



## 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.

## 2020 – 2021 Quarterly Situation Report (SITREP) \_\_\_\_ January – March, 2021

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

**Commander’s Remarks** – Even though due to COVID-19 our Chapter did not conduct a formal in-person meeting during this quarter, we were part of a number of Joint Chapter Virtual Meetings, specifically teaming-up with the *Conejo Valley (195)* Chapter during the months of February and March as well as with the *BG Holland (103)* Chapter on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Also in February, our Companions attended the Region XIV Virtual Presentation about *US Central Command (CENTCOM)* and on March 20<sup>th</sup> the Region XIV Virtual Spring Conference.

We had two highlights during this quarter. As you will read further below, to date we now have sponsored **457 wreaths** for our annual *Wreaths Across America* campaign which is **76.2% of this year’s 600 wreath goal!** This was due to an extraordinary effort by our Companions and outside organizations who supported our effort towards *Honoring Our Fellow Veterans*. Each of this year’s sponsored wreaths will be placed at *Los Angeles National Cemetery* on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

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Secondly, this quarter we welcomed **three new members** into our Chapter! First, we have **LTC Angel M. Ortiz, USA ANG** who relocated to the Los Angeles area and transferred his membership from the now closed *Gen Vandenberg (213) Chapter* which was based out of San Luis Obispo; **Lt Col Raffi G. Najarian, CA ANG** lives in Glendale and is stationed at the CAANG base out at Port Hueneme; and we welcome **Mr. James C. Studnicka, Jr.** who is the son of our Adjutant HPM Georgett E. Studnicka. We will have biographical profiles for each of our new members in our April-June SITREP.

We will welcome each of our new members into our Chapter at our June 26<sup>th</sup> luncheon. The June meeting will be our first meeting since November, and we are excited at the opportunity to get-together-again in-person and start gearing-up for regular meetings. Also this summer, we will resume our annual “Kick-Off” BBQ pot-luck at the Worley Mansion on August 28<sup>th</sup>. What do we have planned after that? One of the major priorities your *Executive Staff* has established is to “Schedule Joint Meetings with Other Veterans Organizations”: your *Executive Staff* is formulating a plan to fulfill this priority and will integrate that plan into our 2021-2022 Operating Year meeting schedule. Beginning in September, we also plan to schedule in-person **Chapter Meetings on a monthly basis** as we progress back into “normal” Chapter operations. Expect more details about this bold and exciting approach for our Chapter in next quarter’s SITREP.

Finally, we have sent **73 Certificates of Recognition** this operating year to the *Girl Scouts of Orange County Council* for presentation to outstanding young ladies who achieved the *Girl Scouts* highest level of achievement, the *Gold Award*. We are pleased that over the years we have been able to support the two *Girl Scout* Councils from Los Angeles and Orange Counties as we continue to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of today’s youth.

In closing, during these trying times our Chapter has been able to continue its outreach mission in a limited form, and I am most grateful to all of our Companions who have made these efforts possible. “Thank You!” for what you have done, and I look forward to working with you as our Chapter continues to grow and prosper.

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, April 24<sup>th</sup> – Noon to 1:30 PM.** Virtual (Zoom) Chapter Meeting. Presentation By Lt Col Dave Worley (Companion, Bradley-Hanson Chapter) entitled “**Ed and Nadine Ramsey : True WWII Heroes**”. Meeting agenda and Zoom information will be sent by email to all Companions and invited guests.

**Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup> – Noon to 3:00 PM (1:00 AM Social).** Annual Bradley-Hanson Chapter Recognition Luncheon (186). *The Odyssey Restaurant*, 15600 Odyssey Drive, Granada Hills, CA 91344 . *Guest Speaker: Will be announced via email and posted on the Chapter website.* Open to all Companions and invited guests. Cost: **\$49 per person (payable at door).** Please see Chapter Website for further details.

**Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> Through Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.** 2021 MOWW National Convention, Detroit, Michigan. Convention details posted on National MOWW website ([www.moww.org](http://www.moww.org)).

**Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM.** Annual Chapter BBQ. Worley Mansion, 18404 San Jose Street, Northridge, CA 91326. Potluck event at no charge. For further information please contact Chapter Adjutant. RSVPs accepted after August 1, 2021.

**Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> – 0900 – 1100 Hours.** *Wreaths Across America*. Los Angeles National Cemetery. Placement of wreaths.

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**Chapter Website** – Updates have been made to the Chapter website to include greater functionality and ease of use. Except for additional “tweaks” and “minor updates” that will ensue over the coming weeks, for the most part this phase of website development is complete: please review the website and forward to your Commander any additional corrections and recommendations that you may have. This is very important because ...

It was agreed-upon by the *Executive Staff* to contract a professional website designer and webmaster towards the goal of creating a more professional and functional website. This decision was determined after *Executive Staff* review of not only websites from other MOWW Chapters/Regions nationwide but of other community organizations as well. Our Chapter needs to take this necessary approach if we are going to enhance our appeal to potential new members and increase most-needed Companion-based functionality: in short, this will be an “upgrade” from our current website that is a prudent and practical expenditure for our Chapter. The costs of design and maintenance by an outside source will be included in the Chapter’s 2021-2022 Budget and proposed one-time expenditures that will be presented to the membership in June.

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 and Brochures** – Over the last few months, your Executive Staff has discussed and decided upon a number of options for the creation of a new informational Chapter Brochure. As you read this SITREP, potential designs are in the works with a company that is designing and printing the brochure. We anticipate that potential agreed-upon designs will emerge during the month of April at which time we will circulate amongst Chapter members for suggested changes and recommendations. 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. Our goal is to go-to-print sometime in the May timeframe and formally distribute at our June 26<sup>th</sup> Chapter Luncheon. Chapter Companions will be kept in-the-loop via email as the process progresses.

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**VETERANS SUPPORT: Operation Gratitude** – During the week of *Armed Forces Day* (May 15<sup>th</sup>) our Chapter plans to distribute (on behalf of *Operation Gratitude*) care packages to many of our Armed Forces Guard and Reserve personnel who are stationed in the local area. Details will be delineated in the coming weeks and Companions will be kept informed via email and on our website as to our upcoming plans and progress towards the assembly and distribution of the packages.

Our upcoming *Armed Forces Day* package campaign is our Chapter’s semi-annual follow-on outreach effort that parallels our annual *Veterans Day* care package distribution. As you know, during the week leading up to last 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 *Veterans Day* effort 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 ...*”

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 [www.operationgratitude.com](http://www.operationgratitude.com) as well as our website at [www.mowwlosangeles.com](http://www.mowwlosangeles.com).

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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 **113 holiday wreaths** on the gravesites of our deceased comrades interred at the *Los Angeles National Cemetery*. This was an amazing number that truly reflects your generosity in "*Honoring Our Fellow Veterans*". So ...

Our established goal for this year is to raise enough funds to place **600 wreaths** at the cemetery on December 18<sup>th</sup>. In early January, through our Companions and other Service Organizations, we initiated a short donation campaign in order that we could take advantage of an offer from *Wreaths Across America* wherein for every wreath purchased before January 15<sup>th</sup> (at \$15 each) we would receive an additional wreath at no charge. Well ...

To date we now have sponsored **457 wreaths** which is **76.2% of this year's goal!** This outpouring of support from Companions and organizations has been nothing short of extraordinary. In addition to generous Companions who have donated to our effort, we received \$1900 in contributions from *American Legion Post 288*, *VFW Post 1614*, and *Glendale Moose Lodge 641*: this also included donations from individual members of those organizations as well. We most certainly plan to recognize those organizations that contributed once we get through this pandemic period: to say we are grateful for their generosity would be an understatement as we are truly *Honoring Our Fellow Veterans* ...

