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### GETTING THE JOB Done, Together

Dear Companions,

We cannot let past habits or minutia get in the way of excelling in taking care of MOWW business every day, e.g., recruiting. With quality people in our chapters, we will be the most dynamic Veteran Service Organization on the planet. Without the right people, our chapters will wither. We all want to be part of a winning organization that is thriving and expanding. Take the Hill Country Chapter, TX, for example. It was hurting when CAPT Debbie Dombeck and CDR Ralph Lewis, both USCG (Ret), came aboard with enthusiasm and spirit. Now, Hill Country is earning honors. Success in recruiting allows us to achieve our Strategic Goals of outreach, visibility, training and recognition.

Another "must do" MOWW business area is filing online IRS Forms 990-N via the IRS website and submitting MOWW Forms 9 online to the Treasurer General via the MOWW website. Our Treasurer General, LTC George Walker, is always ready to help commanders and treasurers with issues, but it's up to the chapters to use his advice and recommendations to solve their own problems. Remember, our Treasurer General is just one Companion and we have 96 standard chapters and two at-large chapters, so commanders and treasurers at all levels must become "local" subject matter experts in filing and certifying. It would be a shame to continue spending valuable time and energy digging out of avoidable holes when leaders at every level could proactively take steps to ensure every chapter is ready to file and certify well before they must do so.

Another opportunity area: I just put my CINC Solicitation donation on autopilot! It's easy, and I recommend you do the same by going to the MOWW website and making a monthly credit card or PayPal allotment (tax deductible) for whatever sum you donate. Payment is made automatically, securely and painlessly. The good news is your donations make the Order's good work possible, e.g., insurance for National Officers and YLCs, The Officer *Review*<sup>®</sup> (now bimonthly), Service Academy awards, and many medals and certificates.

Last, the 2018 MOWW National Convention (Columbus, GA) is only a fast six months away. I'm fully registered—already! Now is also the time to book your Marriott Hotel room in the heart of historic downtown and book your travel reservations now to reduce costs. Diane and I already booked our hotel room and it was easy. Don't miss out on a memorable and productive experience for all Companions. See you there!

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### We SHALL REMEMBER

CAPT HARRY H. WEINBERG, SC, USN (RET) GREATER BOSTON CHAPTER, MA



(L-R): Canadian Naval Attache to France, Captain Yves Germaine, with Companion CAPT Harry H. Weinberg, SC, USN (Ret)

The Greater Boston and Worcester Chapters of our Military Order have long worked with other local organizations that share identical patriotic attitudes. As America observed the 100th anniversary of its entry into World War I (WWI), one of these groups, The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts (AHAC), with 14 MOWW

members from the Greater Boston and Worcester Chapters participating, visited several overseas WWI battlefields and cemeteries of the United States and its Allies. Our purpose was to pay homage to the many thousands of servicemen who lost their lives in answer to our country's and the world's call.

As it has done many times in the past, these Companions of MOWW and members of AHAC served as goodwill Ambassadors for the United States, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the City of Boston throughout its 10-day visit to France and Belgium.

The group's first destination was Paris, with a visit to the gravesite of the Marquis de Lafayette, who was an invaluable military colleague and great friend of General George Washington during the United States' Revolutionary War. Lafayette was instrumental in persuading the King of France to aid the Americans with money and troops. Lafayette's love affair with America culminated in a triumphal return visit to the United States in 1825, and his dedication of the cornerstone of the Bunker Hill Monument in Charlestown (now part of Boston), MA. At the gravesite of Lafayette, the Captain, Commanding, of AHAC, Dennis O'Brien, placed a wreath and sprinkled hallowed ground from the Bunker Hill battlefield over his grave.



His descendant, Count Lafayette, Mr. Brent Hardt, American Chargé d' Affaires, and senior French military officers honored us with their attendance. The noted Dutch trumpeter, Melissa Venema, rendered Taps and *Il Silenzio*.

The MOWW Companions and members of AHAC next visited the immaculately-maintained American Aisne, the Marne Cemetery, accompanied by an honor guard from the American Embassy in Paris and the Superintendent of the Cemetery. Here, a wreath was placed honoring the sacrifices of our American brethren. Prior to the cemetery visit, the AHAC delegation attended a church service at the restored 26th "Yankee" Division church across from the Aisne, the Marne Cemetery gate. We then visited the Belleau Woods battlefield, where we placed a wreath honoring the Marines at the "Iron Mike" plaque created by Felix de Welden, sculptor of the Iwo Jima Memorial in Arlington, VA.

On our return to Paris the same day, we were accorded the distinct privilege of marching from the Avenue des Champs-Élysées across the Étoile, and into the Arc de Triomphe de l'Étoile to lay a wreath at the tomb of France's Unknown Soldier. The wreath-laying ceremony was conducted with the cooperation of French war veterans who maintain the tomb. Melissa Venema accompanied us a second time and played *Il Silenzio* while American and French participants, lining both



sides of the tomb, stood at attention. The numerous Parisians and tourists who were present were very respectful and many expressed appreciation for the ceremony.

A highlight of the tour was the formal military banquet. This banquet was held in the Hercules Room of the Palace of Versailles, After several formal toasts to our great countries and leaders, the American Chargé d'Affaires (no Ambassador to France has been appointed) and Count Lafayette spoke of the historic friendship between our countries. Attending were senior American Embassy officials, the American military attaché, military attachés from several NATO countries, and senior French officers and officials. It was a very memorable evening for all attending.

Continuing the tour, the AHAC proceeded to northern France and Belgium, visiting the Newfoundland Memorial and the Thiepval Monument to the Missing of the Somme, the latter being a war memorial to 72,246 missing British and South African servicemen who died in the Battles of the Somme of the First World War between 1915 and 1918 but have no known grave. It is near the village of Thiepval, Picardy, in France. The group also visited the Flanders Field American Cemetery and Memorial, which is a World War I cemetery on the southeast edge of the town of Waregem, Belgium, in the area known as Flanders Fields where fierce fighting took place throughout the war on the Western Front. Canadian war poet Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae wrote the poem "In Flanders Fields" there on 3 May 1915 after witnessing the death of his friend, Lieutenant Alexis Helmer. This is the only American World War I cemetery in Belgium and 411 American



servicemen are buried or commemorated there. Many of them fell at Spitaals Bosschen, an action of the Ypres-Lys Campaign by the 91st Infantry Division in the closing days of World War I. There, the group held a wreath-laying ceremony.

Following these visits, we continued to Great Britain's largest cemetery in Flanders, the Tyne Cot Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery and Memorial to the Missing, which is a Commonwealth War Graves Commission burial ground for the dead of the First World War in the Ypres Salient on the Western Front. The name "Tyne Cot" is said to come from the Northumberland Fusiliers, who saw a resemblance between the many German concrete pill boxes at this site and typical Tyneside workers' cottages, i.e., Tyne cots. A wreath-laying ceremony was conducted to honor the British and Commonwealth soldiers buried there and memorialized on a wall dedicated to some 34,000 soldiers whose bodies were never identified. We then proceeded to Leper (Ypres), Belgium, to participate in the "Last Post" Ceremony under the Menin Gate.

Since 1928, the "Last Post" has been sounded under the Menin Gate every night of the year at 8:00 PM. The "Last Post," traditionally the last salute to the fallen warrior, is played in memory of British Empire and Allied soldiers who fell in the Ypres Salient during World War I. The Menin Gate, erected in 1927, is an archway over the Menin Road, the principal road to the battlefield. The walls of the Menin Gate are inscribed with the names of 54.896 British and Commonwealth soldiers who died during the four great battles at the Ypres Salient and whose bodies were never identified. This moving ceremony, which lasts





20 minutes, starts with a call to attention and sounding the "Last Post."

