



## General of the Army Omar N. Bradley – Colonel L. Thaxton Hanson Chapter (186)

### ***Our Chapter's Mission: Veterans Support, Patriotic Education, 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.

## 2020 – 2021 Quarterly Situation Report (SITREP) \_\_\_\_ October – December, 2020

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

**Commander's Remarks** – Well Ladies and Gentlemen, this quarter we did not let COVID-19 defeat our Chapter's overall mission! We successfully orchestrated two Community Outreach Activities and were able to hold an in-person Chapter Meeting:

- During the week leading up to November 11<sup>th</sup> (Veterans Day), 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 VA facilities in 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. More detailed information is provided later in this SITREP.
- On November 15<sup>th</sup>, we held our November Chapter Luncheon at the 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron Restaurant (Van Nuys). The venue was outdoors with proper safety protocols in place. We had 26 attendees, and in addition to a fine meal were able to get "caught-up" with awards and recognition. Attendance included Companions from fellow Chapters, and it was an opportunity for camaraderie that was enjoyed by all. The luncheon was unquestionably a "shot-in-the-arm" since it was our first in-person meeting since late January. And "Yes!", we handed out *Operation Gratitude* care packages to each of our Veterans in attendance! Luncheon photos are included in *Our Chapter-In-Action* section.

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- For our annual *Wreaths Across America* drive, we obtained enough donations for 113 wreaths to be placed at *Los Angeles National Cemetery*. With the help of members of the *San Fernando Valley Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution* we placed our wreaths at the cemetery on December 17<sup>th</sup>. More detailed information is provided in a separate section of this SITREP.

Since my last SITREP, the Executive Staff has begun diligently working through its “inbox” as we address a number of financial and administrative issues. Of note, Captain Richard Henderson, United States Army (Former), has been re-appointed as our Chapter Chaplain for the 2020-2022 term. Chapter Companions can expect more information over the coming months pertaining to committee appointments and executive decisions: to better keep our membership “in the loop”, you will also be apprised of key actions and discussions by the Executive Staff. I believe fully in full transparency as it relates to executive decisions, and I also want all of our members to have input before the Executive Staff reaches major decisions. Along those lines, members can expect a number of emails in the coming months.

As always, and as I stated last quarter, I am most grateful for your continued efforts and I “Thank You!” for a job well done! This quarter has been ABSOLUTE proof of what you have accomplished. My hat is off to you!

In closing, let us take a moment during these trying times to reflect on the many blessings we have received and make every effort to enjoy this time of the year the best we can. I’ve included a short video link below (6-minutes) that I would like you to view as a reminder of what this great country is all about, and that WE WILL endure through all of what we’ve been challenged with over this past year. After all, we have 244+ years of proof that we will succeed.

[A Patriotic Christmas Tribute - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OAhHz7rfNbQ) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OAhHz7rfNbQ>)

Respectfully,

*Dave*

## 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):

**Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 AM.** Joint Zoom meeting with the *BG J.P. Holland Chapter (103)*. Presentation By Lt Col Dave Worley (Companion, Bradley-Hanson Chapter) titled “**Ed and Nadine Ramsey : True WWII Heroes**”.

**Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> – Time TBD.** Joint meeting with the *Conejo Valley Chapter (195)*. Los Robles Country Club, Thousand Oaks. Guest Speaker: MG Peter J. Gravett (Companion, Bradley-Hanson Chapter).

**Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> – Location TBD – All Day.** 2021 MOWW Region XIV Convention.

**Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> Through Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.** 2021 MOWW National Convention, Detroit, Michigan.

