrity, citizenship and patriotism. Its living history videos and accompanying lessons teach K-12 students that ordinary people can meet great challenges and make the world around them a better place. For more information go to: https://themedalofhonor.com/about-the-cdp/ and www.mowwlosangeles.com.

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PATRIOTIC EDUCATION: 2022 Thousand Oaks Youth Leadership Conference (TOYLC) - June 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. MOWW sponsors at no cost to those high school juniors and seniors who are selected to attend the *Thousand Oaks Youth Leadership Conference (TOYLC)*, a five-day in-residence Conference on the campus of *California Lutheran University*. The TOYLC mission is to provide the opportunity for our youth to develop leadership skills, gain appreciation of patriotism, and stimulate awareness of our nation's free enterprise system. To access the student application form and for more information go to <a href="https://www.mowwlosangeles.com">www.mowwlosangeles.com</a> and <a href="https://www.toylc.com">www.toylc.com</a>.

**PATRIOTIC EDUCATION: Youth Leadership Education and Patriotic Education Resources** - We will soon provide on our website numerous links to various resources towards educating and assisting today's youth. We believe it is important to make available through electronic means resources that are readily available to our youth as well as provide comprehensive resources for teachers to utilize in today's modern classroom. **These links will be found at www.mowwlosangeles.com**.

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PATRIOTIC EDUCATION AND HONORING OUR VETERANS: 250th Anniversary of American Independence Celebration - Our Chapter has already begun making plans for our Nation's semiquincentennial celebration that will take place in 2026. The Chapter's celebration events and activities will focus on Patriotic Education for our youth as well as recognition of our fellow military comrades who have paid the ultimate sacrifice over a 250-year period defending the rights and freedoms of this great country. To read about our ongoing plans please go to <a href="https://www.mowwlosangeles.com">www.mowwlosangeles.com</a>.

HONORING OUR VETERANS: Vietnam 50-Year Commemoration - Our Chapter is a proud Commemorative Partner of the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration program. As a commemorative partner, this Chapter honors our comrades-in-arms who served during the Vietnam War. Across the Nation, Americans are uniting to thank and honor Vietnam Veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice: this is the main focus of the National 50th Anniversary Commemoration which was authorized by Congress in 2008. Through our efforts, we also encourage the general public to continue thanking and honoring our

Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the Nation. If you know of a Vietnam Veteran that has yet to be recognized, please let us know so that they can be appropriately honored. For more information go to <a href="https://www.mowwlosangeles.com">www.mowwlosangeles.com</a>. POCS: Contact the Commander, Adjutant, or Treasurer.

HONORING OUR VETERANS: Korean War 75-Year Commemoration - Our Chapter has begun making plans in preparation of the Korean War 75-Year Commemoration that will take place from 2025-2028. In recognition of those individuals who served during this three-year conflict, a five-year program is being developed by our Chapter leading up to the 75-Year Commemoration: the intent of the program is to not only recognize those individuals who served during the conflict, but to educate the general public of not only the sacrifices of those individuals who served, but that this post-WWII conflict is technically still ongoing as it was a "cease fire" agreement that ended the armed conflict, with military hostilities between the North and the South still in place today. For more information go to www.mowwlosangeles.com.

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HONORING OUR VETERANS: Veterans History Project – As described on the project's website, "The United States Congress created the Veterans History Project (VHP) in 2000 as part of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. VHP collects, preserves and makes accessible the firsthand remembrances of U.S. military Veterans from World War I through the more recent conflicts. Anyone, including students ages 15 or older, can volunteer to participate." Over the years, high school Junior ROTC cadets have assisted our Chapter in the organization, interviewing, and documentation of Veterans' experiences for inclusion in Library of Congress records: we have also insured that the Veteran and their families receive copies of these most treasured interviews as well. Currently, we are proudly partnering with the Conejo Valley Chapter (195) for the actual interviewing of our Veterans. For more information go to: <a href="https://www.loc.gov/vets/vets-home.html">https://www.loc.gov/vets/vets-home.html</a> and <a href="https://www.mowwlosangeles.com">www.mowwlosangeles.com</a>.