The "Last Post" is either a bugle call within British infantry regiments or a cavalry trumpet call in British cavalry and Royal Regiment of Artillery used at Commonwealth military funerals and ceremonies commemorating those who have been killed in war. The ceremony also included the placing of wreaths, and concluded with "Reveille" as the symbolic return to life. As part of this ceremony, we marched into the Menin Gate before some 2,000

spectators, which made an indelible impression on all in our group. This somber ceremony, conducted in respectful silence, was unforgettable.

To conclude the tour, AHAC visited Vimy Ridge, the site of Canadian Forces' greatest victory during the Somme battles, then to the French National Cemetery at Ablain-Saint-Nazaire, where a Mass was celebrated with several French veterans' organizations at the Church of Notre-Dame-de-Lorette on the grounds of the cemetery. Here, a wreath was placed in company with French Army veterans honoring those killed during the savage Somme battles. This very large cemetery contains mass graves for those whose bodies were never identified. A unique aspect to this cemetery is a section devoted to French Muslim soldiers, who are buried in a dignified, separate area.

The opportunity for AHAC and its MOWW members to represent our country, Massachusetts, Boston, MOWW and AHAC, on the 100th anniversary of America's entry into WWI was deeply felt by all. The theme of "We Shall Remember" is embedded in our consciousness. \*



### Strategic Goal (SG) 1.

Annually grow chapter membership by four percent and annually increase Companion participation in chapter activities.



### Strategic Goal (SG) 2.

Regions, departments and chapters, with national committee support, develop plans to increase the numbers and quality of external and internal programs supported.



### Strategic Goal (SG) 3.

Raise MOWW's local and national visibility.



### Strategic Goal (SG) 4.

Enhance leadership training and development.



### Strategic Goal (SG) 5.

Promote Companion, chapter, and community recognition.

### Prepare for 2018 MOWW Convention!

BRIG GEN ARTHUR B. MORRILL III, USAF (RET)

CHIEF OF STAFF, MOWW

Dear MOWW Chain of Command,

With the start of 2018, the chain of command should be aiding chapters in preparing to attend the 2018 MOWW Convention (to achieve this CINC priority) and in preparing annual program and individual award submissions (to achieve Strategic Goal 5). Suspenses are the same as prior years. Commanders, please plan accordingly. VCINCs please oversee accordingly. Late submissions will not be accepted; early submissions are encouraged.

- NATIONAL OFFICER REPORTS (DUE 1 JUN 18): National officers must email their Word.doc reports (1-3 pages) to chiefofstaff@moww.org by 1 June 2018. National Officers include, but are not limited to, the CINC, CS, SVCINC, VCINCs, Region Commanders, the Chair of the MOWW Board of Trustees, the Treasurer General, the JAG, the Surgeon General, the Chaplain General, the Historian General, all Elected and Appointed General Staff Officers, and all chairs of national committees—standing or *ad hoc*. Late submissions will not be accepted.
- CHAPTER PROGRAM AWARD SUBMISSIONS (DUE 1 JUN 18): Chapter commanders must email their Word. doc MOWW program award submission to the respective chairs of the national committees (see the MOWW National Directory for their contact information) by 1 June 2018. Submission requirements are IAW the MOWW Policy Manual, as supplemented by the applicable national committee's guidance. Late submissions will not be accepted.
- NATIONAL CITATION SUBMISSIONS (DUE 1 JUN 18): Region, department and chapter commanders must submit the NEW online MOWW Form 17, "National Citation," by 1 June 2018. No other forms of submissions will be accepted. The chain of command should coordinate internally to avoid duplicate submissions. Submitting commanders will receive an approved National Citation, etc., for local presentation to the recipient. In addition, recipients will be listed in the MOWW Convention Book. Late submissions will not be accepted.
- COMMITTEE PROGRAM AWARD RECIPIENT LISTS (DUE 15 JUN 18): Committees chairs must email the Word. doc list of the committee award selections to membership@moww.org by 15 June 2018. The selectees can either be in the body of the email or in a Word.doc attachment. Remember, award results are not releasable in whole or in part until the MOWW Awards Luncheon at the annual MOWW Convention, when the award recipients are announced. Late submissions will not be accepted.

TOGETHER, WE CAN DO THIS!  $\star$ 

### MOWW STRATEGIC PLAN

### STRATEGIC GOAL (SG) 5.

"PROMOTE COMPANION, CHAPTER AND COMMUNITY RECOGNITION."

- A. STRATEGY: DEMONSTRATE THE VALUE OF COMPANIONS AND MOWW CHAPTERS TO COMMUNITIES AND THE NATION BY RECOGNITION OF PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE IN PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS CONTRIBUTING TO MOWW'S VISION AND THE TENETS OF MOWW'S PREAMBLE.
- **B. DESIRED OUTCOMES:** 
  - 1. AWARD 100 NATIONAL CITATIONS AT THE ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION.
  - 2. ANNUALLY PRESENT THE FULL ALLOCATION OF SILVER PATRICK HENRY MEDALLIONS BY CHAPTERS, DEPARTMENT AND REGION COMMANDERS, AND NATIONAL OFFICERS.
  - 3. INCREASE CHAPTER PARTICIPATION IN, AND SUBMISSIONS TO, THE MILITARY ORDER'S CHAPTER AWARD PROGRAM.
  - 4. INCREASE THE NUMBER OF BRONZE PATRICK HENRY MEDALLIONS PRESENTED BY CHAPTERS TO ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL AND ORGANIZATIONS IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES



### REBOOTING A CHAPTER IS WORTHWHILE WORK

CAPT RUSSELL C. VOWINKEL, USN (RET) | COMMANDER, NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER, VA & BRIG GEN ARTHUR B. MORRILL III | ADJUTANT, NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER, VA



When an electronic device fails, the first step in remedying problems is to reboot, i.e., start over, to start fresh. That's what we're doing to restart Region IV's Northern Virginia Chapter.

### OVERCOMING A HISTORY OF MALAISE

Early in 2017 a small group of Companions decided to restart the long-dormant Northern Virginia Chapter. The chapter's Area of Operations (AOR) is the Commonwealth of Virginia's Loudoun, Fairfax and Prince William Counties. Since the former chapter officers were deceased, there was no pass down information. Frankly, prior to their passing, chapter operations were essentially a two man show—neither a desirable situation nor a sustainable operation.

### PREPARING FOR ACTION & FOLLOW THROUGH

The question, then, was where to begin? First, the chapter needed some organizers to begin to get the chapter on a stable footing, and then build on that. Specifically, a chapter commander and an adjutant were needed. We volunteered to fill those roles.

The next step was to increase chapter membership by focusing on BG Bultman Chapter (At Large) Companions who resided in the northern Virginia area. From that initial effort, we persuaded eight local Companions to transfer their membership from the at-large BG Bultman Chapter to the Northern Virginia Chapter. Second, we began the arduous task of contacting each chapter Companion, and validating or correcting their contact information. The first pass revealed that of those 76 Companions, five were deceased and 42 had generally correct contact information. The second pass, in work, involves finishing that work and getting the status and/or contact information for those remaining 29 unverified Companions.

### **DEVELOPING & EXECUTING A STRATEGY**

Next, we developed Chapter Strategy to help us structure and prioritize our efforts—and record our accomplishments. We cannot tell you how important this step is because to make any progress one must have a strategy—and follow it. Next, a "todo list" was developed, taskings were assigned and the next phase of work and follow-up began.

After that, a critical step was to determine a regular location, frequency and time for chapter meetings. We experimented with several options to promote involvement, e.g., evenings during the week, daytime during the weekends, etc. The NoVA chapter is on their third venue, day of the week and time of day. We now have a regular venue, though we'll constantly review it to ensure we're getting the most participation possible—a never-ending task.

### ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES & ACTING ON THEM

We then established focus areas: MOWW Strategic Goals, CINC priorities, and chapter and membership management, e.g., validating member contact information, publishing chapter newsletters, reporting, etc. These efforts were organized around implementing a Strategic Goal-based Chapter Action Plan (CAP) and achieving the CINC Priorities.