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**Chapter Website** – We have now entered Phase II of our website build. After most welcomed inputs from fellow Chapter Companions, the Executive Staff agreed to extend our completion deadline out to July 1<sup>st</sup> in order to make recommended adjustments and functionality to the website, ensuring that the site best serves our Companions and the community-at-large. The Executive Staff also agreed that with the progress we have already made to the website, as a Chapter we are now in a position to begin utilizing the website as an information and coordination tool for our fellow Companions: this will be an approach in-lieu of 100% reliance on email as our primary means of communication. Our website is designed to be “a companion” to not only these

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quarterly SITREPs, but also to our *Facebook* page (scheduled for release February 1<sup>st</sup>) as well as additional social media avenues that we are in the process of establishing. If Companions have additional inputs, **please email the Commander your thoughts and recommendations**. You can view the website at [www.mowwlosangeles.com](http://www.mowwlosangeles.com).

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**Membership** – Want to make a difference? Membership in our Chapter gives one an opportunity to be part of a special mission, supporting our youth, community, and fellow Veterans. Our proud heritage of patriotism and community outreach gives one a sense of patriotic purpose and involvement. Throughout our many outreach programs, there undoubtedly is an area of interest that appeals to you where you can make a difference. Membership is open to all military officers, past and present, as well as their family members and descendants. **For more information:** contact one of our fellow members and/or visit [www.mowwlosangeles.com](http://www.mowwlosangeles.com) for more detailed information to include membership options, access to our downloadable information brochure, and membership applications.

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**Honored Friends Of The Chapter** – At our November 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting, we recognized four individuals with *Honored Friends of the Chapter* designation (Please see *Our Chapter-In-Action* photos):

- Sergeant Robert Donovan. Over the years, Bob has actively attended our meetings, and is always there to support our Community Outreach efforts, most notably as the Chapter's liaison with *Operation Gratitude*, for which he is a Supervisor. Bob actively promotes the *MOWW Mission* at every opportunity, strongly believing in what MOWW stands for. Bob is passionately involved in numerous programs and activities that serve and support our fellow Veterans.
- Ms. Susan Dawson. Active member and former Regent (equivalent to our Chapter Commander position) of the *San Fernando Valley Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution*. Susan supports our Community Outreach activities, and was a key volunteer for the *2019 Centennial National Convention* that we hosted held last year in Simi Valley. Susan also has a passion for supporting our fellow Veterans.
- Mrs. Deidra Beller. Active member and former Regent of the *San Fernando Valley Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution*. Deidra also supports our Community Outreach activities, and was a key volunteer for the *2019 Centennial National Convention* we hosted held last year in Simi Valley. Deidra not only has a passion for supporting our fellow Veterans, but is strong advocate of our high schools' Junior ROTC programs.
- Sergeant Jimmy Weldon. Jimmy was unable to attend our luncheon, so we recognized him at his home. Jimmy served during World War Two under General George S. Patton, Jr. and through his current project, *The Center for Youth Patriotism*, instills in California's youth a sense of civic, non-partisan pride and a better understanding of our common heritage. For years Jimmy has attended our meetings, and he actively supports and promotes the *MOWW Mission*.

Yes, each of these outstanding individuals truly emulate our Order's motto **"It Is Nobler To Serve Than To Be Served"**. There are many other 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 [www.mowwlosangeles.com](http://www.mowwlosangeles.com) to learn more.

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**VETERANS SUPPORT: Operation Gratitude** – As previously mentioned, during the week leading up to November 11<sup>th</sup> (Veterans Day), Chapter Companions completed the packing and delivering of 766 care packages to Veterans throughout Los Angeles County. The breakdown of our deliveries was as follows:

VA-Sepulveda (50 Packages)

VA-Long Beach (80 Packages)

VA-West LA (500 Packages)

Meals-on-Wheels (West LA) (60 Packages)

American Legion Post 288 (La Crescenta) (50 Packages)

VFW Post 3834 (San Fernando) (10 Packages)

MOWW Bradley-Hanson Chapter (16 Packages)