### SECTION 3 OF 4: NATIONAL AND REGION XIV INFORMATION

National Headquarters Updates – The August in-person 2021 Detroit National Convention was well attended considering the circumstances surrounding the current pandemic. A full detailed After-Action-Report will be presented to our membership at our October Business Meeting. Full biographical information of newly elected MOWW Commander-in-Chief (CINC) LTC (Dr.) Michael A. Okin, USA (Retired) can be found in the recently received September-October 2021 edition of the Officer Review. Your Chapter Commander was also elected as a MOWW Vice Commander-in-Chief (VCINC) with oversight of our Region XIV as well as Region VIII:

"It was my privilege and honor to have been elected as a Vice Commander-in-Chief at this year's National Convention in Detroit. I look forward to working with our Order's Commander-in-Chief, LTC (Dr.) Michael A. Okin as part of the team that moves our Order forward out of the circumstances created by the tragic pandemic of this past year-and-a-half. My oversight responsibilities include that of Regions VIII and XIV which are guided by two outstanding Commanders, CAPT Deborah A. Dombeck (Region VIII) and CDR Ted Parsons (Region XIV). I will provide my Region Commanders the tools they need to not only be able to perform their duties and responsibilities, but to be able to grow their Regions through the establishment of new CADRES and improved Chapter viability. We now more than ever need to grow all of our Chapters through increased Community Outreach which in-turn will give us greater resources of potential new Companions while at the same time increasing our public footprint and fulfilling vital niches within our communities. I want all of the Companions in our two Regions to have a sense of pride of what it means to be a member of the Order, and to not only embrace but to be able to articulate our Order's Strategic Goals: only in this way can each and every one of us be Ambassadors for the Order. We have a tremendous foundation of top-notch Chapter and Department Commanders plus dedicated Region Staffs who are carrying the torch and leading the way: I am proud of each and every one of you, and I "Thank You!" for what you have done and will continue to do for the Order."

The pandemic continues to significantly impact Chapters nationwide, but as Companions we are always up to the challenge of finding ways to implement our community outreach objectives while simultaneously growing the Order's involvement and membership. Our Chapter has indeed risen to the occasion during this last quarter and will continue to do so in the months to come. For more information go to: www.moww.org.

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Region XIV Updates – Region XIV held its first Zoom Conference on August 17<sup>th</sup> with newly elected CDR George T. (Ted) Parsons of the *San Diego (100)* Chapter at the helm as Region XIV Commander, replacing BG Paul K. Lebidine who stepped-down after two-years of extraordinary service during a very difficult period of time for the Order (for which General Lebidine received the *Silver Patrick Henry Medallion* in June from then VCINC LT John S. McConnel). At the *Region XIV Virtual Summer Conference*, the new Region Commander shared his vision and goals with all who attended, and answered any and all questions posed to him. A number of our Chapter Companions attended the Conference. The *2021 Region XIV Virtual Fall Conference* is scheduled for Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> with details forthcoming: the *2022 Region XIV Spring In-Person Convention* is tentatively planned for Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, times and locations to be announced after the first of the year.

Throughout the Region, Chapters are beginning to "spin back up" by holding in-person meetings, re-engaging with school ROTC/JROTC programs, Boy and Girl Scout Troops, and in general Chapter Community Outreach Programs. It is still a critical time for our Order as concerns still exist nationwide regarding low-recruiting numbers and the need for every Chapter to continue doing everything within their means to engage with <u>all</u> Chapter Companions as well as stepping-up recruitment efforts. Chapters are also being encouraged to work together whenever and wherever possible to include joint virtual meetings.

### SECTION 4 OF 4: CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS AND INFORMATION

Awards and Recognition – Each June, Companions nationwide are recognized with *National Citations* for their outstanding contributions and achievements: at our June 26<sup>th</sup> Luncheon, our Chaplain, CAPT Richard Henderson, USA (Former) received a *National Citation* for "... (being) the Chapter's inspiration, providing faith and comfort to Companions during the 2020-2021 COVID pandemic and at all Chapter meetings, as well as aiding fellow Companions and their families whenever needed." Also at our June 26<sup>th</sup> Luncheon, each Companion who participated in our *Operation Gratitude* package drives last November and May received *Certificates of Appreciation* for their selfless efforts: names and photos of our award recipients can be found in our *Chapter-In-Action* section of this newsletter.