We naturally focused on MOWW's five Strategic Goals. First, we applied our scalable, "walk, then run" strategy in terms of establishing measurable objectives for each Strategic Goal so we had measurable objectives to pursue so we'd know when we achieved our intent.

### REBOOTING A CHAPTER IS WORTHWHILE WORK

As to achieving the CINC Priorities, again, our focus was on measurably achieving them: 1.) recruit more people faster; 2.) donate to the CINC Solicitation so our chapter and the Order achieve their respective donation objectives, and; 3.) attend Region Conferences and the MOWW Convention. In recruiting, we recruited two new members this Operating Year (OY), so at the half-year point, we are halfway to our objective. We're working this very hard, and are strongly focusing on recruiting veterans—which the Order needs.

In the CINC Solicitation area, to establish our chapter donation goal, we used the per Companion donation target used by the Order to establish region donation goals. The MOWW per capita donation goal is \$12.11, which meant our chapter donation goal is \$1,065.68. So far, we've already donated \$1,115.68, exceeding our goal, and we know more donations from chapter members are yet to come. So, we already achieved this CINC Priority too.

As to the third CINC Priority, have all chapters attend region conferences and MOWW Conventions, we are a "go" for that objective too. We participated in the 18 Nov 17 Region IV teleconference, and we will attend the 22 Apr 18 Region IV Conference in Lynchburg, VA. In addition, we will also be attending the 2018 MOWW Convention in Columbus, GA, from 6-12 Aug 18. In short, by the time of the MOWW Convention, we will have achieved this CINC Priority too.

Last, as to chapter management and what Elvis Presley used to call, "Taking Care of Business," or "TCB," we have been intently focused on being successful in our IRS filing and TG certification, and based on that leadership focus we are fully compliant with the US Code and the MOWW Bylaws. We also routinely submit all reports as required and/or needed (e.g., MOWW Form 27, "Chapter Activity Report," chapter newsletters (now



hosted on the MOWW website), SITREPs, etc. These things take a little planning and preparation, a bit of training (the IRS website and the IRS e-Postcard User Guide are exceptional tools), and a bit of effort—but we just quickly take care of them, so we can spend the clear majority of our time on achieving our "Chapter Action Plan and the CINC Priorities. Our use of the "Chapter Commander Checklist" (MOWW Form 19), the "Annual Financial Review Checklist" (MOWW Form 21), etc., are essential to any chapter's success.

### CREATING A CHAPTER ACTION PLAN

We looked at our strategy to determine the measurable objectives that we wanted in our Chapter Action Plan. Then, we used our published strategy to develop our CAP, which is now finalized and follows this article. In fact, it was coordinated with our chapter's department and region commanders, our Oversight VCINC, and the CINC. We've already reported our measurable progress via the online MOWW Form 27, "Chapter Activity Report" (CAR) and will do so again at the end of the Operating Year. In our first year CAP, we decided to keep our initial focus narrow, limiting it to BSA, GSUSA, ROTC, YLC, Law and Order awards, and National Security speakers and programs.

Administration, Planning and Reports was another area in which we defined achievable, measurable outcomes. These included, but were not limited to creating chapter management processes and products. The MOWW website (www.moww.org), is a great source of help in this area. Likewise, the IRS website (www.irs.gov) and the IRS' e-Postcard User Guide on the IRS website are equally invaluable in both training chapter Companions and successfully filing with the IRS. Of course, we also developed a continually-improving chapter newsletter, developed a chapter SITREP format, and recruited Companions to fill leader vacancies. In fact, we just recruited a new member and she volunteered to be our BSA and GSUSA Program Coordinator. Last, we've begun an effort to develop performance metrics to gauge progress and success in achieving the objectives in our Chapter Action Plan.



(L-R): COL (Dr) S. John Whidden, USA (Ret) receives an MOWW Outstanding Service Award from NoVA Chapter Commander, PCINC CAPT Russell C. Vowinkel acknowledging his work in rebooting the NoVA Chapter.

### CONVERTING IMPOSSIBLE TO POSSIBLE

It is not easy to resurrect a chapter that looks good on paper membership-wise, but isn't, in fact, functioning—but it is doable. Yes, it takes work, persistence, a willingness to see things through, time, patience and volunteers—but it is worth it.

We realized we had to motivate interest and attendance. So, we began with a couple of interested chapter members/volunteers and worked from there. Importantly, our abiding objectives were to work to get more existing members to attend chapter meetings and to increasingly recruit veterans.

We found that getting folks to be involved when they haven't been involved is no small task. However, persistence and faith are the bywords. What we're also discovering is that once they do resume being involved, the reasons that motivated them to become a Companion in the first place are rejuvenated, and that's very good thing.

We also found that thinking big (having a vision for the chapter) but acting small (being practical with stretch goals in scalable ways) are a musts. So, we began by taking small steps and we will be more ambitious as we proceed. That's where everybody's patience and faith come in. The other bit we "discovered" is the need to know peoples' interests, and find them roles to play that match them.

Unity of command is also important. The commanders in any chapter's chain of command—from the chapter commander to the CINC—bring a lot of energy, ideas and support to Companions who are working reboot their chapter.

In closing, among the many nice byproducts of going through this process is the satisfaction of helping the Order and improving the outreach support we (MOWW) provide to the chapter's local communities—especially to veterans and youth. It's great to feel like a builder if not also a pioneer of the Order, and actually be living our motto, "It is nobler to serve than to be served." The fact is, rebooting a chapter proves that MOWW's motto is far more than mere words. It just doesn't get any better than strengthening a chapter, bringing the good things MOWW offers to our local communities and enjoying the companionship that results. ★



### The Northern Virginia (NoVA) Chapter (029) The Military Order of the World Wars, Inc. (MOWW)®

### NORTHERN VIRGINIA (NoVA) CHAPTER AREA OF OPERATIONS (AOR):

★ Loudoun County (Virginia) ★ Fairfax County (Virginia) ★ Prince William County (Virginia)

### Achieve capability-based, scalable strategic goals (SG) based on the MOWW Strategic Plan and achieved via the NoVA CAP

- ★ Strategy: build a volunteer base (create a sustainable foundation)
- ★ Execution: align jobs to interests and train members (mentor chapter team members to enjoy operational success and personal fulfillment)
- ★ Operations: develop measures of performance to measure progress in achieving MOWW SGs (know when chapter is on track)



Loudoun

### Chapter Action Plan (Nova Cap)

Operating Year (OY) July 2017–June 2018

- Strategic Goal (SG) 1. Annually grow chapter membership by four percent (recruit) and annually increase Companion participation in chapter activities (involvement)
  - Recruiting:
    - ◆ 4% Recruiting Goal (based on 88 OY 2016 end strength): 4; Recruited: 2: (OY 2017 YTD)
    - Working prospective members at veteran job fairs, military/veteran-related venues and more
  - Increase Participation:
    - Recurring communication and personal contact are keys to increasing involvement, e.g., keeping people informed, formally appreciating, asking them fill to leadership and management roles important to chapter success; emphasizing the team over the individual
    - ◆ Validating each data element in the NoVA Chapter Membership Roster; updating accordingly
    - This involves monthly chapter newsletters to chapter members and to the Information & Publicity Committee, and monthly chapter SITREPs to the chapter's chain of command