The efforts by everyone involved was extraordinary as we fulfilled one of our Chapter's many *Veterans Support* outreach missions. The feedback we have received by recipients of the packages were not only positive, but heartwarming as many of the recipients were homebound or in care facilities: these recipients were collectively taken back by not only *Operation Gratitude's* generosity, but also the simple fact that (as a package recipient) someone showed that they indeed cared. The "impact" stories keep coming in, and many of them will be shared on our website. All of our Chapter Companions and Friends can be proud that they collectively made a difference in many Veteran's eyes. All involved truly emulated our Chapter's motto that *"It's Nobler To Serve Than To Be Served ..."*

My heartfelt "Thank You!" once again goes out to the ladies from the *San Fernando Valley Chapter NSDAR* who assisted us. Their contribution was invaluable and we would not have been able to complete packing of the packages in a timely manner without their assistance. As you know, they were also extraordinary when they assisted us with registration at last year's 2019 Centennial National Convention: we are most grateful for their willingness to always go the extra mile to assist us.

Also, our "Thanks!" to the amazing Sergeant Bob Donovan, whose tireless efforts as our *Operation Gratitude* liaison, helped make all of this a reality. Your Commander has known Bob for years, and he has ALWAYS been there for us: he was unquestionably the engine behind our efforts to pull all of this together.

Finally, our appreciation to *Operation Gratitude* for allowing us to be a part of their amazing nationwide 20,000 Veterans-Packages drive. Since 2003, this outstanding organization has sent nearly three million packages to active-duty personnel, Veterans, and first responders. We are most humbled that our Chapter has been able to participate in this extraordinary effort.

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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. For the second year in a row, our Chapter raised funds during October and November so that we could place wreaths on the gravesites of our deceased comrades interred at the *Los Angeles National Cemetery*.

I want to thank everyone for the fantastic effort in acquiring **113 holiday wreaths** for placement this year at *Los Angeles National Cemetery*! This is an amazing number that truly reflects your generosity in "Honoring Our Fellow Veterans". This was only our second year participating in this important outreach program (179 total wreaths over a two-year period), and I am truly grateful for your collective response: I look forward to continuing this effort in 2021.

The *San Fernando Valley (SFV) Chapter* of the *National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR)* also raised funds for the placement of **47 holiday wreaths** this year at the *Los Angeles National Cemetery* as well: as you know, this NSDAR Chapter has been instrumental in supporting our MOWW Chapter's *Community Outreach* efforts. So ...

On Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, Chapter Companions Mrs. Gayle Worley and Lt Col Dave Worley, along with Mrs. Susan Dawson and Ms. Linda Mustion from the *SFV-NSDAR Chapter*, combined forces to place all **160 wreaths** on gravesites at the cemetery! Due to Los Angeles County COVID-19 restrictions, the original December 19<sup>th</sup> wreath placement day was cancelled, yet we were able to make special arrangements with the WAA Cemetery Coordinator so that we could place all of our wreaths.

With this effort our Chapter has truly *Honored Our Fellow Veterans ...*

Our goal for this next year is to raise enough funds to place 300 wreaths at the cemetery on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Wreaths are \$15 each and **for every wreath purchased before January 15, 2021 we receive an additional wreath at no charge**. Wreaths can also be requested for and placed for a specific Veteran: if one wishes to have a wreath placed on a Veteran's gravesite at a separate

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nearby cemetery, one can pick that wreath up at the *Los Angeles National Cemetery* (on December 18, 2021). I am encouraging Chapter Companions to assist in the raising of enough funds/purchases to meet next year's goal: our Chapter's link for the drive can be found at <https://wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/163220>, and is a link that you can forward to friends, family members, and organizations. Wreaths can be purchased online or by check: please forward all checks to our Treasurer who in-turn will purchase the wreaths for which the donation was made for. **For more information please refer to forthcoming Commander's Updates subject "Wreaths Across America Update".** POCS: Please coordinate all necessary details with the Adjutant or Treasurer.