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Our Congratulations to all of our award recipients who truly emulate our motto that "It Is Nobler To Serve Than To Be Served" ... "Thank You!" to each of our recipients for "Job Well-Done!"

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### **Our Chapter-In-Action**



### **Pictured To The Left:**

At our June 28<sup>th</sup> Luncheon, our Distinguished Speaker Douglas V. Gibb, President of the *Constitution Association*, gave a riveting presentation before 47 attendees on *The Privilege of Citizenship and Liberty*.

### **Pictured Below:**

Also at our June 28<sup>th</sup> Luncheon, Rebecca Holden, renowned actress, singer, and entertainer, sang an amazing rendition of the *National Anthem* and *God Bless America* to a most appreciative audience.

### **Pictured Below From Left to Right:**

COL George Kalinski, CPT Gordon A. Fell, MAJ Howard P. Lewis, LT Harry B. Dickenson, HPM Georgett E. Studnicka, LTC Angel M. Ortiz, and HPM Gayle E. Worley.

Each received recognition for their selfless efforts during our Chapter's 2020-2021 *Operation Gratitude* package drive. 1416 total packages were delivered on behalf of *Operation Gratitude* to Veterans and Reservists throughout Los Angeles and Orange Counties.





### Pictured To The Right:

This past July, the Chapter presented *Eagle Scout Award* Certificates to five ladies from Boy Scout Troop 258 (Palos Verdes Estates).

One of the recipients, Rachel Alexis Mealani Arakawa, was recognized for her extraordinary accomplishment of achieving both the Boy Scout Eagle Scout Award and the Girl Scout Gold Award.





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At the Chapter's Annual BBQ held in August, HPM Gayle E, Worley formally receives her *Silver Patrick Henry Medallion* for her *Significant Patriotic Contributions* to the cause of patriotism. Gayle was selected for recognition by **VCINC LT John S. McConnel, USNR (Former)** this past June.

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Companions and guests enjoying their outdoor cuisine at the Chapter's Annual BBQ held in August at the Worley Mansion.





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Companions enjoying each other's camaraderie at the Chapter's Annual BBQ held in August at the Worley Mansion.

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In preparation for the Chapter's *Operation Gratitude* November package distribution drive, *Operation Gratitude* Supervisor Sgt Robert Donovan gives an overview of *Operation Gratitude* and answers questions at the Chapter's September 14<sup>th</sup> Luncheon.

# Fellow Companions and Spouses

\* You Are Cordially Invited To Attend Our October Business Luncheon \*

Tuesday, October 12th at Noon (Doors Open at 11:30 AM)

At Victorio's Ristorante, 10901 Victory Boulevard, North Hollywood (Near Vineland Avenue Adjacent to the "99 Cents Only" Store)

Cost is \$25 Per Person, Cash or Check Payable at the Door

Includes Antipasto Salad, Primavera Salad, Chicken Herb Pasta, Mini Meatballs, Lukas Bread, Non-Alcoholic Beverages

## THIS IS A CLOSED BUSINESS MEETING FOR CHAPTER COMPANIONS AND THEIR SPOUSES **ONLY ... NO INVITED GUESTS PLEASE**

AGENDA WILL INCLUDE (AS A MINIMUM) OY 2020-2021 FINANCIAL REPORT, OPERATION GRATITUDE, WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA, CHAPTER BROCHURE, 2021-2022 CALENDAR,

2021-2022 COMMITTEES. PLUS YOUTH RECOGNITION AND PATRIOTIC EDUCATION PROGRAM

Particulars: Attire is Business Casual (Men's Suits Optional). We ABSOLUTELY need an accurate headcount and By Friday, October 8th, so please RSVP to our Adjutant Georgett Studnicka at 818-882-7224 or qstudnicka1@qmail.com at your earliest convenience.