### • Strategic Goal (SG) 2. Strengthen chapter outreach programs

- ROTC/JROTC: No activity YTD OY 2017. Are in contact with an individual who may be interested in leading this outreach program and developing detachment points of contact in the chapter's AOR
- BSA: Chapter Scouting Coordinator position filled.
  - Developing BSA chapter troop points of contact for the chapter's AOR.
  - Chapter meeting; Stafford, VA (4 Nov 17): Eagle Scout Certificate (Nathan Kyle Vowinkel; Troop 1365, Occoquan District of the National Capitol Area Council)
- GSUSA: Developing GSUSA Council points of contact for the chapter's AOR.
- Patriotic Education: sponsored two students at American Independence YLC (AIYLC); 19-22 Apr 18
- Individual Law & Order Awards: Distinguished Service Award (heroism) and Outstanding Performance Award (merit). Plans include soliciting first responder nominations for said awards from Loudoun County, Fairfax County and Prince William County
  - The term "first responder" refers to those individuals who, in the early stages of an incident, are responsible for the protection and preservation of life, property, evidence, and the environment, including emergency



- response providers as defined in Section 2 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. § 101), as well as emergency management, public health, clinical care, public works, and other skilled support personnel (such as equipment operators) that provide immediate support services during prevention, response, and recovery operations
- Emergency response providers are defined by 6 U.S.C. § 101 as follows: (6) The term "emergency response providers" includes Federal, State, and local governmental and nongovernmental emergency public safety, fire, law enforcement, emergency response, emergency medical (including hospital emergency facilities), and related personnel, agencies, and authorities
- National & Homeland Security: chapter meeting speakers
  - Chapter meeting (24 Sep 17): Mr. Arthur Mott on WWII and Vietnam War, and Secretary of State executive protection (National & Homeland Security speaker)
  - Chapter meeting (18 Nov 17): COL Whidden, Blackhawk Down (National Security Speaker)
  - Chapter meeting (scheduled for 15 Feb 18): RDML Paul Becker, USN (Ret), former JCS/J2, on Intelligence Community (National Security speaker)
- Veterans Affairs. Veterans Day National Ceremony; Arlington National Cemetery; 11 Nov 17. Chapter attendees: 3 (CAPT Vowinkel, Brig Gen Morrill, COL (Dr) Whidden)

### • Strategic Goal (SG) 3. Raise MOWW's local and national visibility

- MOWW News Releases
  - News releases will be issued to local media before and after chapter meetings are held
  - Once the sponsored YLC students are identified, the chapter will issue news releases to the media of Loudoun, Fairfax and Prince William Counties (Virginia). If YLC or MOWW awards involved, will again issue news releases
  - News releases will be issued for Strategic Goal 5 (Recognition) activities
- NoVA Chapter newsletter is issued monthly and is hosted on the MOWW website, "Companions Only,"
   "Chapter Newsletters," "Northern Virginia Chapter (029), VA"
- The Officer Review®
- "Chapters in Action" submissions: Planning for a Feb 18 submission following chapter meeting
- Feature articles submitted: "Rebooting A Chapter is Worthwhile Work; *The Officer Review*", Jan–Feb 18, by PCINC CAPT Vowinkel and Brig Gen Morrill

### Strategic Goal (SG) 4. Enhance leadership training and development

- IRS Filing & TG Certification: Last completed tax year is US Tax Code & MOWW Bylaws compliant
- Chapter Commander Checklist: complete
- Chapter Action Plan (CAP): complete. Will update annually to ensure growing operational success

### Strategic Goal (SG) 5. Promote Companion, chapter, and community recognition

- Recognition Presented:
  - ◆ National Citation (HPM SGT Arthur B. Morrill IV, VA ARNG (AGR))
  - Outstanding Service Medal (COL (Dr) S. John Whidden, USA (Ret))
- Recognition scheduled: Certificate of Appreciation (RDML Paul Becker, USN (Ret))
- Recognition candidates under consideration for: Silver & Bronze Patrick Henry Medal, Bronze Patrick Henry Plaque (organizational award), Outreach Service Medal and Plaque of Merit

### NOVA CHAPTER ACTION PLAN

### CINC PRIORITIES

- Achieve Strategic Goal (SG) 1. See Chapter Activity Plan (CAP), Recruiting & Involvement
- CINC Solicitation. Achieve chapter's goal regarding the CINC Solicitation
  - MOWW donation goal: \$90,000
  - Northern Virginia Chapter Living Population (a/o 30 Nov 17): 88
    - MOWW per capita donation goal: \$12.11 total chapter donation goal: \$1,065.68
    - Amount donated to date: \$1,115.68 (exceeded CINC Goal)
    - Operational Result: chapter met its donation objective, thereby supporting the CINC's priority
- Attend MOWW Conventions & Region Conferences
  - Region IV Conferences:
    - Fall: 18 Nov 17, teleconference. Commander attended.
    - Spring: 22 Apr 18; Lynchburg, VA (Commander & Adjutant will attend). Working other potential chapter member attendees
  - MOWW Convention: 6-12 Aug 18; Columbus, GA (Commander & Adjutant will attend). Working other potential chapter member attendees
  - Operational Result: The chapter will be represented at the Region IV Conference and the 2018 MOWW Convention

### **CHAPTER LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT**

- IRS Filing & TG Certification
  - Filed with IRS: IRS Code compliant; MOWW Bylaws compliant
  - Certified with TG: IRS Code compliant; MOWW Bylaws compliant
- MOWW Form 27, "Chapter Activity Report" (Jul-Dec 17) submitted online in Jan 18 as required
- Membership Roster
  - Validate chapter Companions' contact information (1st pass complete; 2nd pass in work)
  - Develop list of all Companions affiliated with other chapters but living in Northern Virginia (sequenced for completion after the chapter Companion contact information validation project)
    - 1st Pass involved review and action with the BG Bultman (At-Large) Chapter
    - 2nd Pass involved validating contact information for the chapter's current 76-person members. Five Companions has passed away. Forty-two members had mostly correct contact information (missing elements in work). Twenty-nine members still need full validation
    - ◆ 3rd Pass will be a follow-up, total review and final validation. This will be done annually
  - These 3 passes result in an accurate chapter email address group to foster chapter team communications
- Financial Management
  - Monthly bank account reconciliation and Annual Financial Review: complete
  - Develop chapter budget based on Chapter Activity Plan: complete
- Situation Reports (SITREP)



- Structure:
- ◆ Command Summary
- ◆ CINC Solicitation
- ◆ IRS Filing & TG Certification
- ◆ Lessons Learned & Best Practices
- Frequency: monthly

- ◆ Chapter Action Plan (CAP)
- ◆ MOWW Convention & Region Conferences
- Education & Training
- ♦ Issues

- Copies to:
  - Commander, Department of the National Capital Area (Region IV): Lt Col Sheldon A. Goldberg, PhD, USAF (Ret), fitrg8tr@verizon.net
  - Commander, Region IV: CDR John A Baumgarten, SC, USN (Ret), jabaumgarten@verizon.net
  - Oversight VCINC, Region IV: BGen Frederick R. Lopez, USMCR (Ret), flopez23@cox.net
  - Commander-in-Chief, MOWW: Col David B. Gibson, USAF (Ret), dave\_digib@comcast.net

### **FUTURE OBJECTIVES**

- Serve as the Host Chapter for the Region IV Conference (period of CY 2018-2019)
  - Supports the region and partners with other Region IV chapters
  - Serves as a trial balloon for hosting the MOWW Convention
- Serve as the Host Chapter for the 2021 MOWW Convention
  - Supports the Order and partners with all regions
  - Expands the Order's host chapter "leadership bench"

### NoVA CHAPTER ACTION PLAN | CHAIN OF COMMAND COORDINATION

### //PREPARED, 10 JAN 18//

ARTHUR B. MORRILL III, Brig Gen, USAF (Ret) Adjutant, Northern Virginia Chapter Cap-Preparing Official

### //COORDINATED, 25 JAN 18//

SHELDON A. GOLDBERG, LT COL, USAF (RET) COMMANDER, DEPT OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA DEPARTMENT COORDINATING OFFICIAL

### //COORDINATED, 26 JAN 18//

FREDERICK R. LOPEZ, BGEN, USMCR (RET)
OVERSIGHT VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, REGION IV
VCINC COORDINATING OFFICIAL