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**HONORING OUR FELLOW VETERANS: VFW Post 3834 World War I Memorial** – As you read in last month's SITREP (*Our Chapter-In-Action*) section, 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 by the Executive Staff) a rededication plaque which will be placed in front of the current monument this coming Spring (2021). The plaque will read "THIS MEMORIAL REDEDICATED IN 2020 TO ALL MILITARY MEMBERS WHO SERVED FROM WORLD WAR ONE TO THE PRESENT ... DONATED BY THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY NSDAR, MILITARY ORDER OF THE WORLD WARDS, AND VFW POST 3834". The plaque verbiage has not only been approved by the Executive Staff, but the San Fernando Chapter NSDAR, and VFW Post 3834 as well. We are in the process of designing and creating the plaque with a reputable company, and coordinating with VFW Post 3834 for placement when complete. Further information about the Spring ceremony and actual placement of the plaque will be forthcoming.

## 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*: Conference missions are 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 and two-day *Youth Leadership 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](http://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 70 college and high school programs.

We are coordinating with the ROTC and JROTC units we support regarding upcoming 2021 award presentations to deserving cadets: obviously the *COVID-19* crisis is significantly impacting these outstanding programs, and we are now aware that not all units will be presenting awards this coming year. You can expect more definitive information to include potential in-person MOWW presentations forthcoming in next quarter's SITREP. **For more information go to [www.mowwlosangeles.com](http://www.mowwlosangeles.com).**

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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](http://www.mowwlosangeles.com).

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**PATRIOTIC EDUCATION: 2021 Thousand Oaks Youth Leadership Conference (TOYLC), June 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>** - Each June, our Chapter sponsors at **no cost to high school juniors and seniors** those 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** [www.mowwlosangeles.com](http://www.mowwlosangeles.com) and [www.toylc.com](http://www.toylc.com).

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**PATRIOTIC EDUCATION: Youth Leadership Education and Patriotic Education Resources** - We also 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 can be found at** [www.mowwlosangeles.com](http://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** [www.mowwlosangeles.com](http://www.mowwlosangeles.com).

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**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** [www.mowwlosangeles.com](http://www.mowwlosangeles.com). **POCS: Contact the Commander, Adjutant, or Treasurer.**

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**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](http://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:** <https://www.loc.gov/vets/vets-home.html> and [www.mowwlosangeles.com](http://www.mowwlosangeles.com).

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

**National Headquarters Updates** – Our MOWW Commander-in-Chief, BG Frederick R. Lopez, USMC (Retired) outlined in his *Commander's Intent* (please see the September-October, 2020 edition of *Officer Review* magazine) the following main objectives for the Order: *Strengthen Relationships, Operate in Virtual Environment, Establish Robust Zoom Capabilities, Identify Chapters that Need to be Closed, Identify Chapters that Need Assistance, Identify, Mentor and Grow Future Leaders within MOWW Leaders, Advertise MOWW Nationally and Locally as Premier VSO, Recognize and Reward Chapters and Companions for Superior Work, Implement a Plan to Grow Chapters, and Provide Pro-Active Support to Chapter Operations through Communications and Implementing Ideas for Improvement.* Though robust in nature, these much-needed objectives are required as the Order moves forward in its second 100 years.

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](http://www.moww.org).

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**Region XIV Updates** – We were informed that the EXCOM approved the closure of the General Hoyt S. Vandenburg Chapter (213) which was located in San Luis Obispo. Unfortunately, what was once a vibrant Chapter with a rich history of service was simply unable to continue operations. The Region now has 12 Chapters under its geographical umbrella encompassing the entire West Coast plus Alaska and Hawaii.

Planning is in the works for the *2021 Region XIV Convention* which will be an in-person one-day Convention in the San Diego area, and is scheduled to take place on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021: further details will be forthcoming as we get closer to the March date, details that will be posted on our Chapter website.