If you wish to donate towards our Chapter raising enough funds to meet our 600 wreath goal, our Chapter's link for the drive can be found at <https://wreathsasscrossamerica.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 Chapter address listed at the end of this SITREP. 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 nearby cemetery, one can pick that wreath up at the *Los Angeles National Cemetery* (on December 18, 2021). **For more information go to [www.mowwlosangeles.com](http://www.mowwlosangeles.com).**

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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 as part of the 2020-2021 Chapter Budget) a rededication plaque which will be placed in front of the current monument this Fall. Due to various administrative issues to include the current pandemic situation, the *Executive Staff* agreed to defer the cost of the production and installation of the rededication plaque (estimates are still being obtained), and this cost will be presented to the membership in June as a re-authorization for inclusion in our Chapter's 2021-2022 Budget and proposed one-time expenditures. 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 still in the process of designing and creating the plaque with a reputable company, as well as coordinating with VFW Post 3834 for placement when complete. Further information about a Fall ceremony and actual placement of the plaque will be forthcoming in the April – June 2021 Commander's SITREP.

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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

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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.

## 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. Our Chapter Companions will make in-person MOWW presentations on a case-by-case basis dependent upon unit needs and Companion safety. **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** – This quarter the *Las Vegas (147)* and *Monterey Area (127)* Chapters were formally closed thus bringing the number of Chapters within the Region down to ten. It's disappointing that the Region has lost four Chapters over the last year (previously closed were the *Saddleback Valley (221)* Chapter located in Orange County and the *Gen Vandenburg (213)* Chapter located in San Luis Obispo). Each of the four Chapters had been struggling for quite some time and the situation caused by the pandemic most certainly had a negative impact on these Chapters.

Our *2021 Region XIV Virtual Spring Conference* took place on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> with Companions throughout the Region participating. Our MOWW CINC, BG Frederick R. Lopez, briefed everyone on the concerns that exist nationwide regarding low-recruiting numbers and the need for every Chapter to continue doing everything within their means to engage with all Chapter Companions. General Lopez also presented CDR George T. (Ted) Parsons of the *San Diego (100)* Chapter with the prestigious *Gold Patrick Henry* award for "Extraordinary Patriotic Achievement" spanning Ted's nearly 13-years of service as a MOWW Companion. Only nine such awards are presented annually, and Ted was most deserving of the award having served in many capacities to include that of Chapter Commander and National General Staff Officer. Ted played a significant role at our *2019 Centennial National Convention* having put together all the displays and historical items that were viewed by our attendees. Our hat's off to Ted for this most deserving recognition! It was also announced that our current oversight VCINC, LT John J. McConnel (*Puget Sound (120)* Chapter) as well as Region XIV Commander BG Paul K. Lebidine will be stepping down from their current positions upon the conclusion of this operating year: General Lebidine will be replacing LCDR Nick S. Herbka as the Commander of the *BG Holland (103)* Chapter located north of San Diego.

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**2021 MOWW National Convention – Detroit, Michigan** – Rescheduled from the canceled 2020 National Convention (due to the pandemic), Detroit is scheduled to host the *2021 National Convention* August 4<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup>. A final "go-no-go" decision on holding the Convention either in-person (Detroit) or virtually will be made in mid-April. Up-to-date 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).

## 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



This year on December 18<sup>th</sup> our Chapter will take part in *Wreaths Across America* by laying wreaths at the *Los Angeles National Cemetery*. To date our Chapter has sponsored **457 wreaths** towards this effort.

During the month of January, we received \$1900 in contributions towards our *Wreaths Across America* effort from *American Legion Post 288, VFW Post 1614, and Glendale Moose Lodge 641*, as well as from generous members of these outstanding organizations. Our Chapter extends a heartfelt "Thank You!" to these dedicated individuals for their selflessness as we *Honor Our Fellow Veterans*.

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