### //APPROVED, 22 JAN 18//

RUSSELL C. VOWINKEL, CAPT, USN (RET) COMMANDER, NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER CAP-APPROVING OFFICIAL

### //COORDINATED, 25 JAN 18//

JOHN A. BAUMGARTEN, CDR, USN (RET) COMMANDER, REGION IV REGION COORDINATING OFFICIAL

### //REVIEWED, 28 JAN 18//

DAVID B. GIBSON, COL, USAF (RET) COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MOWW MOWW REVIEWING OFFICIAL



CINC Col David Gibson and Mrs. Diane Gibson (center) are greeted by VA Secretary David Shulkin, M.D. and Mrs. Shulkin at the 2017 Veterans Day Breakfast. Photo by Carmen Cordoba



The United States Army Band, also known as "Pershing's Own," performs annually at MOWW's G/A Pershing Memorial Service. The band is the premier musical organization of the United States Army, founded in 1922. Photo by Robert Turtil

### VETERANS DAY 2017

NATIONAL VETERANS DAY | WASHINGTON, DC | PHOTOGRAPHY BY MICHAEL GARCIA



### VETERANS DAY 2017

G/A PERSHING MEMORIAL SERVICE | WASHINGTON, DC | VA PHOTOGRAPHY BY ROBERT TURTIL





### 2018 MOWW Convention Registration

Historic Marriot Hotel | 800 Front Avenue, Columbus, GA 31901 | 706-324-1800 | Group Code: MOWW

ATTENDEE RANK:	Service:	Full Name:		
Chapter Name				_ Region
Home Address				
Phone	Email			_ Companion: Yes / No
All Current Office(s) Hel	.d:			
★ Need ADA-Compliant R	oom: YES / NO ★ <b>D</b> i	ietary Requirements:		
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COMPANION REGISTRATION		r 1 Jul: \$270/person	#	x \$240 = \$
		ITS AND MEALS. TOURS EXTRA		
a. CINC Welcome	Buffet (INCLUDED), 9 A	Aug. Menu options: Buffet		
	s Luncheon (INCLUDED	o .	. 1	/I D:11 ( /I)
±		8); Georgian Chicken (C), S '-1):		//Lemon Dill Sauce (F)
c. CINC Banquet (	(INCLUDED), 11 Aug.			
• Entrée Option	ns: Grilled Steak Medalli	ions (B); Chicken Victoria (-1):		's Seasonal Vegetables (V)
Non-Companion à la cart	'E MEAL PRICES (ONLY):			
★ <u>Non-Companions: Prio</u>	<u>CE ONLY INCLUDES À LA CARTE</u>	MEALS. OTHER CONVENTION EV		
a. CINC Welcome Bu	ıffet (9 Aug) à la carte p	rice		x \$40 = \$
	(10 Aug) à la carte price			x \$40 = \$
		8); Georgian Chicken, (C); 8 7-1):		w/Lemon Dill Sauce (F)
	Aug). Non-Companion à			x \$55 = \$
-	0 1	-		's Seasonal Vegetables (V)
• Entrée Code-	Amount (e.g., B-1, C-1, \	<i>I</i> -1):	-	
				TOTAL = \$
Tour 1: MOWW Golf Tou	ırney   Green Island Coı	untry Club (6 Aug)	#	x \$55 = \$
Tour 2: Nat'l Infantry Mu	ıseum & Nat'l Civil War	Naval Museum (8 Aug)	#	x \$40 = \$
Tour 3: Warm Springs &	FDR Little White House	e Site (9 Aug)	#	x \$60 = \$
Tour 4: Springer Opera H	louse   lunch included (2	11 Aug)	#	x \$40 = \$
				TOTAL = \$

NOTES: Book your Columbus Historic Marriott Hotel room now (\$\$131.44/day (includes breakfast/tax/fees). Call hotel directly at 706-324-1800 and use Group Code "MOWW" for the discount (good 6-15 Aug). Make registration checks payable to: "MOWW NC 18" (personal checks only).

Mail check & registration form to: CPT Leo J. Goodsell (6443 Cricket Lane; Columbus, GA 31909). Phone: 706-580-6938.





### 2018 MOWW Convention Agenda

	GOLI	TOURNEY		
	Monday, 6 August 20		F TOURNEY	
ГІМЕ	EVENT	SET-UP	ROOM	ATTENDEES
0715-1700	Tour 1: 2018 MOWW Golf Tourney	GREEN ISLAND COUN	TRY CLUB	All Conferees
		ATE MEETINGS		
	Tuesday, 7 August 2018   Pre-Co			
<b>TIME</b> 0700-0945	PRE-CONVENTION EXCOM	(Box Square, 16)	ROOM EMPIRE MILLS, MH	ATTENDEES EXCOM MBRS
1030-1130	MOWW BOARD OF TRUSTEES	(BOX SQUARE, 16)	EMPIRE MILLS, MH	TRUSTEES
1030-1130	LUNCH AS DESIRED	(DOX DQUARE, 10)	LIVIPINE IVIILLO, IVIII	INUSTEES
1300-1445	COUNCIL OF AREA COMMANDERS	(Box Square, 16)	EMPIRE MILLS, MH	CAC MBRS
1500-1645	PATRIOTIC EDUCATION, INC.	(Box Square, 16)	EMPIRE MILLS, MH	PEI MBRS
1900-2030	EXCOM COCKTAILS (HOST: POPE, McGLAMR			
	"ДІІН	ANDS" TOUR		
WEDNES	SDAY, 8 AUGUST 2018   "ALL HANDS TO		VELL MEMORIAL CHA	PTER MEETING
FIME	EVENT	SET-UP	ROOM	ATTENDEES
0845-1430	Tour 2: Nat'l Infantry Museum & Nat'l Civ			ALL CONFEREES
1530-1630	Hann-Buswell Chapter Meeting	(Classroom, 50)	SYCAMORE A/C, TC	H-B Chap Mbrs
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HISTORIC IV	TARRIOTT HOTEL - MH 2010 14	OW W COIL	VENTION IN	ADE CENTER - TC
ГІМЕ	THURSDAY, 9 AUGUST 2018   V	VORKSHOPS / CINC	C WELCOME BUFFET	ATTENDEES
0845-1400	TOUR 3: WARM SPRINGS, FDR LITTLE WHITE H			SPOUSES/GUESTS
0800-0810	CINC Introduction to Workshops (AV)	(Classroom, 150)	Sycamore A/C, TC	ALL CONFEREES
0810-1145	Workshops (AV)	(Classroom, 150)	Sycamore A/C, TC	ALL CONFEREES
	LUNCH AS DESIRED			
1315-1600	Workshops (AV)	(Classroom, 150)	Sycamore A/C, TC	ALL CONFEREES
1800-2100	CINC WELCOME BUFFET (AV)	(Banquet, 200)	The Foundry, TC	ALL CONFEREES
	10 August 2018   National Electio			
<b>TIME</b> 0700-0830	COUNCIL OF PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF	(Box Square, 20)	ROOM EMPIRE MILLS, MH	ATTENDEES CPC MBRS
	NATIONAL CANDIDATE PRESENTATIONS (AV)	(BANQUET, 225)	SYCAMORE A/C, TC	ALL CONFEREES
0845-0915 0915-1015	NATIONAL CANDIDATE PRESENTATIONS (AV)	(BANQUET, 225)	SYCAMORE A/C, TC	Nom Cmte Del
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1100-1230	MOWW Awards Luncheon (AV)	(BANQUET, 225)	THE FOUNDRY, TC	ALL CONFEREES
1300-1400	COMMANDERS' CALL (AV)	(CLASSROOM, 60)	SYCAMORE A/C, TC	CMDRS, EXCOM
1415-1515	COMMITTEE CHAIRS' CALL (AV)	(CLASSROOM, 60)	SYCAMORE A/C, TC	CMTES, EXCOM
1530-1620	Non-Denominational Worship Svc (AV)	(Classroom, 60)	Sycamore A/C, TC	ALL CONFEREES
	DINNER AS DESIRED	(D ===)		
1800-2100	Hann-Buswell Chapter Dinner (AV)	(BANQUET, 60)	EMPIRE MILLS, MH	MBRS/GUESTS
SATU <b>fime</b>	IRDAY, 11 AUGUST 2018   MEMORIAL S	SERVICE / CONVEN' SET-UP	ΓΙΟΝ SESSIONS / CINO <b>ROOM</b>	C BANQUET attendees
1000-1400	TOUR 4: SPRINGER OPERA HOUSE			SPOUSES/GUESTS
0800-0845	Memorial Service	(Classroom, 200)	Sycamore A/C, TC	ALL CONFEREES
0900-1400	Tour 4: Springer Opera House & Lunch			Spouses/Guests
0900-1100	MOWW Convention   Bus Session(AV LUNCH AS DESIRED	') (Classroom, 200)	Sycamore A/C, TC	ALL CONFEREES
1315-1515	MOWW Convention   Gen Staff (AV)	Classroom, 200)	Sycamore A/C, TC	ALL CONFEREES
				ALL CONFEREES ALL CONFEREES
1800-1850	(INC RECEIVING LINE 8- RECEDTION	(RECEPTION 775)		
1800-1850 1900-2100	CINC RECEIVING LINE & RECEPTION CINC BANQUET (AV)	(RECEPTION, 225) (BANQUET, 225)	FOUNDRY HALL, TC THE FOUNDRY, TC	ALL CONFEREES ALL CONFEREES