### \*\*\*\*\* END OF SITREP 2021-2022-1 \*\*\*\*\*

COMMANDER:	DAVID J. WORLEY, LT COL, USAF (Ret)
SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER:	JOHN L. MORIARITY, COL, USA (RET)
ADJUTANT:	MRS. GEORGETT E. STUDNICKA, HPM
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# Membership Application

MAIL COMPLETED FORM & PAYMENT TO: HQ MOWW/DA (Membership)

		WW/DA (Membership) rth Lee St.; Alexandria, VA 22314-2301	◆ M ◆ Da	ember Numbe ate Received b	r: y HQ:	; Date HQ Processe	ed:
A.	API	PLICANT'S INFORMATION					
	1. F	ull Name (First, Middle, Last, Suffix):					
	2. N	failing Address (street, apartment, etc.)					
	3. N	failing Address (city, state, ZIP Code):					
	4. H	ome Phone:	()				
	5. C	ell Phone:	()				
	6. E	mail Address:					
	7. B	irthdate (Day, Month, Year):					
	8. S	pouse's/Partner's Full Name / "Go By" Name:					
	9. S	ervice Branch (circle):	USA L	JSMC U	SN USAF	USCG USP	HS NOAA
	10.	Veteran Status (circle):	ACTIVE DUTY	RESERVE	NATIONAL G	GUARD RETIRED	FORMER
	11.	Dates of Service (MM/YY) & Federal Rank:	From:	To:	; Highest Fed	leral Rank Held:	
	12.	Hereditary Membership Linkage (if applicable):					
	Н	ow did you hear of MOWW:	Referral (rank	x, name):			;
			Facebook:	; MC	)WW website:	; Chapter W	ebsite:
			Other (e.g., e	vent):			
	13.	Membership Categories:   ★ NOTE: Applicant pe	ays chapter du	es (if any) dir	ectly to their chap	oter treasurer	
		□ Veteran Perpetual @ 1 x \$350.00 □ Veteran Perpetual @ 4 x \$87.50 qrtrly □ Veteran Perpetual (1st year commission/warrant) @ Vet Perpetual (1st year commission/warrant) @ 4 x □ Hereditary Perpetual (age 21+) @ 1 x \$350.00 □ Hereditary Perpetual (age 21+) @ 4 x \$87.50 qtrly		☐ Hereditar☐ Veteran F☐ Hereditar	Regular @ \$40.00/y ry Regular @ \$40.00	-20) @ 1 x \$200.00 -20) @ 4 x \$50.00 qrtrly year (one-time payment) 0/year (one-time payme in & Hereditary) @ 1 x \$2	nt)
	14.	Requested MOWW Chapter of Affiliation: <b>G/A</b>	OMAR N. BRAI	DLEY - COL L.	THAXTON HANS	ON (186)	
	15.	Applicant's Signature:				Date:	
В.	API	PLICANT'S CREDIT CARD INFORMATION (Op	tional initial <sub>l</sub>	payment m	ethod; applican	nt may also pay by c	heck)
	1.	Credit Card Type:	VISA	Discover	American E	xpress	
	2.	Cardholder Name (as shown on the credit card):					
	3.	Card number:			; Expira	tion Date (MM/YY):	;
		Card Verification Number (on back of card):	;(	Cardholder ZIP	Code (from credit o	card billing address):	
	4.	PRINT FULL NAME AS SHOWN ON THE CREDIT C	ARD	, authorize The	e Military Order of t	the World Wars to charge	my credit card above
		for the agreed upon purchases. I understand that my i		oe saved to file	for membership pu	urposes.	
	5.	Cardholder's (Customer's) Signature:	MUST BE AN ORIGINA			Date:	
_	DE	CRUITER-SPONSOR'S INFORMATION	MUST BE AN ORIGINA	AL SIGNATURE (NO	OT REPRODUCED)		
C.	1.	Recruiter-Sponsor's Full Name, Rank, Service:				Chapter:	
	2.						
	۷.	Recruiter-Sponsor's Signature: (MUST	TBE AN ORIGINAL S	IGNATURE (NOT	REPRODUCED)	Date	<del></del>

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