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**2021 MOWW National Convention – Detroit, Michigan** – Rescheduled from the canceled 2020 National Convention (due to the pandemic), Detroit will be hosting the *2021 National Convention* August 4<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup>. Convention information will be published in the *Officer Review* magazine as well as on the National website. **For more information go to:** [www.moww.org](http://www.moww.org).

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

**Awards and Recognition** – Each June, Companions nationwide are recognized with *National Citations* in recognition of their outstanding achievements. At our November 15<sup>th</sup> luncheon, two of our finest Companions were recognized this year for their outstanding contributions. Our Adjutant, **Mrs. Georgett E. Studnicka (HPM)** spearheaded the Hospitality Room and Convention Registration at our *2019 Centennial National Convention*, ensuring a positive experience for Companions and guests. Georgett has also been at the forefront initiating our Chapter Companion Roster Annual Review. Our Treasurer **CPT Gordon A. Fell, USAR (Fmr)**, was recognized by the Region XIV Commander for his work as Region XIV Treasurer as well as his astute oversight of our Chapter's *2019 Centennial National Convention* budget and execution of Convention expenses. Once again, "Congratulations!" to both!

As previously mentioned, we also recognized at our luncheon **Mrs. Deidra Beller, Mrs. Susan Dawson, Sergeant Bob Donovan, and Sergeant Jimmy Weldon** as *Honored Friends of the Chapter*.

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## Our Chapter-In-Action



Assembly Day where Chapter Companions affectionately refer to as the *Worley Mansion* in preparation for the distribution of 766 care packages on behalf of *Operation Gratitude*.

Companions Pictured From Left to Right:

Colonel George Kalinski, Lieutenant Harry Dickinson, Georgett Studnicka, Gayle Worley, and Colonel Richard Keagy.

Chapter Commander Lieutenant Colonel Dave Worley completes a final inventory check of the 766 care packages assembled for *Operation Gratitude* distribution. Packages were packaged in 50-count boxes with each care package containing approximately \$20 worth of items including scarfs, paracords, hygiene items, and snacks. Packages also contained a "Thank You!" card from *Operation Gratitude* plus at least one letter written by an adult or school student thanking the Veteran for their service.



On behalf of *Operation Gratitude*, Companion Colonel George Kalinski (Far Right) delivers 80 care packages to Volunteer Service Coordinators at the *Veterans Administration* Hospital located in Long Beach. This was one of three Veterans Administration care facilities located throughout Los Angeles County that Companions delivered packages to.

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E-7 Thomas Ralphs, United States Army, who served during the Vietnam era, holds a care package delivered on behalf of *Operation Gratitude*. Sergeant Ralphs' package was one of 50 packages distributed by *American Legion Post 288* (La Crescenta), a Veterans Service Organization that assisted our Chapter with care package deliveries to Senior Care Facilities and to homebound Veterans.

500 care packages were delivered on behalf of *Operation Gratitude* to Volunteer Service Coordinators on the main *Veterans Administration* Campus located in West Los Angeles.

Companion Major Howard Lewis provided his vehicle for the deliveries. Companion Captain Gordon Fell (Far Left) completed all coordination with the Veterans Administration site for the delivery effort. Standing next to Captain Fell is Chapter Commander Lieutenant Colonel Dave Worley.



Our first Chapter Meeting held during the COVID-19 era was conducted on November 15<sup>th</sup> at the *94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron* Restaurant in Van Nuys. 26 Companions and Guests attended the luncheon.

Pictured From Left To Right:

Honored Friend Of The Chapter Sergeant Robert Donovan, Companion Major Howard Lewis, and Mrs. Rose Pemberton (wife of Conejo-Valley Chapter (195) Companion Brigadier General Dan Pemberton).

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Companions Mrs. Georgett Studnicka and Captain Gordon Fell at the November 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting (Luncheon) held at the 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron Restaurant. Both Companions were recognized as recipients of a 2020 National Citation for their selfless efforts to the Order.