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TIME	EVENT	SET-UP	ROOM	ATTENDEES			
0800-1300	Post-Convention EXCOM	(Box Square, 16)	Empire Mills, MH	EXCOM MBRS			
0800-0950	EXCOM SPOUSE/GUEST "MEET 'N' GREET"	(Box Square, 16)	PEMBERTON, MH	SPOUSES/GUESTS			





### 2018 MOWW Convention Tours

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Tour 1 – 2018 MOWW Golf Tourney (Mon, 6 Aug, leaves hotel at 0845). Near Columbus, Green Island Country Club offers terrific views and challenging play for golfers at every skill level. Well-groomed fairways and greens keep Green Island Country Club difficult yet friendly, and the staff can offer tips and tricks for playing your best round.

Cost/person \$55.00



Tour 2 – National Infantry Museum & the National Civil War Naval Museum (Wed, 8 Aug, leaves hotel at 0900). The Infantry Museum chronicles the history of the US Army infantryman from the Revolution to Afghanistan via interactive multimedia exhibits, etc. The Civil War Naval Museum is a 40,000-square-foot facility featuring two original Civil War military naval vessels, uniforms, equipment and weapons used by the US Navy and the CS Navy forces.

Cost/person \$40.00 (includes lunch)



Tour 3 – Warm Springs & FDR Little White House Site (Thu, 9 Aug, leaves hotel 0845). Roosevelt's Little White House. Roosevelt's Little White House is one of Georgia's most popular historic sites, drawing more than 100,000 visitors each year. It has been preserved and is as it was the day Roosevelt died. Tour also includes a visit to the Warm Springs Winery.

Cost/person \$60.00 (includes lunch)



Tour 4 – Springer Opera House (Thu, 11 Aug, leaves hotel 1400). The Springer The Opera House is the State Theatre of Georgia and a Southern cultural institution. From the gas lit street to the splendid Edwardian Grand Lobby, one can imagine 19th century merchants, tradesmen, farmers, and arts patrons streaming into the theatre to glimpse Edwin Booth or Lillie Langtry.

Cost/person \$40.00 (includes lunch)

### On Succeeding

BRIG GEN ARTHUR B. MORRILL III, USAF (RET) CHIEF OF STAFF, MOWW

### **OVERVIEW**

For years, MOWW chapters have often done common functions in unnecessarily different ways by developing one-off, local tools, products or processes, etc., vs. developing and using Order-wide standard operating procedure (SOPs) for common processes that would naturally avoid "reinventing fire." An enterprise approach for recurring things also avoids

the problem of chapters developing great solutions to shared needs but letting them fall into local disuse or not sponsoring them for enterprise adoption, MOWW-wide.

These avoidable "reinventions" and "emergencies" cannibalize time and energy from needed, value-added training, recruiting, outreach and recognition activities. They also reduce morale by creating avoidable churn. This is especially true with IRS tax filing and MOWW Form 9 certification. After over 10 years of concerted focus on this, about 20% of our chapters still struggle with this or simply fail to comply.

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26 January, 1945

Wy dear General Campbell:

In my opinion, the M-1 Rifle is the greatest battle implement ever devised.

Mr neather guns, mortare, artillery, and tanks are without equal on the battlefields of the world. In the hands of the uncomparable veterans now composing our armies, the utter destruction of the armod crees of our omnaise is certain.

Truly yours,

G. S. PATTON, JR.,

Leut. General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.

Major General Levin H. Campbell, Jr., Chief of Ordnance
War Department
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In part to address this, MOWW developed its modern website and its component "Companion Toolbox" with SOPs, guides, templates, tools, etc. Of course, that implies chapters are expected to be appropriately familiar with it (and the IRS website) and regularly use it.

### GEN PATTON'S MENTORING

In a 26 Jan 45 letter to Maj Gen Campbell (Chief of Ordnance), Gen Patton (Commanding General, Third Army) wrote, "... the M-1 Rifle is the greatest battle implement

ever devised." His leadership lesson is enduring: those with the vision and the will to use the tools available and develop better ones will succeed. Patton was adamant about achieving battlefield success and as a commander, he held himself personally responsible for ensuring that occurred. That's a great example for us to emulate as we annually pursue success on our IRS battlefield.

### US LAW, MOWW BYLAWS AND CINC'S INTENT

The US Code, MOWW's Bylaws and the CINC's Intent are clear. Chapters are MOWW, Inc. sub-elements; they must have an active EIN; they must successfully file with the IRS, and; they must successfully certify with the Treasurer General. The IRS and MOWW have provided much guidance, but the best, step-by-step tool, our "M-1 Garand equivalent," is the online "IRS Form 990-N Electronic Filing System (e-Postcard) User Guide," and the online MOWW Form 9. However, no battle implement, policy or tool is worth a darn if we do not use

it. Unpreparedness never fosters success on any field of endeavor. Preparedness does.

### **OPERATIONAL SUCCESS**

We know chapters struggle with this area, and we know that commanders are key to achieving success.

We also know training is necessary. That is why commanders should be working with the TG—right now—to facilitate every chapter's success for the next and subsequent IRS cycles.

WE CAN DO THIS! ★



### CPAP, BIPAP OR BEING AFRAID TO SLEEP

CPT (DR) ROBERT E. MALLIN, USA (FMR) SURGEON GENERAL, MOWW

Continuing my personal journey, and millions of other people's journey, toward normalcy, let's talk respiration and its treatment. There are multiple respiratory ills that befall humanity. They can start from the first breath of a newborn baby and end with the last breath a person takes—hopefully at least a century later. Smoking and various inhalants limit the lung trees from absorbing and using oxygen. Cancerous lesions destroy the handling of oxygen. There are also various obstructive conditions that are both mechanical and neurological, or central causes. Any of these may cause "sleep apnea."

Sleep apnea is a serious sleep disorder occurring when breathing is interrupted during sleep. Often, loud snoring and stoppage of breathing repeatedly during sleep are noted. Sometimes, the sleep partner may note hundreds of episodes. This used to be "treated" by having the person affected sleep on the couch. We now know this condition means the brain—and the rest of the body—may not getting enough oxygen. The main types of sleep apnea are:

- Obstructive sleep apnea, the more common form that occurs when throat muscles relax.
- Central sleep apnea, which occurs when your brain doesn't send proper signals to the muscles that control breathing.
- Complex sleep apnea syndrome, also known as treatment-emergent central sleep apnea, occurs when someone has both obstructive sleep apnea and central sleep apnea.

Sleep apnea can affect anyone at any age, even children. Sleep apnea risk factors include being male, overweight, over 40, large tonsils or tongue, a small jaw or large neck size (~17 inches or so), needing frequent naps and/or a family history of sleep apnea.

If left untreated, sleep apnea can result in a growing number of health problems, e.g., high blood pressure, strokes, heart failure, irregular heartbeats and/or heart attacks. The 15% higher mortality rate finally got me to check it out because of things like diabetes, depression, headaches, just a lack of energy or falling asleep during work or driving. Believe it or not, restless leg syndrome can be related.

If you have these symptoms, see a specialist, undergo an overnight sleep study and set up treatment. Treatment usually requires a lifelong commitment to wearing some sort of a nasal or full-face mask, and having enough pressure going through it to keep the air passages from collapsing. These masks are of two types: Constant or Bi-level Airway Pressure (CPAP or BiPAP), with or without supplemental oxygen.

It takes a lot to get the device to fit well, provide some comfort and be regulated for your needs. Mask alternatives include an oral device or surgical removal of the extra tissue in the throat (which can be very complex and not help enough). Weight management or lifestyle changes may also help, as may using devices to change your sleeping position.

Be well.★



### SOWING AND REAPING

LTC CHERYL D. BRADY, USA (RET) CHAPLAIN GENERAL, MOWW

Known to God from eternity are all His works. The Military Order of the World Wars was conceived in the heart of God long before its manifestation in the nation.

In our founding father, God saw a man who would do according to His will. General of the Armies John Joseph Pershing sowed the seed of MOWW in faith. The seed was a word spoken in season from a Godgiven vision planted in his heart. What was sown became a gift to the nation—a premier national patriotic organization. Every good and perfect gift comes from above. The nation has been reaping the benefits of the Order within her borders for almost 100 years. Every Companion has a duty to remain steadfast in serving for as long as he or she is able, and for as long as our communities and the nation need what only we can give.

The principle of sowing and reaping is an unshakeable truth. To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven: A time to plant and a time to pluck what is planted. There are five bags of seed from which every Companion can draw—the Order's Five Strategic Goals. Where, when and how the seed is sown will be unique to

every chapter. What is sown does not spring forth overnight. If sown in faith, faith will do its perfect work.

Faith looks beyond present reality to what is possible in the future. The strength and resolve to persevere comes only from God. The work of sowing and reaping as members of a God-ordained organization helps fulfill God's eternal purpose.

Being a Companion in MOWW is not about us individually but corporately doing what honors and glorifies God. God chooses the places for His blessing. In 1919, He chose MOWW. We all must strive to do our part to continue being a blessing to those whom and with whom we serve. We must never give up and never give in to forces that attempt to steal, kill and destroy an indefatigable spirit. The seeds sown today will result in a harvest of Companions later.

Let us be faithful in the little things needed to grow our Order so we can be entrusted with even greater things. If we sow little, we will reap little. If we sow much, we will reap much.  $\star$ 





BG Scott Chapter, GA

### Informative Chapter Talk

BY MAJ ROBERT KOMLO, USAF (RET)

Mr. Jason Blankenship, Director of Business Services at the Better Business Bureau in Macon, GA, receives a MOWW Certificate of Appreciation from Chapter Commander, COL Raleigh Mann. Mr. Blankenship provided an outstanding presentation, "Scams Against Seniors." He described how senior citizens are lucrative targets and emphasized that seniors are most likely to be polite and trusting, have difficulty in saying "no," may suffer from memory problems, and are most likely to have nest eggs for investing in bogus opportunities or enjoying superficial, free benefits. To say the least, the chapter was most appreciative for his most informative talk.







Wilmington Chapter, DE

### IPCINC COL and Mrs. Le Grande Visit the Wilmington Chapter

BY LTC CARLTON R. WITTE, USA (RET)

The 6 June Wilmington Chapter meeting featured a number of significant events, to include a visit by then CINC COL Clay C. Le Grande, Jr., USA (Ret), and his wife, Montez. Chapter guests included then-IPCINC LTC Ruth L. Hamilton, USA (Ret), and PCINC LTC Alfred H. M. Shehab, USA (Ret). Then-CINC COL Le Grande officiated at the Change of Command Ceremony, and presented a MOWW Silver Patrick Henry Medal to Col Kennard R. Wiggins, USAF (Ret), and COL Gary W. Dawson, USA (Ret). COL Frank M. Akiyama, USA (Ret), received a MOWW Perpetual Member pin. Then-CINC COL Le Grande also inducted Col Kennard R. Wiggins, USAF (Ret), Capt Thomas J. Reed, USMC (Fmr), and LTC Joseph C. Effinger, III, USA (Ret), as a new Companions.

(Top left, L-R): Author, MG Frank lanni, USA (Ret), presented a copy of his book on WWI to then-IPCINC LTC Ruth L. Hamilton, USA (Ret), as PCINC LTC Alfred H. M. Shehab, USA (Ret), looks on. (Center, L-R): Chapter Senior Vice Commander COL Earl E. Seppala, USA (Ret), presented the book, "George S. Patton's Typical Soldier," signed by the author, Thomas (Wally) Clarke, to PCINC LTC Alfred H. M. Shehab, USA (Ret). Clarke served as a Machine Gun Sergeant in the 26th Infantry Division of General Patton's 3rd Army. Clarke's unit fought at the Battle of the Bulge. LTC Shehab, likewise is a veteran of the Battle of the Bulge. (Top right, L-R): Col Kennard R. Wiggins, USAF (Ret), earlier inducted as a Companion, was subsequently presented a Silver Patrick Henry Award for his initiatives in preserving military history and his promotion of Patriotic Education. He presented a copy of his book on the history of the Delaware National Guard to then-CINC COL Clay C. Le Grande, Jr., USA (Ret), as Chapter Commander, LTC Carlton R. Witte, USA (Ret), looks on.





MajGen Pendleton Chapter, CA

### Welcome Capt Vallas

BY PCINC CAPT DEBORAH A. KASH, USAF (RET)

Capt Theodore G. "TG" Vallas, USAF (Fmr), spoke to the MajGen Pendleton Chapter at our January meeting about Scouting. Capt Vallas has been active in Scouting for 50 years and wove his military experiences with his Scouting history for a fascinating story. He is also a collector of Boy Scout memorabilia and displayed his collection. Capt Vallas was very interested in MOWW and how he can help advance the chapter's involvement with scouting and signed an application to join. Since becoming a Companion, he has advertised to recruit students for our YLC, presented Eagle Scout Certificates and is in the process of designing a special patch for Boy Scout Color Guard Participation in the Massing of the Colors. Capt Vallas has also just been elected to the office of Chapter Vice Commander. The MajGen Pendleton Chapter welcomes Capt Vallas to MOWW!



LTG Middleton Chapter, LA

### Baton Rouge Police Chief Recognized

BY LTC REGINALD BROWN, LTC, USA (RET), USAF (RET)

In August 2017, the LTG Troy H. Middleton Chapter developed a program to recognize the retirement of a Law Enforcement Chief and Fire Chief in honor of their many years of service to the city of Baton Rouge and parish of East Baton Rouge.

The chapter was honored to present the first of these recognitions to retiring Baton Rouge Police Department Chief Carl Dabadie, Jr. on 29 September 2017, in the headquarters of the Baton Rouge Police Department.

Chief Carl Dabadie, Jr. was honored on this day because he has served with noble distinction. From his February 2013 swearing in to his October 2017 retirement, Chief Dabadie has overseen the development of our youth through community outreach programs in the schools and our communities. He also ensured resource deployment was not only data-based, but more importantly, human relationship-based.