At the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting (which was the first meeting since the Chapter's election of officers was conducted for the current operating year), three Companions were officially sworn-into their elected offices by Chapter Commander Lieutenant Colonel Dave Worley (Far Left).

Chapter Officers standing by the podium during the ceremony (From Left To Right);

Captain Gordon Fell, Treasurer; Mrs. Georgett Studnicka, Adjutant; and Colonel John Moriarity, Senior Vice-Commander.



During the November 15<sup>th</sup> Luncheon, three individuals were recognized as *Honored Friends Of The Chapter* with certificates and the MOWW National Coin For *Selfless Service*. Each of these individuals are involved in nearly all aspects of the Chapter's community outreach activities, strongly believing what MOWW stands for.

Pictured From Left To Right (Masks Removed Only For The Photo-Op):

Mrs. Deidra Beller, Ms. Susan Dawson, and Sergeant Robert Donovan.





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Sergeant Jimmy Weldon was recognized at his home as an *Honored Friend Of The Chapter* with a certificate and the MOWW National Coin for *Selfless Service*. Jimmy is a World War Two Veteran who is not only involved in the Chapter's community outreach activities, but also has a passion for our Order's *Patriotic Education* program.

On December 17<sup>th</sup> our Chapter took part in *Wreaths Across America* by laying wreaths at the *Los Angeles National Cemetery*. Chapter companions participated in the purchasing of 113 wreaths, truly *Honoring Our Fellow Veterans Past and Present*. Even though the original wreath laying day of December 19<sup>th</sup> was canceled by the county due to COVID-19 restrictions, our Chapter was able to arrange a separate day to lay the wreaths we purchased.



Companions Mrs. Gayle Worley and Chapter Commander Lieutenant Colonel Dave Worley represented the Chapter on December 17<sup>th</sup> in order to lay 113 wreaths at the *Los Angeles National Cemetery* as part of *Wreaths Across America*. The wreaths were paid for as a result of the Chapter's fundraising drive *Honoring Our Fellow Veterans Past and Present*.

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Chapter Companion Mrs. Gayle Worley (Center) stands with Ms. Susan Dawson (Far Left) and Ms. Linda Mustion (Far Right), of which all three are members of the *San Fernando Valley Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (SFV-NSDAR)*. Along with Chapter Commander Lieutenant Colonel Dave Worley (not shown), the four combined forces to place **160 wreaths** at the *Los Angeles National Cemetery* as part of *Wreaths Across America*. 113 wreaths were sponsored by our Chapter and 47 wreaths were sponsored by the *SFV-NSDAR* Chapter.

On December 17<sup>th</sup> in support of *Wreaths Across America*, Chapter Companions fundraised for and placed wreaths throughout the *Los Angeles National Cemetery*. Shown is a wreath placed by the headstone of Second Lieutenant John W. Haynes, United States Army, who served during World War One.



Culminating the Chapter's fundraising effort in support of *Wreaths Across America*, Chapter Companions placed wreaths on December 17<sup>th</sup> throughout the *Los Angeles National Cemetery*. Shown is a wreath placed by the marker for World War Two Veteran Lieutenant Colonel Richard P. Beldon who served in the United States Army Air Corps.

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**Meet Our Newest Companions** – As new Companions are inducted into our Chapter, we will feature our newest Companions' profiles in these quarterly SITREPs, as well as post them on our website and our *Facebook* page. The Executive Staff is in the process of designing a *Companion Profile Form* for all member sponsors to complete and submit to Adjutant.

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**Companion Profiles** - Our Executive Staff will soon approve a proposed *Companion Profile Form*, after which each SITREP will feature one-to-three Companions. We want to celebrate our great Companions as well as further inform everyone of their outstanding accomplishments, to include details about their military background, and to also paint a picture to the general public of who we are, the facts-and-face-behind-the-name so-to-speak. All Companions can expect to be contacted once our *Companion Profile Form* is approved.

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