Chief Dabadie's service as a second generation police officer, from 1985 to 2017, is a testament to the importance of lifelong service. From uniformed patrol, director of training, assistant uniform patrol commander, chief of staff, provisional police chief and to police chief, he has set an example of service for others to follow.

We, as public servants—police, fire, military and teachers are slow to accept reward for our service, but recognition is important to ensure others see the example and follow in our footsteps.

(L-R): LTC Reginald Brown, Senior Vice Commander; LTC Paul McKeough, Chapter Commander; Carl Dabadie, Jr., Baton Rouge Police Chief; LTC Shaun McGarry, Louisiana Department Commander.





Virginia Piedmont Chapter, VA

### Virginia Military Institute Cadet Recognition

BY LTC HENRY L. WYATT II, USA (RET)

The MOWW ROTC Award of Merit and Certificate were presented to Cadet Charles M. Palandati at the VMI Chapel, Jackson Memorial Hall. Presenting the award was Chapter Commander, DR (LTC) Michael A. Okin, MD, USA (Ret). The award is presented to an outstanding ROTC cadet in their current academic year. These

awards are given annually to three VMI cadets by the Virginia Piedmont Chapter in each of three academic years (Freshman, Sophomore and Junior). VMI is part of the Chapter's ROTC support program.

(L-R): Chapter Commander, DR (LTC) Michael A. Okin, MD, USA (Ret), at the awards ceremony with Cadet Charles M. Palandati.





Clearwater and Sun City Center Chapters, FL

### Joint Chapter Support for GSUSA Gold Award Ceremony

BY LTC DAVID V. MASON, USA (RET) AND MAJ JAMES H. HANEY, USMC (RET)



On Saturday, 10 June 2017, Companions LTC David V. Mason, USA (Ret), Clearwater Chapter, and Maj James H. Haney, USMC (Ret), Sun City Center Chapter Commander, recognized GSA Gold Award recipients at the West Central Florida Gold Award Ceremony at the Nielsen Center, Oldsmar, FL. Maj Haney was the guest speaker for this event. Thirty-six Scouts received their Gold Award pins and of these, four received postgraduate scholarships. The Girl Scouts displayed their very impressive projects in individual booths. The West Central Florida Council covers eight central counties.

(Upper left): Maj James H. Haney, USMC (Ret), recognized GSUSA Gold Award recipients from Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough and Marion Counties. (Upper right): Companions LTC Mason and Maj Haney participated in the joint chapter activity. (Inset left): LTC Dave Mason, USA (Ret), with GSA Gold Award recipients from Pinellas, Polk and Pasco Counties.





GEN Meade Chapter, MD

### Chapter's "Individual Outstanding Law & Order Award of Merit"

BY LT COL SHELDON GOLDBERG, USAF (RET)

The Maryland Chapter awarded two Law & Order Awards in separate counties. In Anne Arundel County, Police Corporal (now Detective) Matthew Phelan received the General Meade Chapter's Individual Outstanding Law & Order Award of Merit from SVCINC LTC John H. Hollywood, USA (Ret), and National Capital Area Department Commander, Lt Col Sheldon Goldberg, USAF (Ret). Cpl. Phelan was cited for his actions in saving the life of an individual attempting to commit suicide by jumping off the ledge of a six-story parking garage.

In Howard County, Officer First Class Candace Futrell was also a recipient of the chapter's Individual Outstanding Law & Order Award of Merit. The award was presented to her by Chapter Commander, COL Erwin A. Burtnick, USA (Ret), and National Capital Area Department Commander, Lt Col Sheldon Goldberg, USAF (Ret). Officer Futrell was cited for her outstanding arrest record (185) that included a number of felony arrests and for her role in solving a major fraud case.

(Top Left, L-R): SVCINC LTC John H. Hollywood, USA (Ret); Detective Matthew Phelan and National Capital Area Department Commander, Lt Col Sheldon Goldberg, USAF (Ret); (Top Right, L-R): GEN Meade Chapter Commander, COL Erwin A. Burtnick, USA (Ret); Officer First Class Candace Futrell and National Capital Area Department Commander, Lt Col Sheldon Goldberg, USAF (Ret).

Richmond Chapter, VA

### Richmond Chapter Individual Outstanding Law & Order Award

BY LTC JOSEPH M. TARANTINO, USA (RET)

COL Karl S. Leonard, Sheriff of Chesterfield County, VA, who is also a retired Captain of the US Coast Guard Reserve, was chosen to receive the Richmond Chapter's 2017 Law & Order Award. He was recognized for his 30 years of service in the Chesterfield County Police Department and his past five



years of service as elected Sheriff of Chesterfield County. He was also recognized for his innovative efforts to design, fund and implement the HARP (Heroin Addiction Recovery Program) in the county and regional jail systems in central Virginia. The program aims to rehabilitate inmates incarcerated for heroin and opioid abuse offenses, in an effort to reduce recidivism and drug-related crime in central Virginia.

(L-R): Newly inducted Richmond Chapter Companion, CAPT Hardy Josephson, USN (Ret); Law & Order Award recipient, COL Karl S. Leonard, Sheriff of Chesterfield County, VA; the Richmond Chapter's Senior Vice Commander, LTC Joseph M. Tarantino, USA (Ret).





Information from focus groups can change the way VA delivers health care to women veterans



At the 2017 National Women Veterans Summit, 20 women veterans gathered in small groups to discuss

their experiences with transition from military to civilian life and their knowledge and perceptions of VA benefits, particularly health care.

Follow link to article by Kayla Williams, Director of VA's Center for Women Veterans: https://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/43951/information-fromfocus-groups-can-change-the-way-va-delivers-health-care-to-women-veterans/

### Hyperbaric treatments offer new promise for veterans with chronic PTSD



Hyperbaric therapy uses pressure to increase the body's oxygen supply and promote healing. Use of HBOT for PTSD is

conducted under a physician's guidance and is off-label, meaning the Food and Drug Administration has not officially approved the therapy for PTSD. However, health care providers may prescribe it when they believe it is medically appropriate for a patient. Existing research suggests some patients experience improvement in traumatic stress symptoms following HBOT. Read the article here: https://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/43875/hyperbaric-treatments-offer-new-promise-veterans-chronic-ptsd/

### Stop. Take a Breath. Be Mindful



Mindfulness is the state of moment-tomoment awareness of one's experience without judgment. It

is human nature to sometimes live on autopilot. We have tendencies to rehearse the future — what will I do next? Or rehash the past — I shouldn't have done that. Being mindful is noticing what is happening

right now; without judging or trying to fix it. Being mindful and aware allows you to tune into signs and signals that your body and mind is sending.

- Download VA's guided meditation audio files and podcasts under instructional videos: https://www.va.gov/PATIENTCENTEREDCARE/resources/multimedia/index.aspBe mindful anywhere!
- Download VA's Mobile App: Mindfulness Coach
- Visit http://bit.ly/2ALtoEO for tips on beginning a mindfulness practice and VHA resources.

### Nominate a special veteran as #VeteranOfTheDay



It's easy to nominate a veteran. All it takes is an email to the VAntage blog with as much information as

you can put together. A great gesture to a veteran! Specific instructions may be found at: https://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/28415/contribute-veteran-day/

### Previously missing Korean War Veteran finally laid to rest



On May 23, 1951, Atkins was a member of Company E, 2nd Battalion, 187th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 187th

Airborne Regimental Combat Team, when his unit was attacking enemy forces near Mae-Bong, South Korea. The regiment's mission was to secure Hill 911. As the company prepared to assault the hill, Atkins and two other soldiers from his company were reported missing in action.

Today, 7,715 Americans remain unaccounted for from the Korean War. Using modern technology, identifications continue to be made from remains that were previously returned by North Korean officials or recovered from North Korea by American recovery teams. To read this story go to: https://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/43927/previously-missing-korean-war-veteran-finally-laid-rest/















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